

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park, Felixstowe Road at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 13th November 2019

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman

Cllr G Watts

Cllr A Wells

Cllr R Walters

Cllr B Newell

Cllr A Finch

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

Cllr Chris Blundell – East Suffolk Council

Cllr Patricia O'brien – Suffolk County Council

150.19 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Edmunds, Cllr E Lawrence and Cllr A Day. Cllr R Walters stated that he would not be able to attend the next three Parish Council meetings due to an extended holiday and the Parish Council agreed to grant leave of absence for attendance at Parish Council meetings. **Action: Clerk**

151.19 To receive Members' declaration of interest

None

152.19 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th October 2019 were approved as being a true record.

153.19 Matters arising from the minutes

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It was noted that the base for the new bus shelter has been installed.

Page 1 – 131.19 Members questions to the Chairman – Repairs to Brightwell Sign

Cllr Wells reported that Richard Berry had carried out the repairs to Brightwell Sign at a cost of £1,030.00. Cllr Wells was requested to ask Richard Berry to send a copy of the estimate to the Clerk. **Action: Cllr A Wells / Clerk**

The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

Cllr P O'brien – Suffolk County Council - written report received.

On 4th October I chaired the Police & Crime Panel that provided an update on the financial position, how the precepts are used; The Annual Report that set out a review of activities undertaken in 2018-19; Objective 2 “Caring about victims” -steps to improve victim satisfaction; Roads policing – initiatives to improve road safety; Rules of Procedure relating to a draft of panel arrangements. On November 5th I will be having an informal meeting with Tim Passmore, Police & Crime Commissioner.

I was part of a very interesting and informative meeting of town, parish, district and county councillors with First Buses on 29th October to discuss the changes and bus cuts that have come into effect. - Most concerning was that First had not informed parishes, towns and councillors of their changes. - The meeting certainly alerted to our need to be told and it was agreed that in future consultation was most important and that regular meetings would take place. The meeting concluded in a far more contented atmosphere.

Changes to Cabinet have taken place and created closer links between key policy areas.

In the reshuffle:

- Councillor Mary Evans remains as Deputy Leader and moves into the role of Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills.
- Councillor Gordon Jones moves into the role of Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources.
- Councillor Andrew Reid joins the Cabinet as Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs.
Councillor Nick Gowrley takes on additional responsibility for the County Council’s property portfolio and assets, in addition to his responsibilities as Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Housing and Enterprise.
- Councillor Richard Rout takes on responsibility for the council’s policy on Sizewell C, in addition and linked to his role as Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection.

All other Cabinet positions remain the same.

The Suffolk Roadsafe board is working with 16 and 17-year-old students to encourage young people to stay safe on Suffolk’s roads.

The Suffolk Roadsafe board is a partnership between Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Suffolk Constabulary, Highways England, and the East of England Ambulance Service.

The Road Safety Team’s Braking Point project will be visiting 20 schools across Suffolk to deliver the Braking Point play. The play, delivered by Performance in Education, is designed to encourage the safe behaviours of both drivers and passengers.

Follow-up sessions in schools, which will continue to run into 2020. These sessions are designed to change student behaviour by normalising sensible decision making on the highway.

Find out more information about Braking Point on the Suffolk Roadsafe website.

The DfT announced funding for Highway Improvements from the Housing Infrastructure Fund and £19.75m has been allocated for improvements to the A12 at Brightwell

- A12 Access Junction
- West Ipswich Road junction improvements

- Adastral Park Roundabout improvements
- Spine and Branch Road including associated cut and fill
- Utility Network Extension
- A12/A14 Roundabout improvements
- Foxhall Roundabout improvements
- Martlesham Roundabout improvements
- Barrack Square Improvements

Cllr C Blundell – East Suffolk Council

East Suffolk Business and Community Award Winners 2019

The 2019 East Suffolk Business & Community Awards took place on 3rd October at The Hanger, Kesgrave Hall. Organised by East Suffolk Council, the awards celebrated a vast array of business and community successes and initiatives from the last 18 months.

