

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 14th January 2015

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman
Cllr G Watts
Cllr B Newell
Cllr A Wells
Cllr A Day
Mrs A J Buggs – Clerk
1 member of the public

01.15 Apologies for absence

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

02.15 Declaration of interest

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

03.15 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10th December 2014 were approved as being a true record.

04.15 Matters arising from the minutes

Page 1 – 157.14 BT Telephone Box Felixstowe Road

The Clerk reported that she had been advised by Cllr Lawrence that he had approached BT but had not received a reply. **Action: Cllr Lawrence / Clerk**

The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

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

Suffolk County Council

Nine new Econ gritters have been purchased in the last few months to replace ones in SCC's highways fleet. A further 29 gritters have been upgraded since the contract between Kier MG and the county council began, significantly improving the winter service provided across the county. As part of the highways contract Kier MG can call on additional vehicles, should they be required.

Suffolk's energy- from- waste site at Great Blakenham is now open. Since June the waste site has been taking in waste that cannot be recycled from homes and businesses. Building contractors SITA UK will run the site for the next 25 years, on behalf of SCC. During construction over 100 Suffolk

firms won contracts worth approx. £13.5ml to supply goods and services to the site. It has created 47 new jobs on the site and a further 200 could be created if the proposed greenhouse project, using surplus heat from the site to grow tomatoes, goes ahead.

The MyCGo, centre at Fraser House in Ipswich opened on 10th November and offers all 16-24 year olds, in Ipswich and the surrounding area, free training, career and employment support. The project is pioneering a new approach to helping young people in to employment. Businesses and local councils are leading the project.

Meetings at SCC have started, in earnest, after the Christmas/New Year break and councillors are grappling, or at least I am, with the introduction of new systems on laptops and I am keeping fingers crossed that this is will get to you. - I have had to write it out 3 times as my drive for saving reports disappeared.

Locality budget for Purdis £1000 remaining

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

Period 1st December 2014 – 31st December 2014

Parish	No. of crimes recorded	Same month last year
Brightwell	0	2
Bucklesham	1	2
Foxhall	1	2
Levington	0	0
Nacton	3	5
Newbourne	0	0
Purdis Farm	15	8
Waldringfield	2	0
Total Crime this month	22	19

This month's recorded crime was 22 . The level of recorded crime for the same period in 2013 was 19.

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

Bucklesham had 1 reported crime this month, a caravan that was in situ on a Caravan Site, was damaged by tenants.

Foxhall also had 1 reported crime this month, a vehicle that is used to block a private track in Purdis Farm Lane was moved without consent.

Nacton had 3 reported crimes this month. A manhole cover located on the eastbound carriageway of the A14 was stolen overnight on the 23rd December. There were 2 linked crimes that relate to shed burglaries, outbuildings situated on a Golf Course were entered and various tools taken, these crimes have been linked to various others in the area and enquiries are on-going.

Purdis Farm recorded 15 crimes, 13 relate to Sainsbury's, there were 2 reports of wheelie bin theft, these thefts occurred in Meadow Crescent on the 12th December and Hazel Drive on the 24th December.

Waldringfield recorded 2 crimes again this month, these were also Wheelie bin thefts, bins placed out in School Road on the 19th December and Cliff Road on the 23rd December were taken.

A view of crime maps and data can now be found on the Internet www.police.uk

The meeting was re-convened.

05.15 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.

Electoral Roll

The Parish Council has now received the 2014 electoral roll for Brightwell, Foxhall & Purdis Farm. Please be aware that it is illegal to give a copy of this document to another person or organisation.

Parish Polls Consultation

This consultation is about the government's intentions to modernise parish poll regulations. A parish poll is a public ballot called through the parish meeting and administered by the local electoral authority (district, borough or unitary council) with the cost falling to the local (parish or town) council. Those that have experienced parish polls will have mixed feelings. To some it is a way in which local people can make their views known to the local council in a formal and compelling way. To others it is a divisive and undemocratic way in which a vocal minority can cause the majority the unnecessary expense of an unbinding ballot.

The consultation proposes to:

- Increase the trigger for the number of electors needed to call a poll with the stated aim of limiting vexatious, unnecessary and otherwise inappropriate use.
- Update the voting arrangements with the stated aim of improving access and modernising the polling procedure to bring mechanisms in line with other local government polls.
- More closely define the question on which a parish poll can be held with the stated aim of ensuring questions posed are on appropriate local issues.

The consultation can be found at: <https://gov.uk/government/consultations/parish-polls>. Deadline: 30th January 2015.

