

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

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

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman
Cllr B Newell
Cllr A Wells
Cllr G Watts
Cllr M Briggs
Cllr A Finch
Cllr N Yeo – Suffolk Coastal District Council
Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

134.15 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Day, Cllr E Lawrence and Cllr J Batham.

135.15 Declaration of interest

None

136.15 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9th September 2015 were approved as being a true record.

137.15 Matters arising from the minutes

- a. Cllr Finch reported that he had emailed Cllr Lawrence with regard to the graffiti on the Foxhall Notice Board and also the 30 mph sign on the Felixstowe Road. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**

The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

- Cllr P O'Brien – Suffolk County Council – no report
- Cllr N Yeo – Suffolk Coastal District Council – written report

Since the last Parish Council meeting I have attended a full council meeting at the District Council at Melton Hill. Various subjects were discussed and again the three main topics were devolution, traveller sites and brown bins.

Devolution

Suffolk has put in an interest to Central Government concerning devolution which was sent out in mid September. This is a fast developing issue for the county and in the next couple of months I hope to be able to keep the parish councillors up to date on developments as they happen.

Devolution is about the transfer of powers and responsibilities from Central Government to the local level. The key to success will be our ability to work together with all the District, Borough, Parish and County Councillors plus the Police and Health Authorities.

This expression of interest outlines what areas should be devolved to as well as identifying the expected benefits such as economic growth, increased local skills or reduce burden on the tax payer.

This is not just confined to Suffolk and at the moment Suffolk is in talks with Norfolk, New Anglia LEP and Greater Cambridge and Great Peterborough LEP.

To view the summary of the bid members of the public can go on line.

Traveller Sites

This will affect our part of Suffolk Coastal and we should be prepared to have ready our argument as to why a short stay stopping place should not be placed in our Ward.

The proposal is for 3 short staying stopping places which means that travellers can stay from one day to up to 30 day. They need to have access to schools, shops and major roads. Local landowners are being approached and about £350,000 is being put aside for each site.

The websire sets out the criteria and there is a booklet which can be obtained. The site closes on the 15th November.

I have been asked to remind all Parish Councils that on Monday, 16th November in the Council Chamber at 6.30 pm there is the Town and Parish Liaison Meeting. It is a chance to discuss with Suffolk Coastal District Council the budget and medium term financial plan and also gives everyone a chance to have a say in key issues. Representatives from Suffolk County Council and the Police will also be attending. Each Parish Council can send up to two representatives. All attendees should give their names to [Karen.cook@eastssuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:karen.cook@eastssuffolk.gov.uk).

Last month I attended a MacMillan Coffee Morning at Priory Court which was well attended and they raised over £700 which was brilliant for such a well deserving charity.

Concerning my Communities Enabling Budget I have been successful in a bid for replacing and double glazing windows for the Cricket Pavilion in Nacton to the value of £1,500. I am also putting £500 towards a project with Cllr Susan Harvey for Bucklesham and Foxhall residents. At the moment I have another two requests from a Residents' Association and a School which I am looking into and even if these bids are successful I will still have a small amount of money which I am willing to put towards any future project which will enhance or aid the local community.

Cllr Watts asked Cllr Yeo about the changes to the planning process sent to Suffolk Coastal District Council. He said that although nothing had been heard officially he understood that the Planning Authority was concerned about the high number of planning applications that are being considered by the Planning Committee. Cllr Watts said he understood that in the future if the Parish Council objects to an application they have to request it to go to Planning Committee. **Action: Clerk/Cllr G Watts**

- Suffolk Police – written report

Period 1st September and 30th September 2015

Parish	No of crimes recorded	Same month last year
Brightwell	0	0
Bucklesham	2	2
Foxhall	0	3
Levington	0	3
Nacton	2	6
Newbourne	1	2
Purdis Farm	10	15
Waldringfield	1	2
Total Crimes This Month	16	33

This month's recorded crime was 16. The level of recorded crimes for the same period in 2014 was 33.

Brightwell is crime free this month.

Bucklesham had 2 reported crimes this month, a person was charged with driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol and a trailer was removed from the front garden of a residential property overnight 16th September.

Levington is crime free this month.

Foxhall is crime free this month.

Nacton's reported crime this month was 2. There was a report of fly tipping investigated and overnight on the 11th September 2 insecure vehicles parked on a driveway were entered and various items taken, security advice has been given to the victims.

In Newbourne this month officers investigated a report of Criminal Damage Other whereby damage was caused to security barriers at a local caravan park.

Purdis Farm recorded 10 crimes this month, all of the crimes related to either Sainsbury's or Homebase.

Waldringfield recorded 1 crime this month. A vehicle parked securely in a private car park was entered and some items were removed from inside the vehicle.

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

The meeting was re-convened.

137.15 Clerk's Report

The purpose of this report is to update members on outstanding issues, items received after the deadline for agenda items, correspondence and action taken by the Clerk.

