

## 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, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman

Cllr A Day

Cllr G Watts

Cllr A Finch

Cllr A Wells

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr R Walters

Cllr B Newell

Cllr P Edmunds

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

1 member of the public

#### **117.19 Apologies for absence**

None

#### **118.19 To receive Members' declaration of interest**

None

#### **119.19 To discuss the co-option of new councillors for Foxhall**

The Clerk reported that she had received an application from Polly Edmunds to join the Parish Council as a councillor for Foxhall Parish which had been circulated to all councillors. Cllr Walters proposed, seconded Cllr Wells that Polly Edmunds be appointed as a councillor for Foxhall – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

#### **120.19 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were approved as being a true record.

#### **121.19 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

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

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

Communities are being invited to have their say on the Green Access Strategy – Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

The plan, which looks at rights of way access up until 2026, details why green access is so relevant to Suffolk's population and its visitors, and it focuses on how green access can benefit quality of life.

On 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010, an event was held at one of Suffolk's most sustainable business centres to celebrate the carbon reduction efforts of new 400 Suffolk and Norfolk businesses.

Lord Deben, founder of Suffolk's Creating and Greenest County partnership in 2007, was a guest speaker.

Professor Nic Bury, Professor of Environmental Toxicology at the University of Suffolk, was also a guest speaker at the event and said

"This event recognises the excellent work businesses in Suffolk are making in reducing their carbon footprint to Create the Greenest County. These organisations are inspirational and show what can be achieved. We face numerous environmental issues, widespread environmental pollution and biodiversity loss."

On the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019, the Ipswich Northern Route Consultation began. Eleven drop-in sessions were held throughout July where members of the public could find out about the project and speak with the team.

The three potential routes for a new east/west link between the A12 and A14 corridors are:

- An inner corridor from Martlesham to Claydon
- A middle corridor from Woodbridge to
- An outer corridor from Melton to the A140 near Needham Market.

The consultation information and questionnaire are available at [www.ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk](http://www.ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk) and the consultation will run until Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

I attended a meeting in Woodbridge on 22<sup>nd</sup> August run by the Campaign to STOP the Ipswich Northern Route. Dan Poulter spoke and the two leaders of the campaign.

I am against this ill thought out proposal which appears to be solely to cure the hold ups /accidents associated with the Orwell Bridge. A simple solution, presented by many voices, is to place high barriers along the bridge or to stop high vehicles using when there is a high wind!

I had a phone call from Paul Geater (EADT) to tell me the news that Gladman Development had withdrawn their proposal for 2,700 houses between Purdis and Bucklesham. He asked for my reaction and I am pleased that he quoted 'I just hope this withdrawal is for good – and that it is not something that comes back to the council again in a different form'.

Local budget available.

Cllr E Thompson – East Suffolk Council – no report received.

Cllr C Blundell – East Suffolk Council – no report received.

Councillors requested the Clerk to write to East Suffolk District Councillors stating they would appreciate confirmation or otherwise of their intention to attend our meetings and would also

appreciate a written report just as Patricia does and their predecessor did, whether or not they attend. **Action: Clerk**

### Questions

1. When will the bus shelter be installed adjacent to the Golf Club on Bucklesham Road? Cllr Walters reported that the shelter is ready for the engineer to start erecting it. Cllr Walters stated he would contact Suffolk County Council again. **Action: Cllr Walters**
2. The Foxhall Road / Bell Lane / Monument Farm Lane Crossroads is surrounded by saplings. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Kesgrave Parish Council to investigate as it is in Kesgrave Parish. **Action: Clerk**
3. The Parish Council discussed with the resident shooting in the Foxhall area.

The meeting was re-convened

### **122.19 Planning**

#### a. General

DC/19/2233/FUL 168 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm – Reconstruction of conservatory to create a larger garden room to rear of property. East Suffolk Council – approved.

DC/19/2442/FUL 188 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm – Single storey side extension to provide wetroom facilities. East Suffolk Council – approved.

DC/19/0992/OUT The Bungalow High Trees Foxhall – Demolition of building and erection of new two storey dwelling. East Suffolk Council – Refused.

DC/19/2244/FUL Lynestone 57 Woodrush Road Purdis Farm – To build a brick wall with iron work, around the perimeter of the front garden. East Suffolk Council – Refused. Cllr Lawrence reported that the footings have already been put in.

DC/19/2817/FUL Pinetrees Purdis Farm Lane Purdis Farm – Demolition of existing bungalow, construction of 4 new dwellings and associated garages, parking, access and landscaping. East Suffolk Council – Refused.

DC/19/3424/AGO Woodhouse Woodhouse Lane Foxhall – Prior notification – new agricultural storage/workshop building. Cllr Watts reported that the application does not need formal planning permission, but the farmer needs to inform the Planning Officer. We cannot object to this application because the farmer can develop the land if it is for agricultural use.

#### b. Sizewell 'C'

Cllr Watts reported that the consultation document had been circulated but no comments have been received. Councillors discussed the options and Cllr Watts said the Parish Council may wish to make comments before the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Watts / Clerk**

#### c. Brightwell Lakes

Nothing to report.

d. Orwell Green Outline Planning Application No DC/19/1988/OUT

The Orwell Green planning application has been withdrawn. A report is being prepared by Ben Woolnough. Every consultee objected to the application. If Gladman put a revised application in within a year, there would be no extra charge.

