

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

### **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017

#### **Present**

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

#### **77.17 Apologies for absence**

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

#### **78.17 Declaration of interest**

**None**

#### **79.17 Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved as being a true record.

#### **80.17 Matters arising from the minutes**

All matters arising will be discussed as part of the agenda.

#### **The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:**

Cllr P O'Brien – Suffolk County Council – no report received.

Cllr N Yeo – Suffolk Coastal District Council – written report

The past six weeks have been quite a busy time for me outside of the Council due to the County Council and General Elections. Suffolk County Council now have a firm Conservative majority unlike the Conservatives who hold a minority Government. Interesting times are here and this to some extent will affect decisions made by local government.

On Thursday 25 May Chris Blundell, District Council for Martlesham was elected as Chairman of the Council and I was elected as his Vice Chairman. This means that I will automatically become Chairman next year and possibly the last one for Suffolk Coastal District Council if all goes ahead with the planned merger with Waveney District Council.

Unfortunately, during the past three weeks we have all been affected by the atrocities caused by terrorists in Manchester and London and the national threat level was raised from severe to critical. Suffolk Police have issued various statements to assure residents that they are as vigilant as ever and at the Suffolk Show had a high turnout of armed Police patrolling Trinity Park.

On a brighter note Suffolk Armed Forces Weekend 2017 is being hosted this year by Suffolk Coastal District Council and being staged in Felixstowe on Saturday and Sunday, 24 and 25 June.

The action-packed weekend will recognise the huge contribution made by our servicemen and women from the past until the present day – it will also mark the 350th anniversary of the Dutch attack on Landguard Fort.

This historic event was the last time there was an attempted invasion of England, where foreign troops actually successfully landed on English soil. Full details of the programme are now available and include: Live music from choirs and military bands to an evening of pop and rock, military displays, food stalls, children's activities and fireworks, an air display, plus some thrilling battle re-enactments between the Dutch and English with cannon, muskets and swords, and lots, lots more.

For event details see: [www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/what-s-on/suffolk-armed-forces-weekend](http://www.visitfelixstowe.org.uk/what-s-on/suffolk-armed-forces-weekend)

This year will mark the very first Suffolk Day, being held on Wednesday, 21 June 21, to celebrate our wonderful county.

Suffolk Day is an opportunity to celebrate Suffolk's history, art and culture, cutting edge technology, stunning coastline, wildlife, food and drink, businesses, sport, university – the list goes on and on. The launch of Suffolk Day is being spearheaded by the EADT, Ipswich Star and BBC Radio Suffolk, and has the support of a wide range of organisations throughout the county, including Suffolk Coastal.

It's based on a highly successful model in Yorkshire, where a special day has been running for more than 40 years. Every year on August 1, organisations throughout Yorkshire hold events, and demonstrate their pride in their county.

I have now received the Form from Angie regarding the Foxhall sign and I have forwarded it on to Wil Gibson at Suffolk Coastal District Council for approval. Fingers crossed we will hear within the month if we have been successful.

The bus shelter fiasco is still ongoing but Elizabeth seems to be on top of it together with Simon from Suffolk County. If needed I am more than happy to approach the Golf Club on your behalf.

Cllr Newell said that she had recently attended Brightwell Church open day and had been talking to the Church Warden regarding the cleaning of the stained glass windows and removal of the wire protective covering which was erected during the war. Cllr Newell asked whether funding would be available from the Enabling Budget to support this work. Cllr Yeo agreed to contact Trevor Barber Treasurer. **Action: Cllr N Yeo Suffolk Coastal District Council**

**The meeting was re-convened.**

#### **81.17 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.

## Email from LCPAS

Email sent to all councillors regarding Crowded Places Guide and Cyber Bullying Briefing Paper

## Code of Conduct for Planning Inspectorates

The Government has published a Code of Conduct that will cover the functions and behaviour expected from Planning Inspectorate.

This may be of interest if Councils wishes to challenge a planning matter or are undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan.

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/617149/code-of-conduct.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/617149/code-of-conduct.pdf)

### **82.17 To discuss the Speed of Broadband in the area**

Cllr Day reported that he had received a reply from Better Broadband Suffolk who have stated that some network structure plans for the area. These include:

Nacton R8 – this will cover postcodes IP10 0AA, IP10 0AB, IP10 0AU and IP10 0EB from your list. It is planned for completion in Q1 18/19, and will be an FTTC cabinet, which will include the re-routing of lines which previously went to either more remote cabinets, or were connected directly to the Nacton exchange.

- Kesgrave P3 – this will cover postcodes IP10 0AD and IP10 0AP from your list, and is planned for completion around 2020/21. It will be an FTTP service.
- Kesgrave R7 – this will cover postcodes IP10 0AE, IP10 0AG and IP10 0AQ from your list, and is planned for completion by December this year, subject to build progressing smoothly. This will be an FTTP service.
- Nacton R1 – this will cover postcodes IP10 0BF, IP10 0DE, IP10 0AG and IP10 0DF from your list. This is currently being planned, but is likely to be completed in the next 12 months or so. Again, it will be an FTTC cabinet, which will include the re-routing of lines which previously went to either more remote cabinets, or were connected directly to the Nacton exchange.