Queen's Garden Party

SALC have three pairs of invitations for Thursday, 28th May 2015 to attend this year's Royal Garden Party. Nomination forms have to be completed and returned by 5.00 pm Thursday, 5th February 2015. This invitation is open to Chairperson's of Parish Councils.

Transparency Code

SALC have issued an early warning that the Government has published a Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities (includes town and parish councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000). This early warning notice is being given to Parish Councils to give them a chance to familiarise themselves with the content. The related regulations have been laid and will be debated in 2015 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/ukdsi/2015/9780111126103> but are not yet law so at this stage Parish Councils do not have to comply with the Code. Once the regulations are made the intention is that the Code will become mandatory for the start of the 2015/2015 financial year. This means that smaller town and parish councils will have to comply with the Code instead of submitting to external audit. Internal audit will still be required.

This link to the Code is <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transparency-code-for-smaller-authorities>

06.15 Planning

a. Planning Applications

Planning Application in Circulation by the Parish Council

DC/15/0012/FUL 106 Bucklesham, Road Purdis Farm – Demolition of single garage. Single-storey extension comprising utility room, breakfast area and single garage. Alter existing hall and sunroom (ground floor) to create dining hall and porch. Construct additional bedroom at first floor.

SCC Foxhall Landfill Site Foxhall Road Brightwell – C14/ Variation of condition application.

b. To discuss the Port of Felixstowe Request for S106 Variation – Rail

Cllr Day outlined the contents of the document to councillors as it appeared the document had not been received by all councillors. The Clerk was requested to resend the document. Following discussion it was agreed that the Cllr Watts the Chairman of the Planning Committee should formulate a reply for submission. The general consensus of opinion of councillors was that the changes would significantly affect the Parish of Nacton and in particular those people who live at Orwell Station.

It was noted that the Parish Council had until the 29th January 2015 to submit comments and the Clerk was requested to contact Michaelle Coupe Suffolk Coastal District Planning requesting an extension to the deadline. **Action: Cllr Watts / Clerk**

07.15 Locality Budget 2014/2015

Cllr Day reported that he had endeavoured to contact Suffolk County Council Highway Department on numerous occasions to discuss the purchasing of “Welcome to Foxhall” signs but had been unable to obtain a response. Cllr Day agreed to speak to the Portfolio Holder for Highways (Graham Newman). **Action: Clerk / Cllr Day**

08.15 Grit Bins

Cllr Newell reported that due to the fact that the two grit bins in Foxhall had been positioned into what appears to be the ‘wrong’ locations she would like to see two additional grit bins positioned in the required locations ie outside Springbank Farm Monument Farm Lane Foxhall and outside the

Waddling Duck Hall Road Foxhall. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Suffolk County Council Highways to confirm whether the bins can be placed in the positions concerned. **Action: Clerk**

09.15 To discuss the Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that a copy of a letter had been received from Martlesham Parish Council which had been written to the Principal Planning Officer stating that the Parish Council is making a second revised application for designation of the Martlesham Plan Boundary. In line with government legislation and guidance they are applying for the Neighbourhood Plan boundary to match the parish boundary. The contents were noted by the Parish Council.

10.15 To discuss the Issues & Options Consultation (SCDC)

Councillors discussed the consultation document and agreed that two questions were of particular concern to the Parish Council.

Question 5 – What type of housing does your community need?

Question 14 – Should the Ransomes' Eurpark allocation be extended onto land adjacent within the ANOB?

It was noted that comments should be returned by the 27th February 2015 and it was agreed that the Planning Committee Chairman should formulate the reply on behalf of the Parish Council.
Action: All Councillors / Cllr Watts / Clerk

11.15 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses December 2015	£250.67
HMRC Tax Oct-Nov-Dec 2014	£156.00

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

12.15 Correspondence

None

13.15 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk

None

14.15 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr Newell reported that councils can now apply for a £10,000 grant for the eviction of illegal travellers.
- b. Cllr Watts requested that the removal of business rates be placed on the next Parish Council Agenda. **Action: Clerk**

- c. Cllr Newell reported that she had reported two incidents of fly tipping this week; Monument Farm Lane and Straight Road. A & D Motors have expressed concern about the amount of fly tipping and had requested CCTV camera are installed. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should consider the erection of camera signs in Monument Farm Lane and Hall Road. It was agreed that this item to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting. **Action: Clerk**

15.15 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 11th February 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.06.

Signed Date.....

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