

## **BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at Trinity Park at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Present

Cllr E Warham – Chairman

Cllr A Day

Cllr G Watts

Cllr A Finch

Cllr B Newell

Cllr R Walters

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

Cllr P O'brien – Suffolk County Council

2 members of the public

#### **16.19 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E Lawrence, Cllr A Wells and Cllr Nicky Yeo District Councillor.

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

None

#### **18.19 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved as being a true record.

#### **19.19 Matters arising from the minutes**

The Clerk reported that all items arising from the minutes were itemised on the agenda.

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

Cllr P O'brien – Suffolk County Council

As previously reported SCC faces significant financial challenges in delivering frontline services and will need to make savings. One of the areas is that of Citizens Advice Bureau. At present SCC provides grant funding to CAB and it is proposed to remove this funding. However, it is recommended that the reduction be phased, that it will be reduced by half to £184,000 in 2019/20 before ending in 2020/21. This was agreed at the Cabinet meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

The Police & Crime Panel, which I chair, agreed the appointment of Steven Jupp, proposed by the Police Commissioner, as the new Chief Constable for Suffolk. Steven Jupp has an impressive service record of 32 years with several forces, including the Met. He also is a former Deputy Chief Constable of Suffolk so knows the county well.

The government has given police commissioners the power to increase the policing element of the council tax by £2 a month from April. Importantly it will mean an extra 29 police officers and 69 police staff,45 shared with Norfolk. The Panel considered The PCC's proposed Precept for 2019/20 on 25.1.20. The Panel noted that two Options had been considered by the PCC in determining the precept. The Panel was informed that a decision to implement the proposal of Option 2 (an increase of 12.6787% or just less than £24 per annum for Band D) would result in additional funding of £3m more than Option 1 and would provide the necessary funding to deliver a balanced budget in 2019-20. The Panel also sought assurances about timescales for achieving the improvements from the additional £3m which would be provided by Option 2. On a vote being taken, the Panel agreed by a majority of 11 for and 1 against, to support the PCC's proposal to increase the precept by 12.6787% in 2019-20.

An Inter-governmental Study is being carried out re wind speed on the Orwell Bridge. The objective is to determine what can be done to manage traffic, particularly lorries, when speeds are high.

Good news re pothole repairs. Nu-phalt thermal pothole repair machines have begun to be used and this means that potholes can be repaired during winter months.

Across the country all councils are facing the considerable challenge of managing their budget; SCC is no exception. Demand continues to grow and containing spending within agreed limits, whilst at the same time maintaining services, is increasingly demanding.

Budget proposals to increase SCC portion of the council tax for 2019/20 by 4% were agreed by the Cabinet on 29th January and will come before Full Council on February 14th for ratification.

SCC Cabinet agreed recommendations to move forward with creating more specialist education places in Suffolk. The recommendations include 3 new specialist schools and 36 specialist units attached to existing mainstream schools. This will create over 800 new specialist places in county.

Sizewell C consultation was launched 4th January and runs until 29th March. The consultation seeks views on the development required to enable construction, such as road and rail improvements in the area.

Cllr Nicky Yeo Suffolk Coastal District Council – no report

### Question Time

Two members of the public attended the meeting expressing their concerns regarding CEG and the boundary of their property and the removal of the screening. The Parish Council gave support to the residents on how they should deal with the situation. Cllr Newell stated that a Brightwell Lakes forum meeting had not been held recently and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Ben Woolnough Major Sites and Infrastructure Manager East Suffolk Councils – Suffolk Coastal and Waveney requesting that a meeting be held. It was agreed that Cllr Day would draft a letter to Ben Woolnough regarding Sheepdrift Farm. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Newell / Cllr Day**

The meeting was re-convened

## **20.19 Planning**

a. General

### Homebase

Cllr Watts reported that there are three planning applications relating to the Homebase site;

DC/19/0068/OUT Hybrid Application - Outline permission for the erection of a class D2 (Health & Fitness) unit and associated works. Full planning permission for the relocation of garden centre and external works to current retail unit – Pending. Suffolk County Council Highways have objected to this application as the proposed parking is considered to be too small.

DC/18/4248/OUT 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; DC/18/5162/FUL Full Planning Permission for the demolition of the external conservatory, relocation of garden centre and external works to current retail unit - Approved.

DC/19/0092/FUL 21 Warren Heath Avenue Purdis Farm – Rear extension with internal alterations plus new garage – Pending

The Parish Council objected to this application as councillors believed the nature and size of the alterations to the property mean that the resultant building will be out of character with the existing properties in that part of Warren Heath Avenue. It may also be considered to be over dominant which would impact on the neighbouring properties outlook and general enjoyment of their private amenity space.

b. Brightwell Lakes

New speed limits of 50 mph in Foxhall Road.

c. Local Plan

Cllr Watts reported that no significant changes have been made from the draft submitted in Summer 2018. There are no plans to have any development in our parishes in terms of houses. There is a proposal for a business development on Ransomes.

d. Sizewell C

The Sizewell C consultation document has been circulated to all councillors. The Parish Council have been offered the opportunity to have a presentation about it by Sizewell C personnel. Cllr Newell reported that she had attended a public meeting in Woodbridge and booklets had been available. Cllr Newell reported on the various options available. The consultation will finish on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

e. Orwell Green Garden Village

Cllr Watts reported that Orwell Green does not form part of the Local Plan. The developers are undertaking drainage testing. The developers are still trying to arrange a meeting with the Foxhall Pools Land or Fuel Allotment Charity.

