

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council (Zoom) Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 22nd April 2021

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr G Watts

Cllr K Rout

Cllr B Newell

Cllr B Short

Cllr S Short

Cllr A Day

Cllr Chris Blundell – East Suffolk Council

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

53.21 Apologies for absence

None

54.21 To receive Members' declaration of interest

Cllr Adrian Day declared an interest in Item 6a Planning – Orwell Crossing.

55.21 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th March 2021 were approved as being a true record.

56.21 Matters arising from the minutes

39.21c Open Forum – Bike Park

Cllr Brenda Newell reported that she had been told by a resident that East Suffolk Council had recently received a planning application for the bike park but was in the process of being validated. Cllr Liz Warham thanked Cllr Brenda Newell for the report of her meeting with residents which had previously been circulated to all councillors. The Clerk reported that no planning application had been received.

46.21 Community Hall

The Clerk reported that she had emailed Andy Jolliffe again regarding the contacts he had agreed to send across to the Parish Council but has not received a reply. **Action: Clerk**

48.21 To discuss speeding on Bucklesham Road

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Clerk of Waldringfield Parish Council regarding whether they would be willing to use their speed watch equipment in Foxhall. Rebecca replied stating that the parishes which purchased the speed watch equipment did not manage to recruit

enough volunteers to manage the speed cameras and they had been unable to organise training. However, the police have now agreed to deploy speed cameras on Bucklesham Road.

Cllr Bernard Short reported that he was concerned that the VAS sign was no longer in place and queried as to whether it had been stolen. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Eddie Lawrence**

57.21 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports and questions

a. Cllr Chris Blundell – East Suffolk District Councillor – report

The Pandemic

The light at the end of the tunnel can now be seen. All the hard work by our wonderful National Health Service, the scientists, health workers and all those who have worked tirelessly for all our benefit are due a great vote of thanks which I am pleased to say ‘Thank you’.

Communities ‘Bounce Back’ Fund.

The East Suffolk Communities ‘Bounce Back’ Fund, funded through the East Suffolk Community Partnership Board, is a grant totalling £100,000. It offers grants of between £250 and £5,000 to voluntary community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in East Suffolk. The aim of the fund is to enable VCSE organisations to resume their previous activities safely and/or to support them to transition to new ways of working. All VCSE groups are eligible to apply, as long as the funding requested is for **equipment, adaptations or staffing to enable an existing/previous activity to resume safely or to enable a new activity/service to be developed/launched**. However, priority will be given to youth organisations/activities, organisations supporting /involving volunteers and community buildings, given the particular impacts of Covid-19 on these groups.

Please note that this funding is not intended to replace lost income/hardship experienced by VCSE organisations as a result of Covid-19. ESC cannot provide retrospective funding for projects, unless it was something that has had to ‘pause’ due to Covid-19. Funding is available from October 2020 until end of September 2021. For more detailed information and access to an application form please apply to: grants@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Hydrogen Technology and Transport.

EDF who are very aware of the impact of their proposals for Sizewell C have now joined with ESC to help with a number of community projects. The company has undertaken to continue to develop Hydrogen power technology at the existing power station for use with vehicles and other energy projects.

They are also taking a strong interest in community transport particularly in those areas that are not on the regular service routes and have allocated a specialist in transport matters to help resolve some of the issues. Currently ESC has a working group looking into ways of how the district council might be able to resolve some of the public transport problems. Coupled with these proposals is the need for road safety measures. In my meeting with their representative, I highlighted a particular hazard at the crossing point from Black Tiles lane to the bus stop and footpath for access to the retail park by walking and cycling which many are able to do. The ESC working group are hoping to deliver some positive outcomes soon.

Community Partnership

The Community Partnership, who now have a further £25k available, is continuing with the environmental care and mental health themes. At the recent workshop in February of Town and Parish Councils in the Kesgrave, Martlesham, Rushmere St Andrew, Carlford and Fynn Valley wards which was well attended, the workshop was invited to explore three elements of the topic 'Environmental Care'. The Three questions were:

1. **What are the current issues regarding the environmental care in our area?**
2. **What are the strengths regarding environmental care in our area?**
3. **What are the potential solutions/projects to address the identified issues?**

The responses were many and constructive. The officers and I who have analysed the suggestions will be considering these at our next Community Partnership meeting on Thursday 11th March 2021. The CP will subsequently consider the allocation of funds to make things happen.

