

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 14th November 2018

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman

Cllr A Wells

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr B Newell

Cllr R Walters

Cllr A Finch

Cllr G Watts

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

Cllr P O'brien – Suffolk County Council

10 members of the public

155.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Nicky Yeo District Councillor and Cllr A Day.

156.18 To receive Members' declaration of interest

None

157.18 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th October 2018 were approved as being a true record.

158.18 Matters arising from the minutes

All matters arising formed part of the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

Cllr P O'brien – Suffolk County Council

Budget

Suffolk County Council launched its annual budget consultation in early October. The consultation closes on Friday 16th November and residents are being asked to give their views on the services most important to them. SCC faces significant financial challenges in delivering frontline services and to make savings of £25ml in 2019/2020.

Since 2011 the council has saved £260million and established innovative new ways to engage with communities and deliver services in the digital age. However, there are difficult decisions still to come.

The proposed budget will be presented at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 29 January 2019 and the final budget will be discussed at Full Council on Thursday 14 February 2019.

www.suffolk.gov.uk/budget2019 will give more information and an opportunity to take part in a short survey.

Government Funding

The government announced increased funding for care services and road maintenance throughout the country.

£650m is designated to adult social care (2019/20), £84m for children's services over five-years, £420m for road maintenance, and over £200m to improve rural broadband connectivity.

At the time of writing I do not know the funding figures for Suffolk.

GCSE Results

Provisional GCSE results illustrate that 1% more students in Suffolk are achieving the expected standards in English and Maths compared with last year.

There has been a change to the way that English and Maths GCSEs are graded. Results are now graded from 9 to 1, (previously A to G) with 9 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. The expected standard for pupils to achieve is now a grade 4 and above (previously a C grade and above), with grade 5 considered a 'strong pass'.

Suffolk is now in line with national figures with 64% of students achieving the standard pass in English and Maths. Suffolk is also in the top half of all authorities for achieving the threshold of grade 5 in English and Maths.

Police

The Chief Constable, Gareth Wilson, announced his retirement at the end of October. He has been CC in Suffolk for four years. His replacement has yet to be announced.

At the last meeting of the Police & Crime Panel a former retired Metropolitan Chief Superintendent joined the team. It will be so useful to have someone with his knowledge, although our duty is to challenge the Police Commissioner, not test the abilities of the force.

A financial update was given, and the Commissioner stressed that he continued to lobby the Home Office for more funding. Suffolk's funding is considerably below other forces.

Concern was raised about the reduction of PCSOs and the visibility of officers. The Commissioner regretted the changes to the workforce but hoped the new arrangements might prove a better mix between warrant officers and remaining PCSOs.

Cllr Nicky Yeo Suffolk Coastal District Council – no report

Question Time

None

The meeting was re-convened

159.18 To discuss the proposed Orwell Green Development

The Parish Council discussed the comments made by Parish Councillors and the public regarding the proposed Orwell Green Development. Cllr G Watts proposed, seconded Cllr A Wells that the Clerk write to Gladmans on behalf of the Parish Council thanking them for their presentation but following discussion the Parish Council cannot support the proposal – all in favour. **Action: Clerk / Cllr G Watts**

160.18 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.

VAS Equipment

Unfortunately, a couple of Friday's ago Alex reported to me that the VAS sign had been badly damaged by vandals. I find this very disappointing. Apparently, they were trying to get it off the pole mounting but what they thought they were going to do with it seems inconceivable. Sadly, the night was very wet so it probably got damaged more than it would have done if it had been a dry night. Alex will give you more details at the meeting. The incident was reported to the police and I have reported it to our insurance company. Currently we are waiting for a quote from the suppliers as to whether it can be repaired or whether it will need replacing.

Orwell Green Development

As you are all aware Gladmans will be attending our meeting on Wednesday to discuss the proposed development. However, I think I need to make you aware that at the meeting on Friday at Bucklesham Village Hall allegedly Foxhall and Bucklesham Road residents were cross because they said that Bucklesham Parish Council had arranged for the presentation and that we were holding our meeting later. Just to make it clear to everyone Bucklesham Parish Council did not arrange for the meeting. Gladman booked the village hall and arranged the meeting and this meeting was not instigated by the Parish Council so it needs to be made clear to anybody who expresses a view that this was not case. From what I understand residents from Foxhall and Bucklesham Road were criticising us for inaction and being slow to respond.

