

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

### **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016

#### **Present**

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

#### **31.16 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E Lawrence, Cllr A Finch and Cllr Patricia O'brien – Suffolk County Council.

#### **32.16 Declaration of interest**

None

#### **33.16 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were approved as being a true record.

#### **34.16 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the 9<sup>th</sup> March minutes. All items needing further discussion formed part of the main agenda.

#### **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 meeting of this Parish Council I have attended a full Council meeting in which a new Chairman of the Conservative Group (Cllr Raymond Catchpole) was elected. Cllr Susan Harvey completes her term of office as Chairman of the Council in May and Cllr Mark Newton will now become the Chairman. Cllr Harvey did an excellent job as the Chairman and she will be a hard act to follow. Cllr Chris Blundell becomes Deputy Chairman of the Council. Cllr Ray Herring was unanimously elected as Leader of the Council.

As a member of the Licensing Committee I have sat on two licensing panels – one for an application to hold weddings in a barn near Saxmundham which was refused and the other was to watch a film and give it a rating.

The Simultaneous Cabinet Meeting in mid-March attracted considerable public and media interest. It resulted in the Cabinets of both Councils agreeing that the officers should develop a Business Case to explore the possible benefits of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney formally merging.

Although SCDC has a strong track record of partnership working with Waveney, it is important to stress that this is not a fait accompli and we are at the start of a long process. These proposals are still at a very early stage.

But, in the current economic climate, when Councils are being forced to put up Council tax for the first time in six years, we have a duty to continue to explore new and innovative ways of making savings.

As such, we need to look closely at the benefits of a merger, but we will only take this forward if we feel it will help us to deliver better services and value for money. However, before any merger could take place, it would have to be agreed by both Full Councils, as well as there being public consultation and the Boundary Commission being involved.

Any such proposal would be subject to a lengthy and full democratic process, which would be in the public domain over a period of years and would not be implemented before the 2019 elections.

Following the announcement by the Chancellor, George Osborne MP, about the Devolution proposals for East Anglia (Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire), Suffolk's Leaders and Chief Executives met on Wednesday, 23 March, to begin discussions on the detail which needs to be worked through before all councils vote on a proposed deal later in the year.

Ahead of any decisions being taken, we are all agreed that we must engage with communities and other key groups to make sure they both understand what is and isn't part of the proposed deal but also to hear what their views on it are.

We will keep you updated as this engagement process develops, but for the latest Devolution information see: <http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/a-devolution-proposal-for-suffolk/>

I was recently informed of the Invest to Save initiative that SCDC decided to implement an 'intelligent lighting system' to all our street and footpath lights.

The work to install this system has now been completed. This allows us to move to part night lighting (effectively switching off the majority of street and footpath lighting between midnight and 5.30am), in line with Suffolk County Council and other District and Boroughs in the county.

Apparently the Town and Parish Councils, among others, were informed of this work and consulted about the plan to introduce part night lighting in 2014. However, it is intended to send round further detailed information about the plans ahead of any move to implement part night lighting during the summer months (after the clocks go forward), as well as issuing a press release and putting information on the website.

I will bring with me on Wednesday the form which needs to be filled in with regard to the ECB money I am giving the Parish Council for the flooring of the goal area.

Police – written report

**Period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Parish	No of crimes recorded
<b>Brightwell</b>	0
Bucklesham	0
Foxhall	0
Levington	1
Nacton	1
<b>Newbourne</b>	0
Purdis Farm	25
Waldringfield	1
Kirton & Falkenham	2
Trimley St Martin	2
Trimley St Mary	6
<b>Total Crime This Month</b>	<b>38</b>

**Bucklesham, Foxhall, Nacton and Newbourne** were crime free during March.

**Purdis Farm** recorded 25 crimes and 14 relate to either Sainsbury's or Homebase. Daytime 10<sup>th</sup> March black wheelie bin removed along Felixstowe Road. Series of garage burglaries and vehicles entered; Hazel Drive; Meadow Crescent; Holly Close; overnight 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March. Majority of which were insecure. Purdis Avenue 15<sup>th</sup> March burglary dwelling with intent; window smashed on property with large block and reached inside to unlock window. Search made but nothing taken as property currently being cleared. Alarm sounded during the afternoon. Still under investigation. **Other Investigations:** 1 child protection investigation.

