

## BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes

Of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at St Augustine's Church Hall, Bucklesham Road Ipswich  
at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman

Cllr A Day

Cllr G Watts

Cllr A Finch

Cllr A Wells

Cllr B Newell

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

Cllr P O'brien – Suffolk County Council

#### 69.19 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr E Warham asked for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr G Watts proposed that Cllr E Warham be elected as Chairman, seconded by Cllr A Finch – all in favour. As there were no other nominations, Cllr E Warham was duly elected.

The current Vice Chairman was not present at the meeting therefore it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

#### 70.19 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Parish Councillors who were present at the meeting signed their Acceptance of Office forms, countersigned by the Clerk Mrs A J Buggs.

Cllr L Warham signed her Acceptance of Office form as Chairman of the Parish Council which was countersigned by the Clerk Mrs A J Buggs.

#### 71.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E Lawrence and Cllr R Walters.

#### 72.19 To receive Members' declaration of interest

None

#### 73.19 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were approved as being a true record with the following amendments:

61.19 VAS Sign – Should read "... regarding the VAS sign being fixed on to the bus stop pole".

65.19 Finance

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses March 2019 should read "£371.93".

#### **74.19 Matters arising from the minutes**

All items arising from the minutes form part of the agenda.

#### **75.19 To elect a Chairman and Members of the Planning Committee**

The following councillors were elected as members of the Planning Committee; Cllr G Watts, Cllr A Wells, Cllr E Lawrence, Cllr E Warham, Cllr B Newell and Cllr A Day.

Cllr A Wells proposed, Cllr G Watts as Chairman of the Planning Committee, seconded Cllr A Day – all in favour.

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

Cllr P O'brien – Suffolk County Council

The new Light Rescue Pump fire engine was launched in April 2018. It has the latest firefighting and rescue equipment and has been specifically designed to provide flexible crewing in rural areas of between two and five firefighters. The standard fire appliance usually has four to six firefighters.

Councillor Mathew Hicks was elected as the new leader of SCC on May 24 2018. Councillor Hicks confirmed focus on major infrastructure projects and stressed the need for a co-ordinated and strategic approach with partners.

In July Suffolk County Council's Cabinet approved a plan to invest £6million into upgrading Suffolk's recycling centres.

The plan has earmarked £3m for the Foxhall Recycling Centre – Suffolk's busiest with 20% of all recycling waste in the county – and £1m for Haverhill for "urgent improvements". The plans will see improvements to traffic access at Foxhall and measures to prevent people from having to climb steps to dispose of their waste in the containers.

Construction for improvements is expected to get underway in 2019/20.

Suffolk's tourism trade has seen its biggest boom for a decade. The visitor economy has reached the £2 billion mark for the first time.

Interim figures released in August 2018 by Visit Suffolk showed that tourism grew by at least five per cent in 2017, more than double the year before.

The number of jobs in the county's tourism sector rose by 6 per cent to 42,428; thus 13.6 per cent of all employment in Suffolk is in the tourism sector.

The Care Quality Commission rated Mid Suffolk Home First, provided by SCC, as outstanding

Mid Suffolk Home First, provides a short-term reablement service and a longer-term care service. The reablement and care services support people following a period of ill health or a significant loss

in their ability to manage their day to day care needs. The service aims to help the person reach their optimum level of independence.

The Suffolk Climate Change Partnership received a national award for supporting local communities to be more energy efficient. The Partnership is a collaboration of Suffolk County Council, all Suffolk's borough and district councils and The Environment Agency. It supports the county's communities, businesses and residents to reduce carbon emissions, realise the economic benefits of reducing energy consumption and adapt to the future impacts of climate change. Its work has brought in significant amounts of external funding to Suffolk.

The Sport and Physical Activity sector is very important to Suffolk and contributes £270m a year to the Suffolk economy. Over 10,000 jobs, or 3% of all employment in Suffolk, is provided by this sector and is almost double the proportion seen at national levels.

A report highlights the importance of continuing the drive towards increasing participation in sport and physical activity as a way of both improving productivity and reducing the spend on health and social care. It estimates that a reduction of just 10% in Suffolk employee sickness rates would give the Suffolk economy a boost of £42m annually.