Councils told to plan for no-deal Brexit disruption

A briefing based on the minutes of a recent Local Resilience Forum meeting has revealed that councils have been told to plan for "reasonable worst case scenarios" in the event of a no-deal Brexit, including runs on banks, and shortages of food, medicine and petrol. LRFs bring local authorities together with emergency services and the NHS. The briefing said councils should prepare to report to central government every 8 hours, and could have to cancel leave over Easter. The briefing advises public bodies to base their plans on a "12 week disruption period" lasting until the end of May 2019. A spokesman for the LGA said it was "working with Government and engaging with the expertise of local government to ensure we get these crucial negotiations right for local communities,"

Conservative MPs cooling on fracking

The *Guardian* reports that growing numbers of Conservative MPs are turning against the Government's move to streamline fracking planning applications by declaring shale gas wells to be nationally significant infrastructure projects and "permitted developments" that can bypass local authority planners. The paper speaks to Lee Rowley MP, who chairs a new all-party parliamentary

group looking at the impact of shale gas, who says "more and more colleagues" are coming to him with concerns.

Planning Consultation

This consultation seeks views on proposals that include changes to permitted development rights and the use classes order and draft guidance on the compulsory purchase powers of new town development corporations. The consultation relates to England only and will run from 29 October 2018 to 14 January 2019

On 29 October 2018, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Hammond, delivered the Autumn 2018 Budget.

The Chancellor announced the publication of:

- Planning Reform: Supporting the high street and increasing the delivery of new homes. This consultation seeks views on proposals that include changes to permitted development rights and the use classes order and draft guidance on the compulsory purchase powers of new town development corporations. The consultation relates to England only and will run from 29 October 2018 to 14 January 2019 (*Autumn 2018 Budget, paragraphs 4.58 and 4.77*).
- The government's response to the consultation on Supporting housing delivery through developer contributions. Proposed reforms include simplifying the process for setting a higher zonal Community Infrastructure Levy in areas of high land value uplift and removing all restrictions on section 106 pooling towards a single piece of infrastructure. The government will also introduce a "strategic infrastructure tariff" for combined authorities and joint planning committees with strategic planning powers (*Autumn 2018 Budget, paragraph 4.59*).
- The Independent review of build out: final report by Sir Oliver Letwin. This report looks at methods of closing the gap between housing completions and the amount of land allocated or permissioned. The government will respond to the review in full in February 2019 (*Autumn 2018 Budget, paragraph 4.57*).

Government welcomes Homes England's new 5 year strategic plan

Communities Secretary Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP welcomed Homes England Strategic Plan published today (30 October 2018) describing the vision as pivotal to helping deliver the homes that communities need.

Since their launch in January, Homes England has a remit to adopt a more commercial approach to acquiring, preparing, managing and developing land in areas of high demand.

Their strategic plan sets out how they will use these powers together with their expertise and significant government investment to drive forward key programmes and play a major role in making the housing market work for everyone.

Fisheries Bill to take back control of UK waters

Bill creates powers to build a sustainable, profitable UK fishing industry and deliver a Green Brexit with new protections for our precious marine environment.

Legislation creating the powers the UK needs to operate as an independent coastal state after leaving the EU is being introduced into Parliament today (25 October 2018).

For the first time since 1973, the Fisheries Bill will enable the UK to control who may fish in our waters and on what terms.

The Bill also gives the UK the power to implement new deals negotiated with the EU and with other coastal states and manage fisheries more effectively and sustainably in future.

At its heart the Bill delivers on the UK government's commitment to sustainable fishing and marine conservation as set out in the 25-Year Environment Plan by:

- Controlling access – by ending current automatic rights for EU vessels to fish in UK waters. In future, access to fish in UK waters will be a matter for the UK to negotiate and we will decide on the terms – foreign vessels would have to follow our rules.
- Setting fishing opportunities – by proposing powers to ensure that the UK can set its own fishing quota and days at sea, which it will negotiate as an independent coastal State. As now, the UK government will consult the Devolved Administrations.
- Protecting the marine environment – by ensuring fisheries management decisions are taken strategically for the benefit of the whole marine environment. The Bill extends powers to the Marine Management Organisation and the Devolved Administrations to protect our seas.