This year saw a record number of entries for the awards, with over 60 businesses and groups represented on the night – alongside many individual finalists and distinguished guests.

A total of thirteen awards were presented throughout the evening, covering categories including Customer Focus, Services to the Community, People Development, Encouraging Tourism and Business Growth. The winners received an eco-friendly wooden trophy and all the finalists were given a bottle of prosecco with their certificates. To see all the winners, go to: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/2019-east-suffolk-business-and-community-award-winners/

Community Partnership workshops up and running

The first Community Partnerships (CPs) workshops are underway and are taking place during the next few weeks. Community Partnerships are an innovative new way for the Council, partners and communities to work together to ‘bring ideas to life’ by taking a solution-focussed approach to local priorities.

There are eight CPs based on natural groupings of communities and each will have a £10,000 budget in 2019/20 with £25,000 per year for the next three years to be spent against one or more priority agreed by that Partnership. In addition, there is a strategic budget of £150,000 in 2019/20 and £300,000 a year for the next three years, overseen by the Strategic Community Partnership Board, that CPs can bid into.

The partnership meeting for the Kesgrave, Rushmere, Martlesham and Purdis Farm together with Carlford and Fynn Valley area took place on Tuesday 29 October 2019 at Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre and the consensus outcome by that group was that there should be a ‘Reduction in Social Isolation’. Second on the preferred list was ‘Environmental Care/Sustainable Transport’ followed by ‘Traffic and Road Safety’ and ‘Support People to Age well e.g. health / activities / money’.

When all the area partnership meetings have been completed there will be a Partnership Board Meeting to review all the area’s priorities and a decision will be made on where best to place the £10k to be most effective for the current financial year.

Remaining workshop dates:

Framlingham and Wickham Market - Thursday 14 November
Carlton Colville, Kessingland and Southwold - Wednesday 20 November
Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham - Thursday 28 November

Changes to carton recycling

Earlier this year, the Suffolk Waste Partnership – which comprises Suffolk County Council and the district and borough councils – took the decision to remove cartons and Tetra-paks from the list of materials that could be placed in household recycling bins. New industry regulations require cartons to be sorted separately from cardboard and cartons should now be taken to local recycling centres. More details about what can and cannot be recycled in household bins can be found here: www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/features/recycling-in-suffolk/

East Suffolk to host Cyclo-cross World Championships

The Union Cycliste International (UCI) announced in early October that Trinity Park in East Suffolk will host the 2021 and 2022 editions of the UCI Masters Cyclo-cross World Championships.

Suffolk has a strong track record of delivering major cyclo-cross events, including three national championships, an edition of the European Championships and numerous events registered on the UCI International Cyclo-cross Calendar. Most recently, the venue played host to round five of the 2018/19 HSBC UK | Cyclo-cross National Trophy Series.

The exact dates of the championships will be announced later this year.

Gold award of Greenhouse Café

Following an assessment by East Suffolk Council's Food and Safety Team, the Greenhouse Café on Orwell Road in Felixstowe has been given a Gold 'Eat Out, Eat Well' award. This is the highest accreditation available through the 'Eat Out, Eat Well' scheme, run by Public Health Suffolk (Suffolk County Council) and supported by district councils.

The award, which recognises the café's commitment to offering healthier options and promoting the importance of a healthy lifestyle, was presented by Cllr Mary Rudd, Cabinet Member for Community Health.

The scheme, along with its partner scheme designed especially for takeaway businesses 'Take Out, Eat Well', support local businesses in making it easier for customers to buy healthier food and drinks. Businesses who apply for either scheme will receive a visit from the Council's Environmental Health Officers who will inspect the premises and assess against criteria based on the principles of a healthy diet.

Since being launched in 2016, over 40 businesses in East Suffolk have received 'Eat Out, Eat Well' awards with a further 13 businesses in the district receiving 'Take Out, Eat Well' awards.