Over the month of January, Suffolk Highways deployed three thermal road repair machines which repaired approximately 1,700 potholes county-wide. This is a more effective and longer-lasting method of repair

The process does not require excavation of the highway, meaning no dust or noise, and better still, no waste material. The result also means there are no surface joints, which can be prone to faster deterioration.

Suffolk has risen in national league tables and 64% of students in Suffolk are now achieving the expected standard in GCSE English and Maths, putting Suffolk in the top half of authorities achieving this standard.

The validated A Level figures confirm that Suffolk pupils have performed well. 98.1% of A Levels taken in the county have been awarded an A\*-E grade, compared to 97.6% nationally.

Suffolk has been at the forefront of fibre broadband rollout, via its Better Broadband for Suffolk Program, since 2010 and currently the county enjoys a superfast broadband coverage of 93%, with the current contract due to reach 98% by 2020. Additional funding from the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs of £1.725ml will contribute towards meeting some of the remaining 2% of the county that is not covered by the existing contracts.

Budget proposals to increase SCC portion of council tax for 2019/20 by 4% were agreed by Full council on February 14th. Transformation of services is currently underway and working with other authorities and public sector partners is key to reducing spend and making services more efficient. Working together in partnership will benefit services enormously.

East Suffolk District Councillors – not present / no report

#### Question Time

None

The meeting was re-convened

## **76.19 Planning**

### a. General

DC/19/1231/FUL Foxburrow Farm Waldringfield Road Brightwell – Change of use of land for use as self-storage facility, including the siting of 272 storage containers.

Although due to issues with the circulation of this application the Parish Council was out of timescale to make comments it was agreed that Cllr G Watts would send the Parish Council's objections to the application due to the nature of the business proposed and its location. **Action: Clerk / Cllr G Watts**

DC/19/1746/FUL Land at Rear of Edenville Bucklesham Purdis Farm Lane – Construction of two storey dwelling house and 1 ½ storey outbuilding to include garage, gym, with studio over.

Cllr G Watts reported that this application had been received by the Parish Council and would be circulated to the Planning Committee.

### Network Rail – Foxhall Crossing

Cllr A Day reported that he had met with Network Rail who have told him that they are going to close the Foxhall Crossing to all traffic and the crossing will only be available to people on foot. Network Rail are planning to implement the changes by Christmas 2019. Traffic will then transfer to the A14.

### b. Brightwell Lakes

Cllr G Watts reported on the up to date position concerning Brightwell Lakes. A Brightwell Lakes Forum meeting has been arranged by Ben Woolnough East Suffolk District Council on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

### c. Local Plan

On the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for examination, under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

### d. Sizewell C

No further update.

## **77.19 Clerks 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.

### Elections 2019

A polite reminder to all councillors. It is your responsibility to complete your election expense form that would have been sent to you by Karen Last following the election. It is also your responsibility to complete the on-line Register of Interests form when you receive it. Please be aware that if you do not complete these two documents you could be liable for a fine. I will ask you to complete the Acceptance of Office Form which will be held by myself.

### Cyber Security

Stephen Baker CEO of East Suffolk Council will be presenting an information session for SALC council members providing a general update on cyber security related issues from both a national and local perspective and to make councils aware of the support that is available.

This FREE event is taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 11.30am at Riverside Centre, Straithe Road, Bungay, NR35 1BF. Refreshments will be available on arrival.

To register your place please let me know.

### Latest News from East Suffolk Council

#### Free Compost to Help Green Fingered Residents

As part of International Compost Awareness Week (Sunday 5 May to Sunday 12 May), the Suffolk Waste Partnership is supporting several initiatives aiming to help residents get composting.

Not only will there be free compost and composting advice from Master Composter Volunteers, there will also be the launch of this year's low cost compost bin promotion.

To coincide with late night opening at Recycling Centres on Thursdays, site staff will be giving away a free 25 litre bag of compost to visitors to any of the 11 sites - between 2pm and 7pm on Thursday 9 May.