**Kirton & Falkenham** 2 crimes recorded this month, ill treatment of a person investigation finalised. Referral made to Police by Ambulance service. Dog dangerously out of control no injury, victim walking dog on leash in Kingsfleet marshes area. Husky type dog not on a lead attacked victim's dog. Owner described as white female, approx. 38-40yrs, 5'7" tall approx., bleached hair colour and wearing a red coat. Investigation on-going.

**Levington** over a period of one week 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March a dinghy removed from marina harbour and later found damaged with Yamaha outboard motor removed; enquiries ongoing.

**Waldringfield** criminal damage to kitchen window of residential farmhouse by unknown means 30<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April; enquiries on going.

**Nacton** theft of red diesel fuel from two tractors left secure out of view in open field. One tank drilled to release fuel. Occurred 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March, crime finalised.

**Brightwell** no crimes recorded this month.

**Other Investigations:** 1 adult protection.

**Trimley St Martin** 2 crimes recorded this month, both burglary other building offences. Overnight 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March business premises on the High Road wooden storage shed entered via removing 4ft x 2ft ventilation grill. Nothing apparent taken and jemmy marks found around the lock on a storage container. Crime finalised.

Overnight 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March a detached garage of residential property on Cavendish Road entered by kicking through side door wooden panel removing an electric bicycle from within. Investigation finalised.

**Other Investigations:** 1 adult protection, 1 Anti-Social Behaviour investigations.

**Trimley St Mary** 6 crimes recorded this month. Possession class B drugs cannabis and driving with excess alcohol and driving whilst unfit on Faulkners way; still under investigation. Theft from motor vehicle overnight 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March insecure vehicle entered on Kingsbury Road; under investigation. Theft of pedal cycle overnight 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March from rear yard on Spriteshall Lane; finalised. Damage to motor vehicle parked on the High Road overnight 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March. Both offside tyres damaged by unknown means; finalised. Burglary other building overnight 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> March Faulkners Way removing a padlock from the sidegate and taken 2 pedal cycles. Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug class B cannabis; resulted in an adult caution.

**Other Investigations:** 4 child protection, 1 vulnerable adult, 2 Anti-social behaviour investigation, 1 first instance harassment.

**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.**

### **35.16 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.

#### SALC - Housing

*Starter Homes Regulations: Technical Consultation* has been published as part of the progress towards implementing the provisions in the Housing and Planning Bill. The stated commitment is to build 200,000 high quality starter homes exclusively for young first time buyers under 40, to be sold at a minimum of 20% below the open market value. The Bill, among other things, places a general duty on local planning authorities to promote the supply of starter homes when carrying out their planning functions; creates the ability to set a starter homes requirement, so that local planning authorities may only grant planning permission for residential development if this requirement is met; and empowers Government to intervene if planning authorities fail to carry out their functions related to starter homes. The Regulations, which will be made informed by this consultation, will help define 'starter home'; the starter homes requirement; and the reporting arrangements for starter homes delivery. The proposals, which among other things raise the controversial 'viability' question, include to:

- Restrict the sale and sub-letting of starter homes for 5 years following initial sale.
- Allow individuals to sell at a higher proportion of market value as the number of years they have lived in the home increases.
- Allow flexibility for joint purchasers, where one is under and the other older than 40 and to exempt injured military services personnel and those whose partner has died in service from the under 40 restriction.
- Specify a site size of 10 units or more (or 0.5 ha) as an appropriate minimum threshold for the starter home requirement.
- Recognise Government claims that a specification of 20% of all homes delivered on a residential development would be viable on an average development.
- Exempt from the requirement, developments deemed 'unviable' if they had to comply.

