

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 11th July 2018

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman

Cllr A Day

Cllr G Watts

Cllr A Wells

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr B Newell

Cllr R Walters

Cllr A Finch

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

1 member of the public

100.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Patricia O’Brien and Cllr Nicky Yeo.

101.18 To receive Members’ declaration of interest

None

102.18 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th July 2018 were approved as being a true record.

103.18 Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising from the minutes. All items included in the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

Cllr P O’Brien – Suffolk County Council

Leader

As reported in June SCC has a new leader, Matthew Hicks, and he has made an excellent beginning in keeping to his resolution of informing councillors and welcoming their views on issues.

He is particularly keen to work in partnership, not only with other councils, health, police and other agencies but with business also. This is most important in relation to the stabbings in Ipswich and in tackling the drug problem. It is essential for all agencies to work together, having one communication focus that will reassure people that these issues will be addressed.

Highways

A major review of Highways is underway and to progress this a new councillor has been appointed, Cllr Mary Evans. Cllr Evans wishes to make sure the highways limited budget is used to best effect. The areas to be reviewed are:

- Existing policy which determines how resources are deployed, known as the Suffolk Highway Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP)
- How utility companies coordinate roadworks and are held to account for their actions
- How residents, councillors and businesses are informed about road repairs and how they can access information
- The approach to, and importance of, innovation within Suffolk Highways
- Financial control and contract management
- How the location of potholes on the road is considered alongside the width and depth, recognising the impact they can have on cyclists and motorcyclists
- How town and parish councils can work closer with Suffolk Highways to make the best use of their local knowledge, skills, money and time.

As you cannot have failed to notice, Suffolk Highways has been repairing potholes and surface dressing roads. It pledged to surface dress 1,000 miles of road by 2021.

A new Highways Improvement and Innovations Board has been established to oversee the areas that will make up the review. There is a lot of good practice that goes unnoticed, plus inefficient ways of working, that must be addressed. This is why the review has been established.

Police

I visited the mobile police unit that was set up in Ipswich, in the Norwich Rd area, after the stabbings. The unit was there to reassure the public and gain information. I spoke to the superintendent on duty and learnt much, mostly just how difficult it is to engage with the public. This is because the community is scared to come forward and give any information. Quite understandable.

The drug gangs target young vulnerable children, make them feel needed and thus 'hook' them in. What are the police doing? But it is just not the police that have to be involved. As stated earlier, it is an issue for the whole of society and the agencies, health, social services, and importantly parents, all working together. A huge task.

The potential sale of Police HQ at Martlesham is being considered. If it goes ahead it would mean a further 250 homes.

Events

Suffolk residents are invited to come along and chat with the Leader of the Council, other county councillors and senior managers about their concerns and ideas for the county of Suffolk. Events at:

- **Framlingham:** Tuesday 18 September
- **Bury St Edmunds:** Wednesday 26 September
- **Haverhill:** Friday 12 October
- **Ipswich:** Thursday 25 October

Cllr N Yeo – Suffolk Coastal District Council

I am sorry that I will not be at your Parish Council meeting this month but I am on holiday.

I notice that on the Agenda there will be a discussion on the new Ward boundaries and that as a Parish Council there will probably be a comment sent on to the Boundary Commission. I return on 26 July and so if you wish to have an informal meeting with me on this before any communication is sent to the Boundary Commission I am more than happy to do this as the consultation period continues until 27 August.

During the last month I have attended various events that have taken place in Suffolk in my role as Chairman and visited Sudbury for Suffolk Day and Bury St Edmunds for Armed Forces Day plus I also was in Framlingham to watch the start of the Suffolk Coastal part of the Women's' Cycle Race.

I am glad to say that the new Deben Leisure is now open after a £3.5 million refurbishment and is the first project to be completed in Suffolk Coastal's five-year programme to improve leisure facilities and encourage more people to become active. If you wish to become a member or know anyone who wishes to join the link is www.placesforpeopleleisure.org/centres/deben-leisure-centre/

The garden waste scheme has had over 31,000 residents sign up for this which is really good news. The income derived from this is £ 1.385m will go a long way to help the Council pay for waste disposal which at the moment costs around £ 3.5m per year. Also, on waste there will be 15 new smart litter bins to be installed around the County on a trial basis to try and reduce littering on the County's trunk roads. The bins will be lit with a sign reading Litter with a slightly wider slit to help put large rubbish in and will be bright orange with reflected white signage stating "Keep Suffolk Beautiful ". The bins are being funded by a £10,000 award secured by Suffolk Waste Partnership from the Government's Litter Innovation Fund and hopefully if this is successful more bins will be put around the County.

I hope you all have a lovely Summer and look forward to seeing you again soon.

The meeting was re-convened

104.18 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.

Suffolk Coastal District Plan

Invitation from Councillor Fryatt, Cabinet Member for Planning:

Town/Parish Councils are invited to a briefing session on Wednesday, 18th July 2018 (19.00 – 20.00) on the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. This briefing session will be held in the Deben Conference Room at the SCDC Council Offices at East Suffolk House.