We do not yet know the outcome of the UK's negotiations to withdraw from the EU or on a future economic partnership, but we have been clear that market access for fisheries products is separate to the question of fishing opportunities and access to waters. The Bill will give us the powers to implement the result of those negotiations.

The new legislation also proposes ways in which the UK government and the Devolved Administrations will work together to adopt common approaches to fisheries management in certain areas - including preserving UK vessels' right to fish across the four zones of UK waters and creating a consistent approach to managing access of foreign vessels.

The four fisheries Administrations will set out in a joint statement how they will work together to achieve the Bill's sustainability objectives.

161.18 Community Governance Review by Martlesham Parish Council

The Clerk reported that although she had contacted the Martlesham Parish Council regarding providing a map of the area of Brightwell relating to Brightwell Lakes which they would like to include in their Parish boundary but had not received a reply. Cllr B Newell reported that she had recently spoken to Cllr Mike Irwin who is a councillor for Martlesham who has indicated his willingness to talk to the Parish Council about the review. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mike asking him to attend the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss.

Action: Clerk / Cllr B Newell

162.18 VAS

Cllr A Finch reported that the VAS equipment has been badly damaged by vandals. The police had been notified and a crime number was obtained. The Clerk has contacted the insurance company

and is waiting for a quotation from the makers of the equipment. Once the quotation has been received this will be sent to the insurance company with a claim form. **Action: Clerk / Cllr A Finch**

163.18 To discuss the CIL receipts allocated to Foxhall because of the Straight Road development / To discuss Locality Budget 2018/2019

The Clerk reported that the road signage for the junction Felixstowe Road / Straight Road had been ordered and the total cost is £695.41. The remaining budgets are Locality Budget is £1,000 and CIL receipts is £1,381.10.

Following discussion concerning the high volume of fly tipping which is taking place within Foxhall Cllr Walters proposed, seconded Cllr Warham that the Parish Council purchase 5 cameras and 6 accessories to gain evidence to enable Suffolk Coastal District Council to prosecute offenders – all in favour.

Councillors discussed the changing of the Straight Road corner. Cllr Warham proposed, seconded Cllr Newell that the Parish Council investigate the cost etc and report back to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Walters / Clerk**

164.18 Planning

The Planning Chairman gave his report as follows:

DC/18/4300/FUL 142 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm – Proposed 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension, following demolition of existing single storey structures.

Parish Council comments: No objection.

DC/18/4573/FUL 48 Meadow Crescent Purdis Farm – Proposed loft conversion with insertion of 2 no rooflights.

Cllr Watts said this application would be circulated.

DC/18/4525/SCO Land at Orwell Green – Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report Options

Cllr Watts reported that the above document had been received and following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council are pleased that Gladmans Developments are going to submit a comprehensive Environment Impact Assessment for the proposed development is concerned about this proposal. **Action: Cllr G Watts / Clerk**

DC/18/4248/OUT Homebase Superstore Purdis Farm – Hybrid application seeking full planning permission for the reallocation of garden centre and external works to current retail unit; and outline planning permission for the erection of a drive thru unit (Use Class A1/A3) and associated works.

Cllr Watts reported that this application was currently only an outline application. Following discussion Cllr Watts recommended that the Parish Council object to this application.

DC/18/2692/FUL Tanglewood Elmham Drive Foxhall

Cllr Watts reported that this application had been refused and the applicant has now appealed against the decision.

165.18 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses October 2018	£315.49
Suffolk County Council Straight Road / Felixstowe Road – Road Signs	£695.41

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

166.18 Correspondence

a. Election Costs

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from the Electoral Services Manager Suffolk Coastal District Council stating that should the election in May 2019 be uncontested the Parish Council would only be charged for the administrative costs incurred. However, should an election be held the following costs would be incurred by the Parish Council.

Brightwell £742.56
Foxhall £908.08
Purdis Farm £1,522.02

The Clerk stated she had written to SCDC querying the costs to the Group Parish. **Action: Clerk**

167.18 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk

None

168.18 Members questions to the Chairman

a. Concern was expressed regarding the speed of traffic in Hall Road and the Clerk was requested to write to Suffolk County Council Highways re speed limits. **Action: Clerk**

169.18 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm Wednesday, 12th November 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Signed Date.....

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