

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 11th February 2017

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman
Cllr B Newell
Cllr A Wells
Cllr A Day
Cllr A Finch
Cllr M Briggs
Cllr P O'brien – Suffolk County Council
Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

1.17 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Watts (illness), Cllr E Lawrence and Cllr N Yeo Suffolk Coastal District Council.

2.17 Declaration of interest

None

3.17 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th November 2016 were approved as being a true record.

4.17 Matters arising from the minutes

138.16 Budget 2017/2018

The Clerk reported that she had sent the application for the 2017/2018 precept to Suffolk Coastal District Council Finance Department.

141.16 Renovation of Foxhall Village Sign

The Clerk reported that she had sent a letter to Mr Berry requesting that he undertakes the renovation work when the weather is suitable.

The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

Cllr P O'brien – Suffolk County Council – written report

Health

People from across East Suffolk are being invited to become part of Ipswich Hospital's story by sharing their views on future plans and helping shape the way care is delivered over the next five

years. The trust is asking patients, carers, relatives and the public for their feedback on its draft five-year strategy, called 'Writing the next chapter'.

The strategy paints a picture of the challenges facing the hospital, and explains that the trust cannot continue working in the same way as there will not be enough beds or money to meet demand by 2022. It goes on to outline Ipswich's ambitions – to achieve an 'outstanding' CQC report within five years, be among the country's best performing for safety and patient and staff experience, and do more for the same cost.

Ipswich is also proposing to work more closely with others to provide seamless, safe services, make the most of economies of scale and make sure people receive the right care in the right place at the right time.

The hospital is hoping that local people will now join in the conversation about how things can be done differently by sharing their own stories and views on the five-year plan.

Everyone is welcome to share their thoughts and opinions on the plan by emailing writingnextchapter@ipswichhospital.nhs.uk by 20 December.

The feedback will be considered and wherever possible included in the final strategy.

Trading Standards

Suffolk Trading Standards Imports Surveillance Team operate from SCC Landmark House office. They are funded by National Trading Standards as they deal with threats that are national as well as pertaining to Suffolk.

The team has been working to intercept, at the border, as many unsafe products as possible. Most of these products are imported by traders based outside Suffolk however the majority of goods imported are available to Suffolk consumers via the internet. The good news is that 4 of the consignments of unsafe goods, intercepted in the last 3 months, were being imported by Suffolk based traders. Goods such as: LED bulbs, battery charges, and depilatory heaters. Almost 2,000 unsafe products were prevented from being placed on the market.

Cllr N Yeo – Suffolk Coastal District Council – written report

May I wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that 2017 is a good year for us all.

This month started off quietly but as it progresses I am sure that is going to become a lot busier.

The Council has an enormous decision to make regarding its merger with Waveney District Council and on Monday 23 January there is to be a simultaneous meeting of both Councils. At this meeting we will receive the results of the telephone canvassing and also all the comments made on line to the Council.

Then at full Council on Thursday 27 January there will be the chance of a full debate and a vote will be taken. My only concern at the present time is the number of Suffolk Coastal District Councillors who are to disappear, at the last election the numbers were culled down to 42 and we all have quite large Wards to cover – whether it be in square acreage or by population, and in fact some District Councillors have between 8 and 10 Parish Councils to represent. The final decision regarding Ward boundaries will be the decision of the Boundary Commission and which will be in place by the next District Council elections in 2019.

There is to be a special Cabinet meeting the following week to discuss and prepare the Council's response to the Sizewell C Stage 2 public consultation. There is still time for members of the public to respond as the closing date is 3 February 2017. The link is <http://sizewell.edfenergyconsultation.info/>

After many District Councillors, myself included, lobbied the Cabinet regarding the Beach Hut Review there is now to be a consultation at which the public can send in their views. Each beach hut user will be receiving shortly the necessary information.

I still have some money left in my Communities Enabling Budget so please do get in touch with me if you know of any community/organization who could do with a little bit of monetary help.

Police – No report

The meeting was re-convened.

5.17 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.

Grass Roots Government Grants

The Communities and Local Government have announced a new grant today, available for community led solutions.

These can be for tackling long term unemployment for example and other locally identified issues.

