

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park on Wednesday, 10th July 2013

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman

Cllr A Wells

Cllr B Newell

Cllr G Watts

Cllr J Batham

Cllr B Davies

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr V Falconer – Suffolk Coastal District Councillor

Cllr P O'Brien – Suffolk County Council Councillor / Suffolk Coastal District Councillor

Mrs A J Buggs – Clerk

1 member of the public

127.13 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Booth, Cllr A Day, PC Paul Smith and PCSO Glynn Bown.

128.13 Declaration of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

128.13 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 19th June were approved as being a true record with the following amendment:

Minute 126.13

d. "...that a ditch needs to be dug on the north side of the road."

129.13 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

Cllr O'Brien – Suffolk County Council / SCDC Council – written report

County Council Report

The county elections took place on 2nd May and the make-up of the county council is very different from the past four years. The Conservatives remain the largest party with 39 councillors, Labour 15, UKIP 9, Liberal Democrats 7, Independents 3, Greens 2.

I was returned with a 50% majority, over the other candidates, and would like to thank all those who supported me.

Cabinet posts have been allocated and chairmen to the various committees appointed.

The first Full Council meeting took place on held on 23rd May.

I have been appointed Assistant Cabinet Member for Public Protection. Public Protection includes; Fire Service, Trading Standards, Drugs and Alcohol and policing issues.

I will also be chairing a Public Protection Committee that will be looking into the work of public protection and suggesting ways to improve the service etc.

On 14th May I was 'invited' to attend a Home Affairs Select Committee that was questioning Police Commissioners of 3 areas, Suffolk, West Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. I, and the Chairman of Police and Crime Panels in West Yorkshire and Lincolnshire were asked questions relating to our roles in relation to our Commissioners. It was an interesting experience.

I have had meetings with Chief Fire Officers to bring me up to date on current issues within the fire service.

I shall be chairing the Police and Crime Scrutiny Panel in Lowestoft on 5th July that will be asking questions of the Police Commissioner regarding his first 6 months in office. Every Tuesday, Suffolk's Trading Standards team will post a list of product recalls on their blog page.

The Story: The government has confirmed that funding will be available to upgrade the A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon.

The work to upgrade the A14 will go ahead at a cost estimated at being close to £1.5 billion. It is proposed that this will be funded in part by local authority contributions, together with tolling of the road when completed. SCC's Cabinet will be discussing the issue at its cabinet meeting on 9th July with a view to confirming a commitment to provide around £1million to the project over a 25 year period. With current restrictions on public funds, the likelihood is that the tolling of roads will become more commonplace as a means of funding projects, as well as being a means of attracting private investment.

People across Norfolk and Suffolk will be invited to express their views on which proposed transport schemes should benefit from the £39 million being delegated by the government to improve local transport.

The long list includes many familiar proposals, such as improvements to the A12, the four villages by-pass, and a third crossing over Lake Lothing. It also contains rail improvements and other transport schemes. More details around this, including the long list, can be seen on this website: <http://www.norfolkandsuffolkth.org.uk/>

Every Tuesday, Suffolk's Trading Standards team will post a list of product recalls on their blog page.

The initiative comes as a survey shows that one person is killed every seven days by an electrical accident, partly because they have not picked up the fact that the product in question has been recalled by the manufacturer. In one survey, the average success rate of a product recall was found to be just between 10 and 20%.

Every Tuesday trading standards officers will be posting recalls on their blog page and sending the information to all those already signed up via social media, encouraging everyone to find five minutes to check if they have a recalled product. Most recalls only require the product to be returned to the store for a refund. Large domestic products will be collected or made safe by the manufacturer, often with a simple repair that can be completed without needing to take the product away.

Locality grant is now available.

District Council Report

A special Full Council meeting is to be held 5th July to agree the adoption of Core Strategy document that has been modified by the Inspector (my response attached).

A site visit to Foxborrow Farm took place 26th June. This was an opportunity to see the extent and situation of solar panels that are to be proposed in a forthcoming application.

Adoption of Core Strategy

It will come as no surprise to members that I must vote against adoption of the Core Strategy.