East Suffolk Business Festival returns this Monday

East Suffolk Business Festival returns on Monday, 4th November, following its successful launch last year. This year's festival will focus on communication, collaboration and positive promotion with a packed two-week programme of business and training events taking place across the whole district.

Nick Looby, owner of Feet on the round whose clients include BBC and Disney, kicks off the festival at 7.30am on Monday in Lowestoft. The breakfast event will include presentations and workshops that will enable delegates to take a positive and creative approach to problem-solving and maximising opportunities in their local area.

The first ever Business Festival was held in 2018 and saw over 1,100 people attend 31 events, over 120 people attend training sessions and over 57 people receiving one-to-one business advice during the 10-day programme.

For more information and to view the full programme, please see the dedicated festival website at www.eastsuffolkbusinessfestival.org

A new future for the East Anglian fishing industry

The Renaissance of the East Anglia Fisheries (REAF) launched its strategy to rejuvenate the fishing industry along the East Anglian coast in an event hosted by Peter Aldous, MP at Palace of Westminster on 16th October.

The strategy presents a template for revitalising East Anglia's fishing industry and spells out the opportunities presented across all sectors of the industry. It was born of a unique community-led partnership between three local authorities, the local fishing industry, government agencies and a major port operator.

In attendance was Minister of State, George Eustice, MP, Shadow Minister, Luke Pollard, MP, representatives from the fishing industry across East Anglia as well as an assortment of non-government agencies

The REAF project is a partnership between East Suffolk Council, Norfolk County Council, Suffolk County Council, Lowestoft Fish Market Alliance, SEAFISH, Associated British Ports, and New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership with a wide-ranging number of views and input from across the fishing sector supply chain. It is chaired by Peter Aldous, MP and was founded on the belief that the local fishing industry and the coastal communities in East Anglia should be able to enjoy the benefits of the rich fisheries off their coast. To request a copy of the strategy, please email reaf@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Dog owner fined for failing to clear up after pet

An East Suffolk resident who failed to clean up after his dog has been made to pay more than £1,000 following a court hearing.

East Suffolk Council brought a prosecution against Mr Anthony Mason for breaching a Public Space Protection Order, under Section 67(1) of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Mr Mason did not attend the hearing at Ipswich Magistrates' Court on Monday 14th October however the Court granted permission to proceed in his absence and found the offences proved.

Earlier this year, Mr Mason was seen on two separate occasions in Wivesham allowing his dog to foul in a public area without making any attempt to clean up afterwards. Mr Mason was found guilty of two similar offences in 2018 and was ordered to pay £600.

Considering these previous offences, the Council fined Mr Mason £550 for the two most recent offences, as well as £450 in costs and a £30 victim surcharge.

Runners raise over £1,000 for charity

Runners, joggers and walkers of all ages and abilities took part in the 2019 Honour Run, which returned to Rendlesham Forest on Sunday 20th October.

Over 160 people took part and raised a total of £1,010.73 for the Suffolk British Poppy Appeal, which supports serving and ex-serving men and women in the armed forces.

The event was organised by East Suffolk Council and Suffolk British Legion, with support from the Forestry Commission and Rock Barracks. Thanks also to local businesses and organisations for their involvement and contributions to the goodie bags, given to every finisher. Participants also received an Honour Run medal, kindly supported by Poppy Nursing.

Diary dates

- 5th November: 6.30pm – Cabinet (Riverside)
- 12th November: 2pm – Committee North (Riverside)
- 18th November: 6.30pm – Audit and Governance Committee (ESH)
- 26th November: 2pm – Planning Committee South (ESH)
- 27th November: 6.30pm – Full Cabinet (Riverside)
- Please note that due to the National Elections the Full Council Meeting of the East Suffolk Council due to be held on Wednesday 27th November 2019 has been cancelled.

On a personal note

As a member of the ES Planning Committee (South) I am not permitted to discuss planning applications through lobbying. However, I do wish to continue to receive comments from all concerned by email and if appropriate I will respond.