Loose soil improver will also be given away for free at one further event. Those attending will need to bring a spade and bags to collect it:

Sunday 5 May, 9am to 3pm (or until stocks last)  
Needham Market Lake, Mill Meadow side Needham Market

Suffolk's Master Composter Volunteers will also be hosting a number of 'Composting Clinics' during the week, to help residents learn how to compost at home and provide free trouble-shooting advice, on the following dates:

Monday 6 May, 11am to 4pm  
Spring Wood Day 2019, Spring Wood, Bobbits Lane, Ipswich.

Wednesday 8 May & Friday 10 May, all 11.30am to 2pm:  
Endeavour House Atrium, Suffolk County Council, Ipswich, IP1 2BX

Sunday 12 May:  
South Suffolk Show, Ampton Racecourse, Ingham, Bury St Edmunds (on A134), 9am to 5pm  
Foxburrow Farm May Fair, Foxburrow Farm, Melton, IP12 1NA, 11am to 4pm

For those interested in making their own compost, the Suffolk Waste Partnership is also launching the fourth year of its successful compost bin promotion, which helps residents buy compost bins and other food digesters at discounted prices. Prices start from only £9.49 for compost bins and £9.99 for food digester systems.

On average, more than a third of the contents of Suffolk's rubbish bins could easily be composted at home. Each household in Suffolk could compost 150kg of organic material a year, turning this waste into free soil improver.

Rob Cole, Suffolk Waste Partnership Manager, said: "Compost Awareness Week is a great time to learn about the many benefits of composting at home.

"It's the cheapest and most environmentally friendly way to deal with organic waste as it requires no transport or processing. Our events and discounted offers are also a great opportunity to get involved, learn more and discover a range of composting systems that hopefully suit most resident's needs and budget."

For details of all the discounted items available to Suffolk households through the offer, and to order, please visit <http://www.getcomposting.com/> or call 0844 571 4444. Order leaflets for discounted compost bins will be available at all events listed. Further details on Compost Awareness Week activities please visit [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk)

#### **78.19 VAS Sign**

Cllr A Finch reported that the VAS sign had been erected and was recording data. Discussions took place over the position of the VAS in Brightwell. It was agreed that Cllr A Finch would investigate and send proposed locations to Suffolk County Council Highways. **Action: Cllr A Finch**

#### **79.19 To discuss the CIL receipts allocated to Foxhall because of the Straight Road Development**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had still not received any feedback from David Chenery Suffolk County Council regarding the improvements to signage etc in Straight Road. The Clerk was asked to write to Patricia O'Brien Suffolk County Council asking whether she had received any feedback. It was agreed that Cllr A Finch should contact Sgt Street Safer Neighbourhood Team to discuss. **Action: Clerk / Cllr A Finch**

#### **80.19 Cameras Straight Road Foxhall**

Cllr R Walters was not present at the meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr R Walters asking for information about the cameras in Straight Road Foxhall. **Action: Clerk / Cllr R Walters**

#### **81.19 Finance**

##### **Income**

None

##### **Expenditure**

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses April 2019 £329.42

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

**82.19 To receive the accounts for the year 2018/2019**

The Clerk had previously distributed a copy of the year-end accounts to each councillor and presented the accounts for 2018/2019 to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr A Wells seconded Cllr A Finch that the year-end accounts 2018/2019 – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

The Parish Council considered Parish Council reserves and agreed as follows:

New seat for Foxhall Village (picnic table with seating)	£1,000.00
Bus Shelter Bucklesham Road	£3,000.00
Straight Road Improvements (improve signage on Straight Road and improve passing bays)	£12,000.00

**Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019**

The Clerk outlined the responsibility of Brightwell Foxhall & Purdis Farm Group Parish Council to ensure that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. It was proposed by Cllr A Wells seconded Cllr A Finch that the Chairman signs Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019 on behalf of Brightwell Foxhall & Purdis Farm Group Parish Council – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

**83.19 Correspondence**

- a. Cllr A Day reported that he had received a copy of a letter from Mrs Mayhew.

**84.19 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk**

- b. Cllr A Day reported that he had a meeting with Network Rail to discuss the Foxhall crossing.

**85.19 Members questions to the Chairman**

- a. Cllr A Day reported that the local residents in the Felixstowe Road area of Foxhall would like to set up a Safer Neighbourhood Scheme in the area.

**86.19 Date of next meeting**

**Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.07 pm**

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

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