Subject to Cabinet approval the Council will be undertaking a period of public consultation on the First Draft Plan from 20th July to 14th September 2018. Town/Parish Council are invited to attend this briefing session to learn more about the forthcoming consultation.

Email from Ben Woolnough at SCDC re Brightwell Lakes

This document has already been circulated to councillors.

Brightwell Lakes is moving forward at a swift pace. CEG and Carlyle Land Ltd progressed onto the detailed design stage immediately after approval including new consultants specialising in the detail and implementation.

The first application will be a Reserved Matters application for the detail of the spine road (Boulevard) and Ipswich Road routes leading up to the proposed school location. This will cover the layout, appearance and landscaping of those internal routes along with the way the A12 bund/wall and landscaping will be addressed. I also expect the application to include detailed landscaping proposals for the SANG area around the lake and leading to Ipswich Road and some of the edges. The application should also be accompanied by some detail to discharge various planning conditions. Some of the detail will not be significantly different from what you have previously seen as illustrative material in the Outline application. It will have some detailed construction and engineering information, particularly for the road, and it will provide a clearer picture of how the site will come forward as the earliest infrastructure for this community. Once this determined, the housing parcels can come forward and presently the applicants are marketing three parcels to housebuilders between the A12 and Ipswich Road 'SANG valley' for up to 500 of the first homes.

Based on progress so far, that reserved matters application could be received as soon as the end of next week. This would mean a consultation period over late June/early July. Unfortunately, I will also be involved in the Bell Lane, Kesgrave Inquiry for part of that time so my availability to address any early queries may be limited. I will do my best to call around Parish Clerks in the first week of July. After the consultation period I hope the application could be determined by the end of August and I will update you in July on how determination will progress.

Finally, I haven't forgotten about my promise to establish the Brightwell Lakes Liaison Group, I am working on this and will be in touch to get it running well in advance of any housing applications coming in.

105.18 Bus Shelter – Bucklesham Road

Cllr Walters reported that the Golf Club solicitor is now producing an agreement. The Golf Club have agreed for the Parish Council to site the bus shelter however part of the agreement will be that if the Golf Club are granted planning permission for the land the Parish Council agrees to remove the bus shelter. Cllr Walters said that he had spoken to Simon Barnett at Suffolk County Council and agreed to let him know as soon as the agreement is signed. With regard to the siting of the VAS sign. The Golf Club have agreed to cover the cost of putting the pole back in position. **Action: Cllr Walters**

106.18 VAS Equipment

Cllr Finch reported that the VAS sign has been in its current position for 5 weeks. Cllr Finch will download the data and report back to the Parish Council on the analysis of the data. **Action: Cllr Finch**

107.18 To discuss the CIL receipts allocated to Foxhall because of the Straight Road development

Cllr Day reported that the Clerk had received an estimate from David Chenery Suffolk County Council Highways for the cost of the new sign of £500.00 plus staff costs etc of £78.00. Cllr Day proposed, seconded Cllr Finch that the Parish Council accept the estimate – all in favour. The Clerk was requested to confirm with David Chenery what signs he is proposing to erect. Councillors felt that they would like to see warning signs at this junction. **Action: Clerk**

108.18 To discuss Locality Budget 2018/2019

This item was deferred until the September 2018 meeting. **Action: Clerk**

109.18 To discuss the Major Review of Highways Budget in Suffolk

This item was deferred until the September 2018 meeting. **Action: Clerk**

110.18 To discuss the Ward Boundary Consultation

Cllr Watts reported that Cllr Wells, Cllr Warham and himself had attended the presentation on the Boundary Commission proposal. The proposal put forward by Suffolk Coastal District Council proposes the reshaping of the constituents and reducing the number of councillors from 90 to 55 which means that majority of the wards will be two councillor wards. The Parish Council have until the 28th August 2018 to make any comments.

111.18 To discuss the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan – First Draft Local Plan

Cllr Watts reported that a presentation will be held on Wednesday, 17th July at 7.30 pm. Cllr Watts reported that Cllr Newell and himself are attending and will report back to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Watts**

112.18 Donation to Brightwell Church S137

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received a request for a donation for the upkeep of the churchyard. Following discussion Cllr Wells proposed, seconded Cllr Watts that the Parish Council donate £250.00 to the church – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

113.18 Planning

Cllr Watts reported that no contentious planning applications had been received since last months meeting.

114.18 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

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| A J Buggs Salary and Expenses June 2018 | £296.12 |
| HMRC Tax AJBuggs | £183.00 |
| Brightwell PCC – Donation (S137) | £250.00 |

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

115.18 Correspondence

None

116.18 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk

- a. Cllr Watts reported that himself, Cllr Wells and Cllr Warham had attended the recent Ward Boundary Consultation meeting at Suffolk Coastal District Council. See Minute 110.18.

117.18 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr Newell reported that Purdis Heath is up for sale by Fenn Wright for £100,00.
- b. Cllr Newell reported that when fly tipping is reported Suffolk Coastal District Council are very quick to respond.
- c. Cllr Day reported that he is still in communication with Open Reach regarding broadband speeds. **Action: Clerk**

118.18 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm Wednesday, 12th September 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.39 pm

Signed..... Date

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