Unfortunately, over recent months my wife has become seriously ill which is now having an effect on my ability to respond as quickly and as often as I would like to residents.

Finally, I still have some funds left in my budget for this financial year and I would like the Parish to consider possible new projects for the forthcoming financial year.

The meeting was re-convened

154.19 Planning

Cllr G Watts reported on the following planning applications.

DC/19/3434/AGO Woodhouse Foxhall – Prior notification – new agricultural storage/workshop building – Refused

Application had been refused as historically the land had not been used for agriculture.

DC/19/2914/FUL 99 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm – Replacement dwelling – Refused

Applicants have reapplied for Planning Permission.

DC/19/0992/OUT The Bungalow High Trees Foxhall.

This application went to appeal but was turned down.

DC/19/1222/FUL The Moorings Felixstowe Road Foxhall -Garaging to frontage and associated works.

This application went to appeal but was turned down.

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

This application is going to appeal.

DC/19/4197/FUL Pinetrees Purdis Farm Lane Purdis Farm – Demolition of existing bungalow, construction of 4 new dwelling and associated garages, parking, access and landscaping.

Cllr Watts to compose an objection by the deadline of the 19th November 2019.

DC/19/4114/FUL Greenbank Purdis Avenue Purdis – Erection of double garage (resubmission of planning permission DC/16/0285/FUL - Pending

155.19 Theft of Lead Purdis Farm

The Clerk reported that there has been a spate of theft of lead cladding from private dwellings. The police are asking residents to be vigilant.

156.19 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.

Technical Consultation on Local Government Finance

The government is not proposing to extend council tax referendum principles to local councils in 2020/2021.

Council Tax Support Consultation

Letter from East Suffolk Council:

As a local stakeholder I would like to invite you to take part in a consultation on a proposed change to East Suffolk Council's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme. The plans aim to provide greater certainty to people claiming Universal Credit.

Our current scheme means working-age people who access support because of a low income can claim up to 91.5% off their Council Tax, depending on their individual circumstances. However, as people claiming Universal Credit have an income that can rise and fall each month based on their

latest earnings from employment, under the existing scheme the amount of Council Tax people are expected to pay can also regularly rise and fall.

To provide people with more certainty over their Council Tax bills, we are proposing that people claiming Universal Credit will not see a change in their Council Tax unless their weekly income changes by more than £15, or £65 in a month.

The proposed change would not apply to people who have reached state pension age or are not on Universal Credit as other provisions achieve similar outcomes.

The new approach would mean that small changes in income would not trigger a reassessment of Council Tax support, nor a revised Council Tax bill, so Universal Credit claimants know how much their Council Tax will be and can more easily manage their finances.

While the change is expected to help the vast majority of claimants, the proposals also make provision for people who may be disadvantaged by a single change by giving East Suffolk Council the flexibility to not apply the new £15 tolerance rule on a case-by-case basis.

For example, if a Universal Credit claimant has a single change in the year where their income falls by less than £15 a week, their Council Tax support will remain the same despite their reduction in earnings. In such cases, the person's Council Tax support could be reassessed at the end of the year, based on their actual level of income.

Further, for Universal Credit customers, East Suffolk Council intends to change when it assesses entitlement to Council Tax support from DWP notification that a Universal Credit claim has been made to when DWP notifies the actual award. The effect of this is to avoid correcting awards, whilst ensuring they are correct first time, which is seen as beneficial for customers and does not have any financial impact.

If you'd like to comment on these proposals, please take part in our consultation which runs until 3 November 2019. It is accessible at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/counciltaxreductionscheme or in paper copy at the Marina Centre in Lowestoft and Woodbridge Library.

Results from the consultation will be taken into account before the final proposal is put forward for consideration by Councillors in early 2020. If agreed, the change would come into effect from April next year.

SALC AGM

The SALC AGM will be held on Tuesday 26 November 2019 at Blackbourne Community Centre, Elmswell, IP30 9UH. The evening will commence with registration from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. The annual report, agenda and minutes of last year's AGM will be circulated to the clerk next week.

