

## **BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

#### **Present**

Cllr E Warham – Chairman

Cllr G Watts

Cllr B Newell

Cllr A Wells

Cllr A Day

Cllr E Lawrence

Mrs A J Buggs – Clerk

PCSO Glynn Bown

#### **154.14 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Davies, Cllr V Falconer – Suffolk Coastal District Council, Cllr J Batham, and Cllr P O'Brien – Suffolk County Council / Suffolk Coastal District Council

#### **155.14 Declaration of interest**

Cllr E Warham declared an interest in Item 7 Planning of the agenda.

#### **156.14 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved as being a true record.

#### **157.14 Matters arising from the minutes**

##### **Page 1 10 Minute 124.14 Flooding Problems Lodge Farm Cottage**

Cllr Newell and the Clerk reported that Suffolk County Council Highways have stated that the remedial work on the ditches will not be completed until Spring 2015. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Suffolk County Council Portfolio Holder for Highways regarding the length of time it has taken to take remedial action. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Newell**

##### **Minutes October 2014 Page 10 Minute 124.14 BT Telephone Box Felixstowe Road**

It was agreed that the Clerk should forward details to Cllr Lawrence for action regarding the removal of the telephone box on Felixstowe Road. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Lawrence**

#### **The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:**

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

#### **Suffolk County Council**

##### **Suffolk Leaders Secure £3.35m Government Funding**

A major bid by Suffolk's public sector leaders (SPSL) for £3.35m government funding to invest in new ways of collaborative working by supporting communities, reducing costs and generating benefits for residents has been successful.

The SPSL group, which brings together public sector leaders including SCC, district and borough councils, as well as members from NHS England and Suffolk Police were notified on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November by the government that they had been successful in securing the extra funding. The Suffolk group were also given the green light to have restriction on spending of £1.8m of their own capital receipts lifted. This will mean that funds raised by the sales of the council's assets can be spent in different ways to help the transformation.

### Spending Priorities

With increasing pressure on funding, SCC is asking the people of Suffolk what their priorities are, ahead of decisions being taken on spending plans for the coming year.

People have until the 8<sup>th</sup> January in which to answer a range of questions that will help to shape decisions taken in February next year. In 2015/2016 the council has to make savings totalling £42 million. Therefore, it is most important that available funding is focused on the areas that are important to Suffolk people. A range of proposals were considered by the county council's Scrutiny committee last month, and finalised proposals will be discussed by Cabinet in January before the proposed budget is debated at a meeting of all the councillors in February. An on-line survey has been set up where residents are asked to rank their spending priorities. It is also possible to give views via email and post.

For more information, including access to the on-line survey visit the county council's consultation web page [www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations).

### Youth Employment Centre Opens in Suffolk

The UK's first-ever dedicated youth employment centre opened last month in Ipswich.

The MyGo centre will offer all 16-24 year olds in Ipswich and the surrounding area, free training plus career and employment support. The project is funded through the Greater Ipswich City Deal – the government's flagship programme to devolve power to local authorities and businesses. It will be staffed by Jobcentre Plus, EOS and Tomorrows People working together in an integrated manner, so that young people can access help in one place.

### 'Raising the Bar' Community Fund Launched

Local community groups are being encouraged to apply for grant funding to support the wider aspirations of Raising the Bar.

The Raising the Bar Community Fund is designed to provide grants to projects led by organisations other than schools, such as charities and social enterprises that have a role in supporting Suffolk's children. The fund aims to encourage organisations to collaborate with schools and focus on addressing the needs of local areas.

### Investment in Skills Secured

Businesses and local councils are joining forces with the government to invest more than £18 million in equipping people with the skills local businesses need.

The announcement follows a successful bid led by Ipswich Building Society supported by SCC as part of the government’s Employer Ownership Pilot to secure a £5 million grant that will be used in conjunction with other financial commitments agreed in the Greater Ipswich City Deal. The money includes £4.5 million to be invested in skills and training by local businesses in Suffolk and Norfolk, and will fund employer designed project that aim to halve youth unemployment in the Greater Ipswich area over the next two years.

### Rural Entrepreneurs

Rural entrepreneurs, in nine location within the county council’s farm estate, are being encouraged to come forward with proposals that could offer prospective new tenants a range of exciting opportunities.

The scheme is being run by SCC and supported by the Eastern Enterprise Hub and Easton & Otley College. The locations were identified following a period of consultation with budding business entrepreneur about possible rural business ideas. Sites are between 10 and 50 acres in size with suitable buildings available. Expressions of interest for the sites must be submitted on-line via the Eastern Enterprise Hub’s website no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Shortlisting will be carried out before the end of the year. Information about all the sites and how to express an interest are available online via Suffolk County Council website.