Note that the postcodes are just a general view, and it is not necessarily the case that the whole of each postcode will benefit or that there will not be crossover between postcodes.

Discussions took place as to how this information should be conveyed to local residents. It was agreed that the Clerk should place this information on the Parish Council website and notice boards and respond to resident who has responded to the questionnaire by email. Cllr Day to email a list of respondents to the Clerk. **Action: Cllr Day / Clerk**

### **83.17 Locality Budget 2017/2018**

Cllr O'Brien was not present at the meeting therefore no feedback was received concerning the level of Local Budget funding for 2017/2018. It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

### **84.17 VAS Signs**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Finch had stated that the VAS equipment would be available shortly and the account would need to be settled as soon as received by the Parish Council. Cllr Watts proposed, seconded Cllr Warham - agreed. The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Cllr O'brien stating that Waldringfield Parish Council were interested in sharing the VAS equipment for use in the parish. Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would discuss the matter further when/if Waldringfield Parish Council approaches the Clerk.

Parish Councillors discussed whether poles should be installed in Brightwell so that the VAS equipment could be used. Cllr Watts, seconded Cllr Warham that Cllr Finch should discuss with SCC Highways regarding installing extra poles in Brightwell – all agreed.

**85.17 To discuss the accidents at the crossroads Bell Lane / Foxhall Road**

Nothing further to report therefore item deferred until next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**86.17 To discuss the installation of additional waste bins**

Due to the fact that Cllr Lawrence was not present at the meeting it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

Cllr Newell reported that the waste bin next to the parish seat in Brightwell had not been emptied for some considerable time and was overflowing. Clerk to report to Suffolk Coastal District Council. **Action: Clerk**

**87.17 Straight Road Classification**

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Jayne Cole Local Council Public Advisory Service for advise on the reclassification of Straight Road (Felixstowe Road – Bucklesham Road) and then write to Suffolk County Council Highways requesting that they should consider the reclassification of the road in view of the Hollies Development and the volume of traffic. **Action: Clerk**

**88.17 To discuss the application received for the co-option on to the Parish Council (Foxhall)**

The Parish Council discussed the application received from a Foxhall resident however due to the fact that a number of councillors were absent from the meeting it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**89.17 To discuss making a donation to Brightwell Parish Church towards the upkeep of the graveyard**

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Trevor Barber the Treasurer of Brightwell PCC requesting support for the upkeep of Brightwell Churchyard. Cllr Newell reported that the church now has an area of the churchyard where cremated remains can be buried.

Following discussion Cllr Day proposed that the Parish Council donate £250.00 (Section 137), seconded Cllr Watts – all agreed. **Action: Clerk**

**90.17 Bus Shelters Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm**

Cllr Warham reported that one bus shelter has been installed. Cllr Warham said that problems with the siting of the bus shelter on the opposite side of the road because Ipswich Golf Club are unhappy with the bus shelter being site outside of the golf club entrance. Cllr Nicky Yeo said that she would approach the golf club to ask whether the bus shelter could be installed on this piece of land. Cllr Warham said that she had requested that the bus shelter in Murrills Road be fitted with half side panels. It is hoped that the money available from the development would cover this cost however if not the cost would be approximately £750.00 which the Parish Council would need to finance.  
**Action: Cllr Warham / Cllr Nicky Yeo Suffolk Coastal District Council**

### 91.17 Planning

The Planning Committee Chairman reported on the following planning matters.

a. General

Cllr Watts reported that recent planning applications had not been controversial. 9 Essex Way is going to Planning Committee for a decision. The Non-Illuminated Advertisement A12 Consent DC/16/2845/AND) has been referred to the Planning Inspectorate.

b. Adastral Park

Cllr Newell reported that she had attended a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May at East Suffolk House. Waldringfield are concerned about the environmental impact and have asked for better land scaping on the edge of the area of ONB. Cllr Newell reported that she was extremely concerned about the amount of increased traffic going through Brightwell as the route is already heavily used by BT traffic.

c. Orwell Truck Stop

Cllr Watts reported that confusion has arisen over the two applications for the Orwell Truck Stop. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Suffolk Coastal District Council regarding the confusion.  
**Action: Clerk**

### 92.17 Finance

#### Subscription to Suffolk Association of Local Councils

The Clerk reported that she had distributed a copy of the leaflet distributed by Suffolk Association of Local Councils detailing the services they offer. Following discussion Cllr Watts proposed, seconded Cllr Newell that the Parish Council cease their membership of SALC – 4 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstention. **Action: Clerk**

#### Income

None

#### Expenditure

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses May 2017 £368.03

Cllr Watts proposed, seconded Cllr Newell that the above expenditure is approved – all in favour.  
**Action: Clerk**

### 93.17 Correspondence

None

**94.17 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk**

- a. Cllr Day reported he had attended the annual residents lunch at Trinity Park. He stated that currently security of the park is a problem. They are concerned that if travellers access the site it could cost £10,000 to remove them. Sheep are located at the park but spend the summer at Otley College where they have a full time shepherd. The tennis courts will not be made available to the public in the near future.
- b. Cllr Watts reported that he had attended a meeting at Suffolk Coastal District Council with regard to the local plan.

**95.17 Members questions to the Chairman**

None

**96.17 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28 pm.**

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

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