Brightwell Lakes

The area south of BT and east of the A12 known as Brightwell Lakes was in the ownership of a London based company; 'Carlyle Land'. On Wednesday 3rd March 2021 we suddenly learned that the land had been purchase by Taylor Wimpey from Carlyle Land. Taylor Wimpey is keen to get started on the project much to the relief of the District Council who had become concerned at the delays create by Carlyle Land.

The new owner has indicated that they are happy to follow the current plans for the site although there may be some requests to amend the conditions agreed with the previous owner. I was pleased to see in the latest reminder by SCC for response to the A12 consultation which ends on the 19th March 2021 that the proposed 'T' junction has now been included on the consultation map. I repeatedly drew every one's attention to the omission in the original consultation.

Cllr Eddie Lawrence asked Cllr Chris Blundell if there was any finance available to support the environment. The Parish Council had identified 3 possible sites for a Community Hall which leaves 2 sites which he hoped could be cleared of undergrowth to enable a wildflower meadow and a seat could be provided for local residents. Cllr Chris Blundell said that the Community Partnership are making grants available. He suggested that the Parish Council apply direct to Andy Jolliffe to ask whether the money could be used for what the Parish Council has in mind. Cllr Chris Blundell said he had a budget which is not committed so it may be that finance could be provided out of this budget. Cllr Chris Blundell said he had walked around the wooded area close to Bucklesham Road which has a notice that it is a SSI site but he felt it was not particularly well managed and asked who owns the area. Cllr Brenda Newell said that the area had been bought by Patmore approximately 2 years ago.

Cllr Chris Blundell said that at the ESC Planning Meeting there is a planning application being discussed regarding 146 – 148 Bucklesham Road. I have spoken to some of the neighbours to gather their views.

Cllr Chris Blundell said that he could not make comments regarding the Bike Park as it is not in his area. The Bike Park was discussed, and Cllr Brenda Newell said that some of the jumps were over the 3.5 metres allowed and some nearer to 7.5 metres. The Planning Enforcement Officer had visited the site and agreed they are over the permitted height. Cllr Chris Blundell agreed to submit a complaint to East Suffolk Council and provide feedback. He said that this could be a Health & Safety issue. **Action: Cllr Chris Blundell / Clerk**

b. Cllr Patricia O’Brien – Suffolk County Council – report

Cllr Patricia O’Brien had previously circulated her Annual Report a copy of which has been appended in the minute book. **Action: Clerk**

To reconvene the meeting

58.21 Planning

a. Proposed development of Orwell Crossing Logistics Park

Cllr Graeme Watts had reported that this is a Reserved Matters application covering access, appearance, layout, landscaping and scale, the principal of a “logistics park” being permitted on that site was agreed as outline planning permission DC/17/4257/OUT refers.

He said that he had attached two documents with his report which had been produced by SCC Highways in response to the original application. One highlights the difficult access to the site (relying on third parties) and the second what the original applicant proposed to do about the access.

Cllr Adrian Day had submitted before the meeting a document to all councillors which contained his objections to the application. Cllr Graeme Watts said that one of main objections is the access which is a bigger issue than last time because although they have constructed a road that leads to the Ransomes Europark, which was required under the outline Planning Permission, he still had concerns about the access through that site will be via a third-party area and it is unclear as to what the agreement is with the Ransomes Europark. He said it is an emergency access for vehicles but even pedestrians and cycles still must go through part of the Ransomes Europark to access the entrance. The other matter which is totally unclear is the travel plan and the use of the footpath which goes across the railway line as a path of entry. The use of this footpath could encourage people to park on the A1156 and go across the footpath to the logistics park. Concern was expressed about the height of buildings and layout of the site and that is a serious area for concern. A report from the Landscape and Arboricultural Department from East Suffolk Council on the website has indicated this is not a problem. Cllr Adrian Day stated that are four units in the development ranging from 15 metres to 20 metres. The main building behind the A1156 will impact on every single resident. One of the buildings will be 988 ft long by 510 ft deep by 68 ft high which will be situated behind the properties adjacent to an ANOB field. All the properties on that side of the A1156 will have no skyline whereby previously the properties looked on to open farmland. There will be no horizon but just a wall of steel.

