

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

### **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr G Watts

Cllr K Rout

Cllr B Newell

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr A Day

Cllr Ed Thompson – East Suffolk District Council

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

#### **126.21 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Short, Cllr S Short, Cllr Chris Blundell East Suffolk District Council and Cllr P Mulcahy Suffolk County Council.

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

No declarations of interest were received.

#### **128.21 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved as being a true record.

#### **129.21 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

#### **130.21 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports and questions**

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

#### **Planning Matters**

I was recently disappointed to learn that the East Suffolk's Planning Referral panel considered The McCarthy & Stone's deferred application for apartments adjacent to the Square on Martlesham Heath, decided, in their view, that there were no further planning matters to consider and so delegated the application to the Planning Officers for determination which effectively meant that the application was certain for approval.

I now have a serious concern that with the loss of so much car parking space and the additional demand that will occur from the residents of the forty-one apartments, the majority of whom will need some form of motorised transport to travel to the retail park for their main shopping. The pressure on the remaining parking facility may cause problems and lead to further roadside parking.

## **Brightwell Lakes Estate**

At the present time the area is being made safe for the wildlife that abounds on the site particularly around the miniature lake that will form a key part of the park/recreational area. The Brightwell Lakes forum will have met on the 15<sup>th</sup> October so it may be possible to report more up-to-date news in my next report.

## **Support available to help businesses recover**

Funding and support are available for businesses in East Suffolk which have been, and continue to be, severely affected by Covid -19 restrictions. Delivered in partnership with the New Anglia Local Enterprise, the new 'Plan for the Future' scheme provides support to local business which are looking to bring forward investment projects that will have a significant impact on their business. Eligible businesses will be able to apply for grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 to help support their projects.

Businesses wishing to apply for support should first contact the New Anglia Growth Hub on 0300 333 6536 or by email: [growthhub@newangliagrowthhub.co.uk](mailto:growthhub@newangliagrowthhub.co.uk)

## **Community Partnership**

Currently the partnership is considering highway safety for non-motorists. The creation, maintenance and adoption of public highways is the responsibility of Highways England together with the County Council. Dangerous and careless driving is a matter for the police. Therefore, when considering safety for pedestrians and cyclists there is a limit to what can actually be achieved. Probably the most effective way to tackle speeding and careless use of the highway is the use of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and cameras placed in suitable locations. The Community Partnership (CP) can provide funds to enable these projects.

I have had a number of meetings with the relevant County Councillors and officers who stress that the number of complaints that they receive far exceeds the resources available to deal with the problems. Unfortunately, the East Suffolk Council has no authority to deal with any form of highway maintenance. The CP along with district and county councillors can make their budgets available to purchase equipment to help with highway safety.

## **Road Safety Week**

This will be from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021. During that week the CP will be making every effort to bring to the attention of motorists the importance of speed particularly on the many narrow roads in and around Suffolk. Other organisations will also be participating in the safety aspects.

## **Helping young people to take the next step**

East Suffolk Council is continuing to support young people with further funding agreed by cabinet for the East Suffolk Youth Employment Service (YES), which is helping young people, aged between 16 and 24 years old, to find employment and training opportunities.

Delivered by Inspire Suffolk, young people can visit the dedicated YES Suffolk website at [www.yessuffolk.co.uk](http://www.yessuffolk.co.uk) to view current job opportunities.

b. Cllr Ed Thompson – East Suffolk Councillor – verbal report.

- c. Cllr Patti Mulcahy – Suffolk County Council – no report.
- d. To receive questions from members of the public

No members of the public were present.

### **To reconvene the meeting**

#### **130.21 Planning**

- a. Proposed development of Orwell Crossing Logistics Park

Cllr G Watts reported that there are two applications: DC/21/1575/ARM and DC/21/3486/FUL. DC/21/1575/ARM went to committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Cllr G Watts stated he had watched most of the meeting on U-tube and Cllr A Day had attended the meeting as a local resident. Cllr G Watts said that Parish Council are not routinely notified of planning applications going to committee and that the Parish Council must track applications which will notify them of a change to the application but not what has changed. A site visit has now taken place. Cllr A Day expressed concerns about the lack of knowledge of the proposed development by some members of the Planning Committee. A second Planning Committee meeting has been arranged for the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

- c. General

#### **DC/21/3512/ FUL Molen Bucklesham Road – Walls and Gates – Retrospective.**

An objection has been received by Suffolk County Council Highways

**DC/21/0903/FUL** Football Pitches at the Hollies – Highways has objected stating that Straight Road is unsuitable for the amount of traffic expected. There are no updates about this application.

**DC/21/3805/FUL** Foxhall Hall, Hall Road Foxhall – Orthodontal Practice - Suffolk County Council Highways have objected to this application.

**DC/21/3546/FUL** The site is located to the North of Trinity Park, to the North of Bucklesham Road – Change of use to locate 4 croquet lawns. Visibility at the entrance causes a problem.

