

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 9th September 2015

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman
Cllr B Newell
Cllr A Wells
Cllr G Watts
Cllr E Lawrence
Cllr A Day
Cllr M Briggs
Cllr A Finch
Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk
PCSO Stephen Baddeley and a colleague

109.15 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Batham, Cllr N Yeo – Suffolk Coastal District Council and Cllr P O'brien – Suffolk County Council.

110.15 Declaration of interest

None

111.15 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 8th July 2015 were approved as being a true record.

112.15 Matters arising from the minutes

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Refer to the Clerk's report.

113.15 Co-option of New Councillor

The Chairman introduced Moira Briggs to the meeting who had put herself forward to become a councillor to represent the parish of Purdis Farm. Cllr Warham proposed, seconded Cllr Wells that Moira Briggs be co-opted to represent the parish of Purdis Farm. The appointment was unanimously supported by all councillors who were present. Moira accepted her appointment and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form which was witnessed and signed by the Parish Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

- Cllr P O'Brien – Suffolk County Council – written report – September

September is starting off, as I expected, with plenty of meetings and reams of information!! As I write it is only 3rd, but, as I look ahead in my diary, it has filled up rapidly. However, August was quiet except for several constituent's reports regarding increases in traffic in Martlesham and the Sainsbury area. I contacted SCC Highways and, apart from talking about the above, I also mentioned the Orwell Bridge and the speed restriction that is to be imposed (60mph). I welcomed the restriction and I offered my opinion that I strongly believe that lorries should be kept to the inside lane, not only on the Orwell Bridge but nationally!! (I emailed a note to this effect to our local MPs, plus the Police Commissioner.) I have also spoken to Paul Davey at Felixstowe Port re lorries. I read a piece in the EADT in which he talked of the introduction of a further train to carry containers, bringing the total of rail containers to 900,000. I enquired the numbers carried but road and, after looking it up, said last year it totalled 1.6ml. I posited that container traffic will increase when the new super tanker is in service and that we really need adequate infrastructure or, at the very least, lorries to travel on the inside lane.

I shall be having an informal meeting with the Police Commissioner next week; it will be an opportunity to reiterate the above.

Local Business and Skills

On 21st October the Suffolk Skills Show will take place at Trinity Park from 9am until 6pm and it is a good opportunity for both local businesses and young people. It is a chance for employers to speak with the next generation of workers, giving them a clear picture of the skill set required to obtain the work they want. For younger people, it will help them consider which area of work interests them and what practical steps they can take, now, to get on the pathway to employment.

Trading Standards v Scams

Over 400 pieces of scam mail and other fraudulent printed documentation have been destroyed and taken out of circulation as part of Suffolk Trading Standard's successful Scamnesty campaign that ran throughout July, in partnership with BBC Radio Suffolk's Mark Murphy show.

Every year, more than three million people in the UK fall victim to scams, losing thousands of pounds to fraudsters. Scamnesty was a month-long initiative managed by the Trading Standards team, encouraging people to report potential scams and to prevent others from falling victim.

- Cllr N Yeo – Suffolk Coastal District Council – written report

August is normally a quiet month in politics but for some reason here in Suffolk Coastal it has been business as normal. There was a meeting held at the District Council at the beginning of August to discuss two subjects which will affect the residents of the District. The first was on brown bin collections and the second on devolution.

Suffolk County Council has to make savings as their monies and grants from Central Government have been substantially reduced. Unfortunately one of their decisions has a knock on effect in Suffolk Coastal District Council – brown bins and organic waste collection. At the moment these bins are taken to the Parham Recycling Centre where they are specially treated but because the District Council will be losing the grant from Suffolk County Council which enables us to not charge for this service, decisions will have to be made as to what the District Council will do. Suffolk Coastal prides itself on its recycling record and for the foreseeable future i.e. 2016/17 it looks as though there will be no charge. There are various scenarios – put all organic waste in the household bin and still not charge or keep the status quo but maybe a charge of £40 per year for household who wish to

continue with this service or to continue for all households to put their organic waste in the brown bins and the District Council tries for the next five years to cover the cost. Consultations are ongoing and I will endeavour to keep the Parish Council abreast of any decision which has been made on this subject.

The second main issue recently has been Devolution. The Government has indicated to all Local Authorities that it wishes to see a change in Local Government structure and there is to be a special Cabinet Meeting on 15 September at Melton Hill to discuss the plans for Suffolk. Devolution is about the transfer of powers and responsibilities from Central Government to the local level. It is not something dictated from the Centre, but it is for each area – Suffolk in this case – to make a “bid” for what it believes should be devolved to us. Suffolk has been encouraged to submit a proposal which reflects well on our strong track record of collaborative working within this County.

The key to success will be our ability to work together and provide one coherent bid for the County. This is being developed by Suffolk Public Sector Leaders’ Group. The proposals will hopefully outline what areas we believe should be devolved to us – as well as identifying the expected benefits, such as economic growth, increased local skills or reduced burden on the tax payer. This is still in the very early stages and it is envisaged that Parish and Town Councils will be given a chance to put their point of view across.

Dr Therese Coffey MP was doing a tour of the constituency last week and visited Purdis Farm, Nacton and Brightwell and I was able to discuss various problems with her first hand. Several residents from these areas came and had a chat with her and all in all it was a great success.