### **123.19 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.

#### Restocking of Grit Bins

Last year, Suffolk Highways introduced a new 'Grit Bin Guidance and Application Procedure'. As part of continual service improvement, the suitability of this process has been reviewed. Taking onboard feedback received, a working group of councillors (led by Cllr Mary Evans) has assessed the current documentation and made a number of changes. A revised version of the existing form has been attached to this email for your reference.

Some notable amendments include the ability for town and parish councils to submit one application for multiple bin locations (we previously required one per site) and the introduction of a review process to evaluate any refusal decisions. It is anticipated that these changes, among others, will make it easier to request a new grit bin in the future. In addition to this, town and parish councils will now be able to request a grit bin refill (following the first restock of the season) using our online reporting tool; by plotting the location of an empty grit bin on our website's mapping system, reporters will also be able to monitor the progress of their requests.

Suffolk Highways is now restocking all grit bins in preparation for any severe weather. It is therefore important that our records are up to date so that we can identify every bin that is a) on the highway and b) needs refilling. For this reason, we would like to request your assistance in ensuring Suffolk is 'winter ready'. We ask that you please inspect all of your grit bins and plot their locations on a map, and recording whether or not they need restocking. This plan can either be hand written or produced electronically, but must be accurate enough for us to clearly identify your bin locations.

The restocking of grit bins documented within our own records will commence mid-September. It would be very helpful if you could submit your information to us before this date, so that we can ensure that all your bins are filled in preparation for the winter months. Maps and current stock levels can either be emailed directly to the Winter & Cyclical Works Team via [winterandcyclicworks@suffolkhighways.org](mailto:winterandcyclicworks@suffolkhighways.org) or sent via post, FAO the Winter & Cyclical Works Team at Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NP.

Councillors agreed that none of the bins in the parishes needed replenishment of stocks. Clerk to notify Suffolk County Council Highways. **Action: Clerk**

#### Sizewell C – Together Against Sizewell C

Email sent to all Parish Clerks as follows (a copy has been sent to each councillor)

Together Against Sizewell C request that you forward a copy of this email on to each of the council members. Should you require a pdf copy of the documents below or paper copies then please let me know.

Together Against Sizewell C have arranged for the screening of "The French Nuclear Trap", a film produced by Patrick Benquet, which examines the background behind EDF's decision to embark on the projects to build twin nuclear reactors at Sizewell, Suffolk and Hinkley Point, Somerset. Sizewell C would be the largest development project that may ever possibly occur in Suffolk and because of its impact on residents, farms, businesses, designated landscapes, marine environment, water levels, mains water, protected species and flora and fauna generally, TASC feel that all aspects of this development should be robustly examined. TASC would welcome your attendance at this free event, details of which you will find in the flyer below.

TASC Chairman, Pete Wilkinson, will introduce the film. He recently had a letter published in the East Anglia Daily Times setting out some of our concerns with the proposed Sizewell C construction project. In case you missed this letter I have replicated it below and would appreciate if you could read and consider the issues raised.

TASC are aware that there are still so many unanswered questions about the Sizewell C project, despite the fact we are into EDF's fourth consultation, so would be happy to arrange for a TASC representative to speak at one of your council meetings. Please let me know if you would like to take up this offer so we can make the appropriate arrangements.

#### **124.19 VAS Sign**

Cllr Finch reported that he would be moving the VAS to a new location shortly and will be auditing the data. **Action: Cllr Finch**

#### **125.19 To discuss the CIL receipts allocated to Foxhall because of the Straight Road development**

Cllr Day reported that he had a meeting last week with Suffolk County Council Highways which had been extremely helpful. Straight Road had been discussed at great length and possible options had been considered. SCC Highways have suggested putting in a 24/7 speed camera close to the Hollies development to monitor the speed of traffic. The cost of the monitoring would be £350.00. Cllr Warham proposed, seconded Cllr Finch that the Parish Council agree a budget of £350.00 to cover the cost of the monitoring – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

David Chenery has suggested that it would be possible to formalise the passing places; two north bound and two south bound. The passing places would be tarmacked but the cost would be between £5,000 and £8,000. It had been suggested that Cllr Patricia O'Brien has a highways budget where some money could be available.

#### **126.19 Cameras Straight Road Foxhall**

Cllr Walters said he had caught two men fly tipping tyres into the river. He had challenged them and requested that they remove the tyres which they did.

#### **127.19 To discuss installing defibrillators**

The Clerk reported that she had contact J Sainsburys regarding a defibrillator on the outside of the store however they already have a defibrillator inside the store therefore they did not feel

appropriate to install a second one. Following discussion councillors decided to take this item off the agenda. **Action: Clerk**

### 128.19 Finance

#### Income

None

#### Expenditure

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses July 2019	£284.00
A J Buggs Salary and Expenses August 2019	£304.20
East Suffolk Council Election Costs	£87.04
Cllr A Day Travelling Expenses to Suffolk County Council	£11.25
Community Action Suffolk Insurance	£274.40

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

### 129.19 Correspondence

None

### 130.19 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk

- a. Cllr Day reported that a Neighbourhood Watch Group has been established in Felixstowe Road and he had been invited to one of their group meetings. He said that he had found it very useful to have the opportunity to contact members of the group.

### 131.19 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. It was agreed that Cllr Wells would contact Richard Berry to obtain an estimate of the work which needs to be done on the Brightwell Village Sign. **Action: Cllr Wells**
- b. Cllr Finch reported that trees to the entrance to the Hollies development have been chopped down and a flower border planted on the entrance way which is on Straight Road which comes right up to the road.

### 132.19 Date of next meeting

**Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15 pm**

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

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