For the past 7 years I have argued, from the very beginning, against sighting of, first 1,000 homes at AP, and the current increase to 2,000. The increase to 2,000 in 2009 was not accompanied by a Sustainability Assessment. This omission was only rectified in 2011 and certainly did not help local public relations or the public's perception of SCDC!!

I can't agree with the inspector's view that the transport studies done on the A12/A14 ie to improve junctions and offer alternatives to private cars are sufficient to negate the impact of 4,000 dwellings, to date, on the Felixstowe Peninsula. Further, the Core Strategy Management Policies document states, in vague terms, that long term solutions are required for the Orwell Bridge. I have flagged up the Orwell bridge from day one of the Core Strategy and it is beyond galling to read of the scant importance upon which it is viewed, especially as it is the only artery in and out of Felixstowe Port.

I believe that adopting a policy that includes sighting such large developments on the Felixstowe Peninsula will have irreversible consequences for the AONB and the wider environment. I remain unconvinced that adequate measures will be adopted to protect Waldringfield and neighbouring villages from the impact of visitors to this outstanding area of the district.

Cllr V Falconer – SCDC District Council – verbal report

Suffolk Police – SNT Co-ordinator PC Paul Smith – written report

Crime Report for the Parishes of Foxhall Purdis and Brightwell for the Period 19th June – 10th July

FE/13/1023 lorry entered between 21st and 26th June at Orwell Lorry Park and Sat Nav stolen. Enquiries on going.

FE/13/1138 caravan stolen from a property on Bucklesham Road overnight on the 8th July. Enquiries on going.

5 crimes all of theft reported at Sainsbury's Warren Heath.

Public Forum

1. Mr Burley said that since Cllr Smith's resignation there has been a vacancy on the Parish Council and that Parish Council website should be updated so that the list of councillors shows that there are three vacancies.

The meeting was re-convened.

130.13 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report had previously been circulated and it was agreed that some of the items should be discussed as per the agenda.

Rest Centre Training Workshop

Places are available on the Rest Centre Training Workshop on the 15th July. The training will take place in the Dove Room at Mid Suffolk District Council in Needham Market. It will be starting at .30 am and finish by 4.00 pm. The training will include a practical and will be the first time that staff training will take place alongside the community volunteers.

Another workshop will be held on the 17th September in the Mayor's Parlour in Sudbury and will incorporate health and safety and briefing volunteer.

If anyone is interested in booking a place please let me know.

Resignation of Jayne Cole SALC

Sadly Jayne Cole will be leaving SALC after 7 years' service on the 2nd August. She will be a great loss to the SALC and the county of Suffolk. Parish Councils are invited to make donations to her leaving gift.

Following discussion Cllr Lawrence proposed, seconded Cllr Wells that a donation be made of £25 – all in favour.

131.13 Planning

Planning Application Considered by the Parish Council

C13/1174 146 Buckleham Road Purdis Farm – Two storey side extension, front extension and single storey rear extension. Erection of detached double garage (demolition of existing garage and conservatory).

Parish Council comments: No objection.

C12/1930 Western Part of Land at Trinity Park and Land at White House Farm Purdis Farm – Outline Application to enable improvement to Trinity Park to include: Residential development public open space and associated infrastructure on 8.9HA on the western boundary of Trinity Park. Two roundabouts to serve Trinity Park on the A1156 Felixstowe Road and relocation of sewage tank from residential development site to Trinity Park.

Parish Council comments:

A public meeting was held at 7.00 pm prior to the Parish Council Meeting.

Following discussion the Parish Council said that the Clerk should object to the Planning Application on the grounds of lack of information and clarity on the proposals/plans which have been submitted.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Chris Bushby Trinity Park requesting that a meeting is held with the Parish Council as soon as possible to enable them to ask questions and in particular have confirmation of what is going to be the main entrance to Trinity Park.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should post details on the Parish Council website of wording which should be used when replying to Planning Applications and also any relevant documents which may assist residents in submitting their replies. **Action: Clerk**

132.13 Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that although Martlesham Parish Council had recently held a meeting with Suffolk Coastal District Council there was nothing further to report on the progress.