- Cllr Falconer – Suffolk Coastal District Council – no report.
- Suffolk Police – PCSO Glynn Bown – written report

### Period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Parish	No of Crimes Recorded	Same Month Last Year
Brightwell	0	2
Bucklesham	0	5
Foxhall	0	1
Levington	0	1
Nacton	4	1
Newbourne	0	1
Purdis Farm	14	12
Waldringfield	0	1
<b>Total Crimes This Month</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>

This month’s recorded crime was 19. The level of recorded crime for the same period in 213 was 23.

Brightwell, Bucklesham, Foxhall, Levington and Newbourne all have no recorded crime this month.

Nacton had 4 reported crimes this month. A car parked on a residential driveway was damaged whilst entry was attempted, a truck parked in Orwell Crossing had the container entered and items taken, 2 people were cautioned for this crime, a car parked outside the Primary school was damaged and a person reported and assaults.

Purdis Farm recorded 14 crimes, 12 relate to Sainsbury's, there were 2 reports of assault and a vehicle was damaged in Purdis Farm Lane overnight on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Waldringfield recorded 2 crimes this month, both have been linked to a crime in October, whereby unknown persons have taken a row boat from Waldringfield yacht club and rowed out to boats moored in the river Deben, entered the vessels and removed various items before rowing back to shore. Officers are still investigating all these crimes and the harbourmaster has taken steps to ensure that all row boats and dinghy's on the river banks are not accessible overnight.

A view of crime maps and data can now be found on the internet [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).

**The meeting was re-convened.**

#### **158.14 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.

#### Wally Reeve

On Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 we heard of the sad and untimely death of Wally. I am sure that the Parish Council would like to offer their condolences to Wally's family and friends at such a bad time.

#### Christmas Bin Collection

Revised arrangements for refuse/recycling collections in the Suffolk Coastal area over the Christmas period.

<b>Normal Date of Collection</b>	<b>Collections will now be made on</b>
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> December
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December
Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Wednesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January

From Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January all normal collection days will resume.

#### **159.14 Planning**

#### Planning Applications Discussed by the Parish Council

DC/14/3093/FUL Club house Former Civil Sports Ground Foxhall – Proposed demolition of existing buildings and erection of 11 dwellings with associated vehicular access and external works.

Cllr Watts reported that the application had recently been discussed by the Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Committee and had been refused.

Planning Application in Circulation by the Parish Council

DC/14/3914/FUL 129 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm – Construction of replacement front boundary wall/railings and entrance gates.

DC/14/3741/FUL Land and Piggery Buildings Rear of Sheep Drift Cottage, Brightwell – Change of use of existing single-storey piggery buildings to B1 business units including alterations and first floor extension.

**160.14 Locality Budget**

Cllr Day reported that he had contacted Suffolk County Council Highways Department regarding the supply of “Welcome to Foxhall” sign but he has not received a reply. Cllr Day agreed to contact again and report back to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Day**

**161.14 Budget / Precept 2015/2016**

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting the Parish Council agreed to accept the proposed budget and that the precept of £7,000 should remain the same for the year 2015/2016 but that final ratification should be agreed at the December meeting. The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Suffolk Coastal District Council stating that the Parish Council’s allocation of funding for the Council Tax Support Grant would be £102.34 which would be paid as a separate overall precept requirement. Cllr Watts proposed, seconded Cllr Wells that the Parish Council should precept for £7,000 as previously agreed – all in favour.

**162.14 No Entry Notices Purdis Avenue**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a parishioner concerning the erection of a sign at the entrance to Purdis Avenue from Bucklesham Road stating “No Access to Purdis Farm Lane”. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Suffolk County Council Highways Department who were investigating the legality of placing the sign which could be seen from the public highway. It was agreed that the Clerk should reply to the parishioner reporting the action the Parish Council had taken concerning this matter. **Action: Clerk**

**163.14 Finance**

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk’s Salary and Expenses November 2014	£274.51
Glasdon Grit and Waste Bins	£621.92

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

**164.14 Correspondence**

- a. The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Dr Therese Coffey MP regarding the waste transfer system and her response to Suffolk County Council. It was agreed that this item should be circulated to councillors. **Action: Clerk**

**165.14 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk**

- a. Cllr Warham reported that she had attended the recent Felixstowe & District Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting.

**166.14 Members questions to the Chairman**

- a. Cllr Newell requested that grit bins be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**167.14 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.49 pm.**

Signed ..... Date.....

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