- Consider whether group custom build developments and developments with a very high level of affordable housing, such as estate regeneration, schemes should be exempt.
- Reflect Government assertion that some flexibility is needed, particularly in high value areas or where development does not easily lend itself to an on-site provision, by implementing the Housing and Planning Bill allowance for off-site commuted sums to be made in lieu of on-site starter home provision. Commuted sums would have to be used by the local planning authority for providing starter homes elsewhere. The planning authority must agree to an off-site contribution based on the cost to the developer of meeting the starter homes requirement. Also, it is proposed to subject housing designed specifically for older people to an off-site contribution to starter homes.

#### SALC - Planning

Councils will be interested in another review of planning legislation. A 'Rural planning review' call for evidence looks at the planning constraints on rural businesses and reviews the use of agricultural buildings for residential purposes. It provides the opportunity for those with an interest in rural areas, notably Government states 'especially farmers and other businesses operating in rural areas', to submit views on how the planning system is working in rural areas and how it could be improved. The consultation is intended to identify areas for deregulation in the context of benefits to business. There is scant mention of community except in relation to benefits accruing from increased business and housing interests. Government states "Rural entrepreneurs and housebuilders in England will have the opportunity to provide ideas on how the planning system can better support rural life, making it simpler for them to expand their businesses and to build much needed new homes."

#### SALC - Broadband

An important consultation has been launched which proposes a universal obligation for all households to be able to access at least 10Mbps to help them access information and services. Local councils concerned about maximising the opportunities for their communities, will be considering the sufficiency of an uplift to 10Mbps at a time when ultra and hyper-fast broadband are being increasingly considered. Councils will also be wondering how this dovetails into existing superfast broadband initiatives.

#### SALC - Housing

Government statistics reveal that nearly 50,000 households have now taken up their Right to Buy since the scheme was altered in 2012. In theory, for every additional home sold under the Right to Buy a new additional affordable home is built which further increases the housing stock nationwide.

### **36.16 Planning**

The Planning Committee Chairman Cllr Watts reported on the following planning matters.

#### Planning Application No DC/16/0629/FUL Warren Heath Retail Park Felixstowe Road Purdis Farm Service yard extension, loading area and goods on line operation

The Parish Council objected to this application because councillors were concerned about the loss of twenty six parking spaces. However, the application has now been approved. Councillors were of the opinion that the figures concerning peak occupancy and the number of parking spaces were incorrect. Councillors expressed concern about the noise from lorries reversing and that the Parish Council should be prepared to support residents if this becomes a nuisance.

Planning Application No DC/16/0724/FUL - Erection of a two storey dwelling house and a one and a half storey outbuilding to include a garage, car port and gym at the ground floor with a studio at first floor over (access to the site off Bucklesham Road) | Part Rear Garden Of Edinville Purdis Farm Lane Purdis Farm Suffolk

Cllr Watts reported that the Parish Council had objected to this application. A letter has been received from Suffolk Coastal District Planning Department – Potential Referral of Planning Application. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should request that the application be referred to the Planning Committee. **Action: Clerk**

### **37.16 Neighbourhood Plan – Kesgrave Town Council / Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Kesgrave Parish Council stating that they understood from Cllr Ogden that the above would be discussed at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> April and asked to be informed of the Parish Council's decision.

Following discussion Cllr Day proposed, seconded Cllr Watts – all in favour that the Parish Council reply to the email as follows. Brightwell, Foxhall & Purdis Farm Group Parish Council do not wish to become part of the Kesgrave Neighbourhood Plan and will consider other options in the future.