Road Closure Purdis Farm

A1189 Ransomes Way, Ipswich and Purdis Farm – From Central Avenue to Felixstowe Road

A1156 Felixstowe Road, Purdis Farm – From 250 metres west of Ransomes Way to Trinity Park roundabout
U3322 Murrills Road, Purdis Farm – Closed at the junction with Ransomes Way

Reason for closure

Carriageway resurfacing

Date of closure

02/11/2015 to 10/11/2015 (20:30 to 05:00 hours)

Alternative routes

A1189, Foxhall Road, A12, A1156 and vice versa
A1189, A14, A12, Foxhall Road and vice versa

Invitation from SCDC to attend World of Planning Sessions

The dates closest to our parish are:

Thursday, 12th November SCDC Council Chambers Melton 7pm – 9pm
Tuesday, 17th November Riverside Centre Stratford St Andrew 2pm – 4pm

Items on the agenda are planning enforcement and an update on the Local Plan.

If any councillor would like to attend please email me and I will book places.

138.15 Planning

DC/15/3039/FUL Tanglewood Elmham Drive **Foxhall** Erection of dwelling and garage

The Parish Council expressed their concerns on the application as the proposed building appeared to breach the existing building line by a considerable amount. However, the application was discussed last week by the Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Committee who recommended approval as they considered the encroachment over the existing building line was not considered to be a problem therefore the application was approved.

139.15 Locality Budget 2015/2016

The Clerk reported that she had written to Cllr Patricia O'Brien and Malcolm King Suffolk County Council Highways regarding erecting 30 mph limit flashing signs on Bucklesham Road at two locations. Cllr O'Brien has written to Malcolm King asking for an estimate of the cost but no reply has been received. Clerk to follow up. **Action: Clerk**

140.15 To discuss whether to apply for the financial support available to smaller parish councils due to the Transparency Code

The Clerk outlined the financial support available to smaller parish councils due to the Transparency Code but it was agreed that due to the options available the Parish Council would not apply for support.

141.15 Road Works Sainsbury's Roundabout

Although Cllr Adrian Day was not present at the meeting he had prepared a report which the Clerk outlined to the Parish Council.

“However, the issue I wanted on the agenda regarding Highways and liaison with the GPC should still be discussed. The reason I wanted it raised is that the changes that are being made at the Sainsburys roundabout have gone ahead without any discussion with the GPC, and we should have been consulted in my opinion as we have first-hand knowledge of the area.

It appeared initially that they were adding a third lane on the road approaching the roundabout on the A1156 from the east – which seemed to make sense. It now transpires that all they are doing is re-locating the footpath next to the road – this is NOT going to improve traffic flows or reduce congestion.

I believe the GPC should write to Highways in strong terms and get an explanation and ask for improved communication going forward – as we were never ever consulted by Highways when it came to planning the Trinity Park road changes. I think this is unacceptable.”

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Suffolk County Council Highways expressing the concerns of the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**

142.15 Parish Council Meeting dates for 2016

The Clerk had previously sent out the dates for 2016 which the Parish Council accepted.

All meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except August. All meetings will be held at Trinity Park. Proposed Cllr Wells, seconded Cllr Warham – accepted.

13th January 2016
10th February 2016
9th March 2016
13th April 2016
11th May 2016
8th June 2016
13th July 2016
14th September 2016
12th October 2016
9th November 2016
14th December 2016

Clerk to send dates to Trinity Park for approval for the use of the room. **Action: Clerk**

143.15.15 Finance

<u>Income</u>	
Precept 2 nd Instalment	£3,551.17
<u>Expenditure</u>	
A J Buggs Salary and Expenses September 2015	£242.99
Insurance	£263.87

LCAAS	£100.00
HMRC	£144.00
SALC – Invoice for Cllr Alex Finch Training	£90.00

External Audit

The Clerk reported that the external audit had been successfully completed and outlined the comments of the auditor. The Clerk drew the Parish Council’s attention to the following minor issue:

The Asset Register had not been updated to include the assets purchased during the financial year.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Warham proposed, seconded Cllr Wells that the above expenditure is approved – all in favour.

Action: Clerk

144.15 Correspondence

- a. The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Gareth Wilson T/Chief Constable regarding Police attendance at Parish Council Meetings. A review of local policing in Suffolk is underway to enable the Constabulary to achieve savings as required by government and to ensure that they effectively deploy resources to meet the changing threat, harm and risk. As a result of this police officer attendance at local meetings such as those of Parish Councils is under review therefore Police Officers will only attend if there is a specific local issue to discuss.
- b. The Clerk reported that an invitation had been received from Kesgrave Town Council to attend a meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Planning on the 20th October 2015 at 9.00 am. Cllr Briggs said that she would try to attend work permitting. **Action: Clerk**

145.15 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk

- a. Cllr Newell reported that she had attended the Tree Forum which in particular discussed Ash Dieback. Cllr Newell gave a detailed and interesting account of the day’s events. Cllr Warham asked that in future could councillors receive a written report. **Action: All Councillors/Clerk**

146.15 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr Briggs reported that Therese Coffey MP has a Facebook page and she would watch for any items which would be of interest to the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**

147.15 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 11th November 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

Signed Date.....

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