Cllr Day proposed that if the Clerk has any further contact from Gladmans that they should be told to present us with dates, organise a venue and also pay for a venue, seconded Cllr Warham – all in favour.

## **21.19 Foxhall General Purposes Charity**

The Clerk reported that unfortunately she had been made aware that the Foxhall General Purposes Charity which the Parish Council believed had been wound up in 1979 (date provided by Cllr Wells) but in fact this had never been done, and the Charity is still active in terms of the Charity Commission. Following discussion Cllr Watts proposed, seconded Cllr Walters that the Clerk write to the Charity Commission informing them of the mix up over the charity and formally requesting that the charity be wound up. **Action: Clerk**

#### **22.19 To discuss grit/dog/rubbish bins**

Cllr Lawrence was not present at the meeting therefore it was agreed to defer this item until the March 2019 meeting. **Action: Clerk**

#### **23.19 Annual Parish Council Meeting / Annual Parish Meeting 2019**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Parish Council Meeting / Annual Parish Meeting 2019 venue had been booked at St Augustine's Church Hall at 7.00 pm. **Action: Clerk**

#### **24.19 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.

##### Agenda

You may all have noticed that I have moved the Planning item to a higher position on the agenda. Following discussions with Cllr Watts we agreed that due to the importance of the current planning topics we should take this item as early in the meeting as possible.

##### VAT Reclaim

Although the finance has not been received, I have claimed the VAT which amounts to £770.90.

##### Electoral Roll

The up to date electoral roll is now available and can be accessed on line from a secure site. Please note that the same rules apply about downloading and publishing the data.

##### Planning in Designated Landscapes

Last week Cllr Harvey was invited to chair a meeting for the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths AONB at Suffolk University entitled Planning in Designated Landscapes. 165 planning officers, architects, developers and Landscape specialists came to hear four excellent speakers. Richard Bate, the author of National Trust's Development in and affecting ANOB 2015 spoke eloquently on the Duty of Regard. He pointed out that all Parish and District Councillors have a duty to ensure that the AONB is conserved and enhanced as stated in the NPPF Para. 172.

The second speaker was Alison Farmer who is one of the UK's leading professionals in landscape character assessment and landscape evaluation. She spoke on the AONB Natural Beauty and Special Qualities and Designation features of the Dedham Vale and Suffolk Coasts and Heaths.

The third speaker was Peter Cosgrove who I have had the privileged to work with previously on Tranquility of the River Deben. Areas in the Deben Estuary were allocated to many people who spent 10 minutes in each of several locations noting down what it was that made the areas special and also what the sounds were be it tractors, bird song or aircraft. The whole estuary has been mapped for it tranquility.

The last speaker was Jem Waygood who spoke on Use of colour in the landscape. He works with planners by going on site with his colour palette and selecting the colours in the natural landscape. He then works with them to suggest colours which can be used by planners or developers to make a new building in the natural landscape, whether that is in the AONB or not, which will make it blend in.

### Council Merger

The new merged Council comes into being on the 1st April. Between 8th April and 7th May the single council is run by a Shadow Council before the new Members take over after their election on 2nd May 2019.

### **25.19 VAS**

Cllr Finch stated that he believed the VAS had now been repaired and was ready for dispatch. The Clerk stated she would contact Westcotec to arrange delivery and payment. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Finch**

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

Cllr Finch reported that new local residents in Straight Road have requested that the Parish Council take action regarding the speed of traffic in Straight Road. Cllr Walters presented pictures of the splay of the junction Straight Road / Felixstowe Road which will be sent to David Chenery Suffolk County Council Highways Manager. **Action: Clerk**

### **27.19 To discuss the play area / goal posts Purdis Farm**

The Clerk reported that although the goal posts had been moved to a new location following complaints, she had now received a further complaint from a member of the public stating that the goal post was now too close to his property and the balls hitting the fence would damage the fence. It was agreed to monitor the situation. **Action: Clerk**

### **28.19 Finance**

#### **Income**

None

#### **Expenditure**

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses January 2019	£320.86
ICO Data Protection Fee	£40.00

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

### **29.19 Correspondence**

- a. The Clerk reported that she had received the timetable for the May 2019 Local Elections. Nomination papers will be received by the Clerk over the next few days and the Clerk will bring these to the next Parish Council Meeting for completion. The Clerk reminded councillors that they are required to find two proposers in the same parish for which they are standing for election. The Clerk also stated the once again the Clerk will be required to attend Suffolk Coastal District Council with the nomination papers at a time determined by the local authority. **Action: Clerk / All Councillors.**

**30.19 Meetings attended by councillors / clerk**

None.

**31.19 Members questions to the Chairman**

- a. Cllr Finch reported that he had received complaints regarding fly tipping in Straight Road. Councillors agreed that it may be possible to extend the use of cameras to Straight Road. It was agreed that this item should be placed on the March 2019 agenda. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Finch**
- b. Cllr Newell reported that the Chairman's Dinner held by Nicky Yeo had been enjoyed by all who attended and offered her thanks to Nicky.
- c. Cllr Day reported that he had read an article in the Evening Standard 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 regarding planning and access via a private road. Cllr Day agreed to circulate the report to all councillors. **Action: Cllr Day**

**32.19 Date of next meeting**

**Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.29 pm.**

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

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