Grants of up to £70,000 or in some cases more are available and may fund projects to overcome local problems. Partnership work is encouraged with other authorities and charities. Along with the grant there will be access to advice and training.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/25-million-funds-to-boost-community-led-services>

Parish Councils will not be subject to Precept Caps

The Government has announced that they will not apply a cap to Parish and Town Councils precepts this year although they reserve the right to keep this under review.

Please read the Secretary of States announcement below

Parish Councils

However, last year we saw a worrying 6.1% rise in precepts by town and parish councils.

That's why, earlier this year, we consulted on extending Council Tax referendum principles to larger town and parish councils.

These councils play an important role in our civic life.

And I understand the practical considerations of scale.

So we will defer our proposals this year, while keeping the level of precepts set by town and parish councils under close review.

I expect all town and parish councils to clearly demonstrate restraint when setting increases that are not a direct result of taking on additional responsibilities.

I am also actively considering with the sector ways to make excessive increases more transparent to local taxpayers.

Innocence Farm Trimley St Mary SCDC/17/0010/SCO

Although the above application does not fall within our Parish I thought you should be made aware that a Scoping Document has been sent out to near parishes for the application for 3,200 containers, 600 cars and vehicular access 24/7.

Great British Spring Clean March 3 -5 2017

Keep Britain Tidy have launched a new campaign based on last years very successful 'Clean for the Queen'

The Great British Spring Clean encourages Councils and communities to get rid of their mucky spots!

It takes place **March 3rd - 5th 2017**

You can register your event and get discounts on equipment and clothing.

There are lots of free posters and resources to help you get your event underway.

In addition the Keep Britain Tidy Team are on hand to offer advice and for a modest fee, help organise your event.

PCC calls for your support to get fairer share for Suffolk

Email from Tim Passmore:-

As your Police and Crime Commissioner it's my job to ensure you as a Suffolk taxpayer gets the very best value for money for policing in the county. At the moment I don't believe we get a reasonable share of funding so I am launching this campaign to get public support to make a case to Government for a fairer settlement.

I welcome a fundamental review of the funding formula by the Policing Minister, Brandon Lewis, as it provides me with this opportunity to lobby for a formula which is readily understandable, transparent and provides a fairer funding settlement for Suffolk.

But I need your help, I'd like you to go to www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk to read my assessment and, if you agree, to show your support by emailing fairshareforsuffolk@suffolk.pnn.police.uk by Friday 20th January . Any additional comments that anyone wishes to make can be added to this email. I will use these public responses as evidence to lobby the Minister for a fairer deal for Suffolk.

I think Suffolk should get a more equitable settlement, which reflects the challenges the county faces. Whilst I recognise that fairness should take account of specific factors that will be common across all policing areas, I think the rural nature of Suffolk should be given proper weighting and the challenge of policing individual communities over a large geographic expanse should be considered when levels of funding are agreed.

Suffolk is home to one of the largest container ports in Europe, has a coast line of over 60 miles, we have five military establishments including two American airbases, the county is home to a nuclear power station and the A14 is a major route of national importance – my concern is that the Government does not recognise the significance of these crucial strategic national assets and the impact it has on our police service.

If we compare ourselves to one of our closest neighbours, we would receive around £3m more Home Office grant funding every year if it was funded to the same level as Norfolk (using unweighted population as the basis of the calculation). This is just not fair; £3million is a huge disparity between two quite similar counties.

Suffolk has a reputation of being a very prosperous county, and while there some very affluent areas, over 83,000 people in the county live in income deprivation at the most minimal standard provided by welfare benefits, that's over 10% of the population. The recently published 'Hidden Needs' research makes pretty sober reading; the first report was written five years ago and sadly deprivation levels have increased right across the county since then. Sadly, where there are higher levels of economic and social deprivation, communities suffer from increased levels of crime, anti-social behaviour, addiction and abuse, which provides resourcing challenges for the Constabulary which are not considered in the current formula.

To support my call for a fairer share for Suffolk please go to www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk to read my assessment and then e-mail fairshareforsuffolk@suffolk.pnn.police.uk by Friday 20th January.

Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute & WW1 Beacons of Light 11th November

1000 WWI Beacons of Light will be lit at 7pm on 11th November 2018 and will represent the 'light of hope' that emerged out of the dreadful darkness of War as the guns fell silent on 11th November 1918, along with remembering the millions of brave men that either died or returned home dreadfully wounded, not just physically, but mentally too.