To book your place, please follow this link to Eventbrite (a separate booking is needed per delegate) The password to book is: *AGM2019*.

VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations

The VE Day 75 weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020, will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions at home and abroad who played such a vital part in achieving it. This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave

their lives or were physically and mentally injured; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others safeguarded the home front.

SSAFA the Armed Forces Charity - which has been supporting service personnel, veterans and their families since 1885 - is the charity partner for this series of VE Day 75 commemorative events.

157.19 VAS Sign

Cllr Finch reported that the VAS sign is working well and the two batteries are both in working order. Cllr Finch said that he would be moving from Foxhall in the Near Year. Cllr Walters offered to take on the task of maintaining the VAS sign and moving it to the different locations. **Action: Cllr R Walters / Cllr A Finch**

157.19 To discuss the repair of the Parish Council Notice Boards

The Clerk reported that she had sent pictures of the Murrills Road Notice Board to the makers requesting advice on how to carry out repairs required. **Action: Clerk**

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

The Clerk reported that Cllr Day is waiting for a cost for carrying out a full survey of the road. Cllr Day is recommending that the Parish Council agree to the having a full survey carried out as without the survey the Parish Council will not know the costs for the layby work. It was agreed that the Clerk should request a cost for the full survey to be carried out by Suffolk County Council Highways. **Action: Clerk**

159.19 Suffolk Community Partnerships – Initial Meeting – Attended by Cllr P Edmunds and Cllr B Newell

Report by Cllr P Edmunds:

The meeting was led by Steve Gallant the leader for East Suffolk Council. The aim of the community partnerships is to feed local knowledge of needs/issues back up to the Council and funding for local projects back down.

The Community Partnerships will meet quarterly from 2020. There will be an initial £10k per CP in year 19/20, then £25K per year for next 3 years.

In addition, each of East Suffolk's 55 Councillors are all given an additional £7.5k per year to spend. Also, strategic funding for larger projects of £150k (19/20) and then £300k per year for the next three years which each CP would bid for, if there is a project that requires funding.

We went through a lot of statistics for our CP vs East Suffolk as a whole, although a lot of the statistics were for Kesgrave and we did point out that the figures really needed breaking down a bit further.

The areas covered included (my list is not exhaustive) the following; income deprivation, employment deprivation, obesity, mental health, dementia, children in care, social isolation, housing and poor conditions, climate change, environment and plastic usage.

The areas that kept coming up in different forms for our own CP were mainly around the following:

- Mental Health – particularly amongst children and adolescents
- The environment – whether it's climate, plastic, air quality
- Obesity and lack of exercise
- Social isolation amongst the young and the elderly
- Access to good employment prospects

160.19 To discuss the repairs to Brightwell Village Sign

Cllr Wells reported that the repairs to Brightwell Village Sign had been carried out by Richard Berry at a cost of £1030. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a quotation for the work which had been carried out. **Action: Clerk / Cllr A Wells**

161.19 Parish Council Meeting Dates 2020

The Parish Council agreed the following meeting dates for 2020.

Wednesday, 8th January 2020

Wednesday, 12th February 2020

Wednesday, 11th March 2020

Wednesday, 8th April 2020

Wednesday, 13th May 2020 (Annual Parish Meeting / Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Wednesday, 10th June 2020

Wednesday, 8th July 2020

Wednesday, 9th September 2020

Wednesday, 14th October 2020

Wednesday, 12th November 2020

Wednesday, 9th December 2020

Clerk to confirm dates with Trinity Park. **Action: Clerk**

162.19 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses October 2019	£303.84
Suffolk County Council Highways Survey Straight Road	£456.00
OneSuffolk Community Action Suffolk Web Hosting	£60.00

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

163.19 Correspondence

None

164.19 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk

a. Cllr B Newell reported she had attended the Community Meeting as previously reported.

165.19 Members questions to the Chairman

None

166.19 Date of next meeting

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, 11th December 2019

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25 pm

Signed..... Date

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