**Action: Clerk**

### **38.16 Locality Budget 2015/2016**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Cllr Finch regarding his meeting with Malcolm King Highways Suffolk County Council concerning the speed control signs – Bucklesham Road. Councillors discussed the two options in Cllr Finch's email:

- a. Highways Team visit and place a SID device at certain locations for a period of time, or
- b. Fixed points and the purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS).

It was agreed that the Clerk should email Cllr Finch requesting that he contact Malcolm King to clarify and confirm the costs of both options and that the Parish Council have not agreed to either option. It was agreed that this item should be deferred until the next meeting. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Finch**

Cllr Yeo gave the Clerk an Enabling Communities Budget Scheme Application Form and agreed that she would provide £1,000 out of her budget towards the cost of updating the flooring of the goal area **Action: Clerk**

### **39.16 Annual Parish Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (Please note change of usual date.)**

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should request that the police attend the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that the following councillors should produce the annual reports; Brightwell – Cllr Newell, Foxhall – Cllr Day and Purdis Farm – Cllr Warham. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Newell / Cllr Day / Cllr Warham.**

### **40.16 Trinity Park Development**

Cllr Day reported that he had attended the neighbourhood lunch at Trinity Park and he could confirm that the originally proposed housing and associated roadways would now not be going

ahead. He said that he had advised immediate neighbours of this and feedback received has been very positive.

#### **41.16 Bucklesham Road – Dog Walking Area**

Cllr Day reported that the dog walking area was discussed at the Trinity Park Neighbours Lunch as there have been major problems which have affected Trinity Park. Apparently when Trinity Park is holding major events they place warning signs and these signs have been taken down. There have also been incidents of double parking in the area. The land is owned by a Trust and Trinity Park has requested that the Parish Council write to the Trust regarding the problems. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Cllr Finch as to whether he knows the details of the Trust. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Finch**

#### **42.16 Graffiti**

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Suffolk County Council Highways stating that the sign on the north side of Felixstowe Road between Sainsburys and Trinity Park roundabouts is in a bad state of repair and needs replacing. It was agreed that graffiti should be placed on the next agenda.

**Action: Clerk / Cllr Lawrence**

#### **43.16 Finance**

##### Income

None

##### Expenditure

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses March 2016 £283.78

HMRC £186.00

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

**Action: Clerk**

#### **44.16 Correspondence**

- a. Email received from Anglian Water Pollution Prevention Team stating they are launch a new initiative called Pollution Watch. Anglian Water are requesting that sewage pollution incidents are reported as soon as possible to minimise environmental impact. Pollution Hotline Number 03457145145. **Action: Councillors**
- b. The Clerk reported that she had written to Simon Barnett Senior Infrastructure Officer Suffolk County Council regarding the bus shelters which had been planned to be erected on the Bucklesham Road. A reply has been received stating the design team have still not completed the drawings for the bus shelter bases. **Action: Clerk**
- c. Email received from Suffolk Highways regarding the Nacton Road Ipswich – Highway Capacity Improvements Phase 2 – April Update stating that the UK Power Networks electric cable works will now take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April. Surfacing will now commence on 26<sup>th</sup> April for 5 nights.

#### **45.16 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk**

- a. Cllr Day reported that following the Trinity Park Neighbours Meeting the developers of the Hollies has submitted an application for a fifteenth house to be situated in the car parking area. Savilles will be marketing the development which will be completed by June 2017.
- b. Cllr Warham reported she had attended a meeting with Tim Passmore at Cllr O'brien's house which she found very interesting. The Safer Neighbourhood Meetings which have been in abeyance are going to be held again. Cllr Warham stated that if Parish Council's require a police presence at their Annual Parish Meeting to contact Stephen Baddeley and request one.

**46.16 Members questions to the Chairman**

- a. Cllr Newell said that she had reported fly tipping of cast iron drain pipes Purdis Road / Kennels Road. Councillors felt that fly tipping would become worse due to the charging imposed at the rubbish tips.

**47.16 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – Annual Parish Meeting 7.00 pm / Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.31 pm**

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

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