It was agreed that this item would be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on the 4th May 2020 prior to a submission to East Suffolk Council before the deadline.

b. General

East Suffolk Planning have been notified that the relevant Parish Council has no objections to the following applications:

DC/21/0587/FUL 35 Foxglove Crescent Purdis Farm – Conversion of garage – Approved

DC/21/1557/FUL. Trinity Park Purdis Farm – demolition of toilets

DC/21/1449/FUL. Kingsfleet Purdis Ave Purdis Farm – loft conversion

DC/21/1471/VOC Sinks Gravel Pit Kesgrave – variation of operating hours

DC/21/1228/PN3 Toad Hall Farm Foxhall – pre-notification of agricultural store - Withdrawn

Update on applications which we objected to:

DC/21/0305/PN3 Straight Road Foxhall – drainage works – Approved

DC/21/0116/FUL Sheep Drift Cottage Brightwell – Wall - Withdrawn

DC/20/5085/FUL Foxhall Hall Foxhall – new café and surgery – Pending

148 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm

There are two applications for this site currently being considered. These are the latest in a series of proposals for major changes to the property on this site going back over 4 years. We have supported both neighbours in objecting to these applications as they continue be considered individually. One application is going to be heard at the Planning Committee Meeting on the 27th April 2021 and it is hoped that the other application which is a variation of permission already granted will be heard at the same time as requested by one of the neighbours.

Application DC/20/4597/FUL will be at the South Planning Committee on the 27th April 2021. The Planning Committee Report for DC/20/4597/FUL has now been published and can be viewed online via [CMIS > Meetings](#)

Application DC/21/0898/VOC is intended to be presented at the planning referral panel also on the 27th April 2021.

59.21 To approve the wording of the Grants Policy

The Grants Policy had previously been circulated to all councillors. It was agreed to accept the new policy – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

60.21 VAS Sign

Cllrs Bernard and Sheila Short reported that they had not seen the VAS on the Bucklesham Road for approximately 2 weeks and asked whether it had been removed for downloading data. It was agreed that Cllr Eddie Lawrence should contact David Penn to discuss. Councillors discussed the positioning of extra posts on the Bucklesham Road and in Brightwell. Cllr Eddie Lawrence said he has now received an application form from Suffolk County Council to submit possible locations for approval for erecting additional posts. The timescale for approval of siting new posts is at least 2-3 months. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Eddie Lawrence**

61.21 To discuss the on-going maintenance, appointment of a maintenance person and extra dog/litter/grit bins for Purdis Farm

Councillors discussed whether any new dog, litter, grit bins or bus shelters are required. Cllr Eddie Lawrence said that the Parish Council had not received any requests for new bins however two replacement dog bins were required in Purdis Farm. He would need to pinpoint the exact location and submit for approval at the next Parish Council Meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk find out the approximate cost of new bus shelters. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Eddie Lawrence**

62.21 To discuss the Green Oasis Project

Cllr Eddie Lawrence said that when Cllr Liz Warham and he had visited the 3 areas identified as possible sites for a Community Hall there are two large areas which are covered in bracken which could potentially be cleared and made into wildflower meadows where residents could sit on a bench or walk. He said that he would send a map round to councillors indicating the two sites. The first area is by Sainsburys; there are two pathways which are from Felixstowe Road to the top end of Woodrush Road. The second area is opposite the entrance to Trinity Park and this could also be made into a wildflower meadow. Cllr Adrian Day mentioned that the second area could be a safety hazard as there is no footpath and it is situated on the roundabout. Cllr Eddie Lawrence said that the work needed to convert these areas to wildflower areas could potentially be funded by the finance that Cllr Chris Blundell has available. Cllr Eddie Lawrence said he would obtain an estimate from Suffolk Norse for the work. It was agreed that Cllr Eddie Lawrence would contact Andy Jolliffe to discuss the proposal. **Action: Clerk**

63.21 Straight Road Improvements

The Clerk reported she had written to David Chenery Suffolk County Council Highways to arrange a meeting with Cllr Adrian Day, David Chenery, and herself to discuss Straight Road. Unfortunately, a reply had not been received. It was agreed that Cllr Adrian Day would contact David Chenery to try and arrange a meeting. Councillors expressed concern regarding the buses and agricultural vehicles using Straight Road. The Clerk agreed to speak to her contact who is knowledgeable regarding the local bus routes regarding the buses using Straight Road. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Adrian Day**

64.21 To discuss the Group Parish Council providing a Community Hall in Purdis Farm?

Nothing to report.