133.13 Renewable Electricity at Foxburrow and Walk Barn Farm

The Clerk reported that a copy of an email which had been sent to Mosscliffe from Martlesham Parish Council as follows:

1. It would like to see all efforts made to 'appropriately' screen the site and if using hedging, for native species to be planted with particular sensitivity to Newbourne Springs, a SSSI which is close to the site.
2. It expects that existing wildlife runs would be accommodated in the design and enhanced where possible and that any fencing that is erected would not act as a barrier to the movement of wildlife or be an imposing feature of the landscape.
3. It welcomes the plans to introduce sheep to the area which would increase its agricultural productivity and make dust storms less likely than at present on the pig farming and root crop growing fields.
4. The Council notes that there is an allotment present on the site at the moment and asks that consideration be given to provide land for allotments (available to residents of Martlesham as well as those of Brightwell, if possible) around the area which will accommodate the wind turbines. It is assumed there will be a water supply available from the nearby existing agricultural land which will be maintained for cleaning the solar panels.
5. It hopes that the private supply of electricity to the businesses on Martlesham Heath will be priced to give them a competitive advantage.
6. That before planning permission is granted agreement over the cable route be made. MPC would support a permanent underground solution for the cabling.

7. That this is an informal view and the Parish Council reserves the right to revise or add further comments once it has sight of the formal application.”

The Parish Council supported the comments made by Martlesham and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mosscliffe with the following comments:

1. Brightwell, Foxhall & Purdis Farm Group Parish Council agree with the comments made by Martlesham Parish Council.
2. Erection of a mound to screen Newbourne Springs.
3. Underground road crossing for cabling.
4. Mature trees to be planted to increase height to screen the site.

134.13 To discuss purchasing additional grit, dog and waste bins

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting when Cllr Lawrence would be in a position to report back on locations for the siting of additional grit, dog and waste bins. **Action: Cllr Lawrence / Clerk**

135.13 Locality Budget 2013/2014

The Clerk reported that the Locality Budget for 2013/2014 is £1,900. One suggestion was received for the purchase of two village seats for Purdis Farm.

It was agreed to discuss further at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

136.13 Parking Problems – Purdis Farm

Nothing to report.

137.13 Parish Plan

Cllr Wells reported that the Parish Plan is progressing well but Cllr Day is requesting additional photographs to be included. **Action: All**

138.13 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary & Expenses June 2013	£266.26
HMRC – Tax April – June 2013	£165.20
Donation to Jayne Cole SALC	£25.00

Cllr Warham proposed, seconded Cllr Well that the above expenditure is approved – agreed. **Action: Clerk**

139.13 Correspondence

- a. Letter received from Suffolk Coastal District Council inviting councillors to a brief session post adoption of the Core Strategy at the Council Chamber Council Offices Melton Hill Woodbridge IP12 1AU. Two councillors agreed to attend as follows:

Cllr Warham	Tuesday, 30 th July 2013	14.30 – 16.00
Cllr Watts	Thursday, 1 st August 2013	19.00 – 20.30

Action: Clerk

- b. Letter received from Suffolk County Council Economy Skills and Environment concerning the proposed development of a new waste facility at East Ipswich. Information event to be held as follows:

Monday, 22nd July 2013 from 3.00 pm until 8.00 pm at The Community Room, Ipswich East Fire Station, The Havens, Ransomes Europark, Ipswich IP3 9SJ.

140.13 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

None

141.13 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr Newell reported that the village seat had now been put in position in Brightwell and requested that the Clerk order a waste bin from the suppliers. It was agreed that the grit bin should be placed on the right hand side of the seat. **Action: Clerk**
- b. Cllr Davies reported that a number of the passing bays in Straight Road were overgrown with vegetation. It was agreed that the Clerk should report this to Suffolk County Council Highways. **Action: Clerk**

142.13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 11th September 2013

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.

Signed Date.....

Angie Buggs
Clerk to Brightwell, Foxhall & Purdis Farm Group Parish Council