You will be pleased to know that over 320 beacons have already been registered, so we are more than confident the target of 1000 WWI Beacons of Light will be achieved by 11th November 2018, a unique tribute to those that gave so much for their country, and from those confirmed to date, many of which are again being lit by town and parish councils, we understand they are already putting their plans into place for 11th November 2018.

Detailed co-ordination of this project starts in April this year, so will ensure that those that register their involvement by the end of March 2017, will be recorded on the acknowledgements pages of the official Guide To Taking Part before it's wider distribution to other organisations and interested parties and it's uploading on the events website at the end of April 2017.

If however, you require and further information, please do not hesitate to contact me by calling me on + 44 (0) 7737 262 913 or emailing - brunopeek@mac.com

6.17 To discuss the letter drafted by Cllr Day regarding the speed of Broadband in the area

Cllr Day reported that the draft letter had been circulated to all councillors. It was agreed that the letter be sent to the Chairman of BT with copies to Therese Coffey MP and the Better Broadband for Suffolk Campaign. Cllr Day said that he would send the letter to the Clerk for distribution. **Action: Cllr Day / Clerk**

7.17 VAS Signs

Cllr Finch reported that he had nothing further to report. The Clerk reported that Cllr Nicky Yeo Suffolk Coastal District Council had offered support with the cost of two extra poles for Brightwell from her Enabling Budget and also Cllr Susan Harvey had also offered financial support for traffic management. It was agreed that Cllr Finch would contact both councillors to discuss. **Action: Cllr Finch / Clerk**

8.17 Planning

The Clerk reported on the absence of the Planning Committee Chairman on the following planning matters.

DC/16/4824/SCO Land at Orwell Crossing A14 Purdis Farm/Foxhall - 200,000 sq ft B8 storage and distribution building

The Parish Council discussed the height of the building and noted that this application was still pending on the SCDC website.

DC/16/3830/FUL Three Rivers Business Centre Felixstowe Road Foxhall – 3 No one and half storey business units, retention of centre pavilion, additional parking and bike/refuse facilities.

The Parish Council had objected to the Planning Application. A letter had been sent to the Clerk asking whether the Parish Council wished the application to go before committee and the Clerk had replied that this was the wish of the Parish Council and had sent a copy of the letter to Kevin Rout.

Adrastral Park

DC/16/5277/SCO Land to South and East of Adastral Park Martlesham Heath – Request for EIA Scoping Opinion Application for 2000 residential homes and associated infrastructure.

PC Comments:

The Parish Council request that a full EIA report is undertaken to assess the cumulative and social impact on the local area.

Cllr Newell reported that she had attended the Public Meeting on the 6th December at Waldringfield and had also met personally with the developers on the 7th December. Cllr Newell had been sent display materials and that CEG (the developers) were keen to consult with the local committee. Cllr Newell gave a detailed report to the Parish Council.

9.17 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses November 2016	£300.60
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HMRC Tax AJBuggs	£182.00
Suffolk Acre – Website Hosting	£60.00
Heelis & Lodge Audit	£60.00

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

Action: Clerk

10.17 Correspondence

- a. The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Kevin Bye a resident of Bucklesham Road complaining about the boundary fences, concrete bollards and fly tipping around Trinity Park. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should telephone Graham the Trinity Park Grounds Manager to discuss and report back to Kevin Bye. **Action: Clerk**
- b. Cllr Finch reported that he had written to the Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Department regarding the removal of the dense hedgerow on the western boundary along with many of the trees which had nothing to do with the vehicular access to the site. Cllr Finch stated that he had received a reply from Liz Beighton Planning Officer stating that she had passed the matter on to the Enforcement Team asking them to carry out a site visit.

11.17 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk

None

12.17 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr Day reported that the service road on the Felixstowe Road opposite Trinity Park is flooding which is draining into residents gardens due to drainage problems. He reported that there is a whole section of the road which has no drains. It was agreed that Cllr Day would send specific details to the Clerk for submission to Suffolk County Council Highways and that this item should also be placed on the agenda for the February 2017 Parish Council Meeting. **Action: Cllr Day / Clerk**

13.17 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 8th February 2017.

The Clerk reported that in view of the Highways Course (Jayne Cole) which was cancelled due to illness she would try to rearrange for the March 2017 meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17 pm.

Signed Date.....

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