#### **131.21 VAS Sign / Fly Tipping Cameras**

Cllr E Lawrence reported that David Penn is now submitting data to the Parish Council every month. David has now been supplied with a high viz jacket to wear to protect him when he is working on a sign. Prior to the meeting Cllr E Lawrence had sent out details of the various VAS signs available and recommended the following sign which could be purchased from Westotec as follows:

Portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) with Thank You / Slow Down Legend beneath, battery powered complete with spare Lead Acid battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign cover and bracket set for a cost of £3,175.00 each excluding VAT.

Data Collection Unit (USB Lead to PC Download) for a cost of £250.00 per sign excluding VAT.

Additional bracket sets for a cost of £50.00 per set excluding VAT (4 bracket sets).

Cllr B Newell proposed that the Parish Council authorise the Clerk to purchase the new VAS sign equipment, seconded Cllr G Watts – all in favour.

The Clerk reported that she contacted Ray Walters regarding the use of the fly tipping cameras. Please see Minute 139.21 for details.

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### **132.21 To discuss on-going maintenance, new bus shelter and extra dog/litter/grit bins**

Cllr E Lawrence reported that the grit bins in Purdis Farm need replenishing before the winter. **Action: Clerk.** He also reported that a new dog bin was required on the corner of Murrills Road and Foxglove Crescent. A waste bin on Purdis Farm has also been covered in graffiti. The Clerk was asked to obtain a price from Suffolk Norse for both these items. **Action: Clerk**

### **133.21 To discuss and note Rushmere St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr G Watts reported that a copy of the Rushmere St Andrew Parish Plan had been circulated to all councillors and it was agreed to formally note the content. **Action: Clerk**

### **134.21 Straight Road Improvements**

Cllr A Day reported that he had received a telephone call from Cllr Patti Mulcahy today. Patti has spoken to Paul West the Suffolk County Council Highways Budget Holder who has advised that she needed to discuss this matter with David Chenery and as soon as she has more information she will contact the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk / Cllr A Day**

### **135.21 New Road Signs for the Parishes**

Cllr A Day stated that he had completed a virtual tour on Street View of all the parishes and identified where new signs were likely to be required; Foxhall 6, Purdis Farm 4, Brightwell 4, 14 signs in total. Cllr A Day said that he would look at each location in detail and speak to David Chenery Suffolk County Council Highways and report back to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr A Day**

### **136.21 Suffolk Wildlife Trust**

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

### **137.21 To discuss the Vandalism to Brightwell Notice Board**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council insurers had offered a payment net of VAT of £926.08 minus £100 policy excess which equates to £826.08 which means they are paying the claim in full. Cllr E Warham proposed that the Parish Council accept the offer from the insurance company, seconded Cllr A Day – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk reported that she had received a quotation from Greenbarns for the cost of replacing the notice board of £1,111.29 including VAT. The lead time for a notice board to include painting Brightwell on the header is approximately 10 weeks from date of order. Cllr E Warham proposed that the Parish Council accept the estimate from Greenbarns, seconded Cllr B Newell – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

### **138.21 To discuss the Group Parish Council providing a Community Hall in Purdis Farm**

Cllr A Day stated that the Parish Council should seek the views of the local community to ascertain whether they would support a community hall and whether they would be interested in running it as a resource. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact Andy Jolliffe to seek his help in surveying the views of residents. **Action: Clerk**

### **139.21 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.

#### Brightwell Notice Board Update

The Parish Council was given an incident number for the vandalism to the notice board which was passed to our insurers. An estimate for the cost of replacing the notice board like for like was obtained from Greenbarns (£1,111.29 including VAT). The lead time for a notice board to include painting Brightwell on the header is approximately 10 weeks from date of order so estimated delivery time is approximately the second week in December. I have received an email from the insurance company offering a payment net of VAT at £926.08 minus £100 policy excess which equates to £826.08 which means they are paying it in full which is good news.

#### Fly Tipping

I contacted Ray Walters regarding the fly tipping cameras, and he replied as follows:

We are down to two cameras now as one has decided to stop working, the other two are still working ok one is usually in various locations on Monument Lane and the other either Kennels Road or Straight Road.

The main hot spot seems to be near the junction of the A12 and Kennels Road.

I regularly check that area but unfortunately it is difficult to fix a camera where it can be hidden. I have put a sign at that location which hopefully will deter some people.

Fortunately, Fly tipping in the area seems be less of an issue recently, although this might change as the nights pull in, however, if anyone knows of a particular hot spot then please let me know and I will try to cover the area.

### **140.21 Finance**

#### **Income**

None

#### **Expenditure**

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses September 2021	£328.90
HMRC Tax Mrs A J Buggs	£232.80

#### **Account Balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Community Account Balance	£30,613.25
Business Account Balance	£8,274.92

Cllr E Warham proposed, seconded Cllr B Newell that the above expenditure is approved – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

**141.21 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk**

- a. Cllr A Day reported that he had attended the Planning Committee regarding DC/21/1575/ARM Orwell Crossing Logistics Park as a resident.

**142.21 Members questions to the Chairman**

None

**143.21 Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at Trinity Park**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17 pm**

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

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