Through my Community Enabling Project I have just been successful in obtaining over £1500 for a community project in Nacton Village and I was amazed how easy and very professional the whole exercise was. Again if any of the parishes in Purdis Farm, Foxhall or Brightwell have a community project which needs funds please ask the organiser to get in touch with me direct.

Also during the month of August I attend a Licensing and Environmental Committee meeting to discuss a licensing matter. It was a very hard decision and hopefully my colleagues and I came to the right conclusion.

Councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to Dr Therese Coffey MP that the Parish Council is given a minimum of two weeks’ notice of visits. **Action: Clerk**

- Suffolk Police – written report

Period 1st August – 31st August 2015

Parish	No of Crimes Recorded	Same Month Last Year
Brightwell	0	0
Bucklesham	3	1
Foxhall	1	0
Levington	1	1
Nacton	2	10
Newbourne	0	0
Purdis Farm	15	13
Waldringfield	1	0
Total Crimes This Month	23	25

This month's recorded crime was 23. The level of recorded crime for the same period in 2014 was 25.

Brightwell and Newbourne are crime free this month.

Bucklesham recorded 3 crimes this month, a barn was entered on a private estate overnight on the 16th August, but offenders were unable to gain access to any items inside, a person was charged with possession of a Class B Drugs and a person arrested for driving with excess drug levels.

In Foxhall a person was charged with driving with excess alcohol levels.

Nacton had 2 reported crimes this month. A person was charged with excess alcohol levels.

Purdis Farm recorded 15 crimes, 14 relate to Sainsbury's, Homebase or Trinity Park. Officers investigated 1 report of Criminal Damage, whereby a tree located in a back garden was damaged overnight on the 29th August.

Officers dealt with a report of assault in Waldringfield this month.

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

PCSO Stephen Baddeley reported that PC Paul Smith had retired and a new Police Officer would be appointed to the area in January / February 2016. He stated that the speeding investigations in Murrills Road were on-going. There are recently been fires at the Hollies in Straight Road.

The meeting was re-convened.

114.15 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.

Telephone Kiosk Felixstowe Road

Cllr Day contacted BT again and the following email has been received.

"Thank you for your correspondence. I am sorry that BT have resisted your calls to remove this telephone kiosk. It is clearly not being used and serves no purpose. It is clearly annoying local residents and reflects badly on BT.

I will travel down to Nacton next week to survey the box for removal. Please be aware that we are currently having to wait a number of months for UKPN power disconnections. I am hopeful that the situation will improve but rest assured that the box will be recovered following your request."

Training

Confirmation has been received from Suffolk Association of Local Council's that Cllr Finch is booked on the September New Councillors' Course.

115.15 To authorise expenditure for Cllr Newell to attend the East Anglia Tree Warden Conference 2015

The Clerk outlined the contents of the East Anglian Tree Warden Conference 2015. Cllr Warham proposed, seconded Cllr Wells that Cllr Newell should attend the conference at a cost of £15.00.
Action: Clerk

116.15 Discuss joining LCPAS (Local Council Public Advisory Service)

Cllr Warham explained how LCPAS could assist the Parish Council and the Clerk. Following discussion Cllr Watts, seconded Cllr Wells that the Parish Council should join LCPAS. **Action: Clerk**

117.15 Planning

Planning Applications Received

DC/15/3238 FUL 152 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm – To reduce crown of oak on rear boundary to mitigate risk of damage neighbouring building in the next 5-10 years.

DC/15/2866/FUL 87 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm – Rear extension at ground floor level to kitchen and dining room with first floor extension to bedroom.

DC/15/3081/FUL Verge between boundary of 168 and Highway Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm – To remove 1 side limb (damaging fence) from roadside Oak behind garage.

DC/15/2856/FUL 10 Bramble Drive Purdis Farm – Rear single storey extension to lengthen the dining room. The extension will be a lean to roof with matching building materials to the existing dwelling.

PL/15/2571/FUL – 178 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm – A 1.5m close board fence to be constructed on the house side of the laurel bushes between the existing hawthorn and holly bushes.

The Parish Council did not object to any of the above applications.

118.15 Locality Budget 2015/2016

Following discussion regarding the Locality Budget 2015/2016 it was agreed to investigate the cost of installing 30mph flashing sign on the Bucklesham Road at Foxhall. Clerk to discuss with Cllr O'brien. Cllr Finch to send the Clerk a map of the location. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Finch**

119.15 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses July 2015	£223.38
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SCDC Election Cost 2015	£150.00

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

120.15 Correspondence

None

121.15 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk

- a. Cllr Finch outlined the contents of his New Councillors Course at Suffolk Association of Local Councils. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the rules for pension schemes for employees. **Action: Clerk**

122.15 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr Wells requested that the Clerk write again to Liz Beighton Planning Officer Suffolk Coastal District Council regarding Valley Works. **Action: Clerk**
- b. Cllr Warham reported as to whether the Jubilee Tree was growing successfully. Cllr Warham said that the tree was alive after the summer.
- c. Cllr Newell reported that the work on the Culvert Bridge in Monument Farm Lane had been completed and the grass reinstated.
- d. Cllr Finch reported that he had spoken to Suffolk County Council Highways regarding signs at the crossroads of Bucklesham Road, Straight Road and Woodhouse Lane. He said that Highways do not intend to change the layout of the junction however they would be placing markings on each road.
- e. Cllr Finch reported that graffiti on the Foxhall junction Notice Board. **Action: Cllr Lawrence.**

123.15 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 14th October 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

Signed Date.....

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