65.21 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.

Annual Parish Meeting

As you are all aware, we are holding our Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday, 4th May 2021 followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Both meetings via Zoom.

We normally start at 7.00 pm on the day of the APM and then follow at 7.30 pm by APCM. We have an agenda for the APM and have a representative from each of the three parishes giving a report. Adrian – Foxhall, Brenda – Brightwell and Liz Purdis Farm. However, we can discuss at the meeting on the 14th April which councillors would be willing to report on our years activities.

Speeding Bucklesham Road

I wrote to the Road Safety Camera Team Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies and was contacted by Merv Shelcot who was helpful regarding our problems with speeding on Bucklesham Road and he replied as follows:

“I have checked on a mapping system and find that from the terminal 30mph signs at the A12 end to the parish boundary with Bucklesham measures approximately half a mile with about half the distance each side of the Straight Road crossroads. In view of that could you indicate to me where you feel the best location to record the worst of the speeds would be. Clearly there are more

premises the Bucklesham side, but the road appears to have more curves in it, whereas the section towards the caravan site seems a bit straighter with fewer premises. Wherever you think is best I do need something like a road sign pole (ideal), lamp post (unlikely) or telegraph pole (last resort) on which to affix my Speed Detection Radar (SDR) unit. If you could let me know by email, with a print screen from Google maps possibly highlighting the place that would be great and there will be no doubt then.

I am doing this now as I have just received the email however the actual deployment of the SDR will take some time thanks to the effect the virus has had on my workload and working practices. It may be about two months before I get to this on my list but rest assured it has been added and I will respond once I have the data.”

I sent Merv a map and pictures showing all the locations which have been reported to the Parish Council so it is now waiting for the police to take action.

I also got in touch with Nacton Parish Council regarding the safety cameras and equipment which is used by Nacton. The Clerk told me that the equipment has not been used for a couple of years as they could not recruit any willing volunteers from any of the parishes in the group.

66.21 To discuss speeding on Bucklesham Road

Please refer to Item 65.21 above.

67.21 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses March 2021	£266.70
HMRC	£180.00
SALC Subscription	£738.98
Suffolk Norse – Repairs to Bus Shelter	£216.36

Cllr Liz Warham, proposed, seconded Cllr Adrian Day that the above expenditure is approved – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

CIL Receipts

The Clerk reported that notification had been received from East Suffolk Council that Purdis Farm had been awarded CIL receipts amounting to £7,434.33.

68.21 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

- a. A meeting with the developers (Equation) of Orwell Logistics Park had been held on the 25th March 2021.

69.21 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr Brenda Newell expressed concern about the fly tipped rubbish in Kennels Road. The Clerk had submitted a report to East Suffolk Council Fly Tipping team however she has been told that unfortunately it is on private land and it is the responsibility of the landowner to

clear the rubbish. ESC had also said that although there were names and addresses on some of the rubbish unfortunately if more than one person lives in a house ESC are unable to identify who carried out the fly tipping therefore unable to fine the possible offenders. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Ray Walters to see if he knows who owns the land.
Action: Clerk

- b. Cllr Brenda Newell reported that John Pickering was moving from his current home and would no longer be able to maintain the grass area at the junction of Bucklesham Road and Wood House Lane. She said that John was unhappy that he had never been thanked by the Parish Council during the last 30 years when he had been maintaining the area. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a 'thank you' card to John. **Action: Clerk**
- c. Cllr Kevin Rout reported that the bridleway which runs from the A1156 to the Bucklesham Road is being 'ripped up' by Home Farm Nacton and it is very dangerous for walkers and horse riders to go along the path because of the large rocks which have been uncovered. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Suffolk County Council Footpath Team. **Action: Clerk**

70.21 Date of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.00 pm (Zoom Meeting) / Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.30 pm (Zoom Meeting)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.57 pm

Signed..... Date

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