

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 8th September 2021

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr G Watts

Cllr K Rout

Cllr B Newell

Cllr B Short

Cllr S Short

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr C Blundell East Suffolk District Councillor

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

109.21 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Day and Cllr P Mulcahy Suffolk County Council.

110.21 To receive Members' declaration of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

111.21 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th July 2021 were approved as being a true record.

112.21 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

113.21 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports and questions

- a. Cllr Chris Blundell – East Suffolk District Councillor – verbal report.
- b. Cllr Ed Thompson – East Suffolk Councillor – no 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

114.21 Planning

- a. Proposed development of Orwell Crossing Logistics Park

Orwell Crossing Logistics Park

There are now two different applications for this site (hopefully being considered together) the original Reserved Matters application and a new Full application for the area currently occupied by the Orwell Truck Stop and associated businesses.

DC/21/1575/ARM Orwell Crossing Logistics Park – A revised scheme has been submitted (see letter attached) with the principal changes being three warehouses instead of four but they are higher. The access through Ransomes Europark has been secured but concerns remain over the access via the footpath to Felixstowe Road. It is unclear whether these plans will be put out for further consultation. More importantly Highways England have put a further holding objection in asking that the matter should not be decided before 24 September 2021. This is because they are continuing to look at the plans for the junction with the A14. The Parish Council has submitted a new letter of objection to these proposals whilst concentrating on the access to the site we also acknowledge and support the concerns raised by local residents about the scale of the development and the affect it will have on their lives.

DC/21/3486/FUL **Orwell Truck Stop** – this a standalone application covering the area of the truck stop although this is also part of the larger Orwell Logistics Park. The Parish Council has objected on the grounds that this is not a good place for a logistics park due to the limited access from the A14 eastbound only. We lorries having to turn around either at Seven Hills or the Nacton Junction this will cause extra pollution and an increased carbon footprint. We have also highlighted our concern about the closure of the Orwell Truck Stop and have asked the council what are they going to do to replace this vital facility.

b. Brightwell Lakes

It has been reported that the development will start with the building of 22 houses on the Waldringfield Road. Although the building work is starting immediately it is likely to be 6 months before any further developments. The Parish Council will not comment on individual house design.

c. General

Report from Cllr G Watts Planning Committee Chairman

There are 2 Planning Applications which remain outstanding to which the Parish Council raised objections.

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/21/2391/FUL Ipswich Road Brightwell Caravan Park – Waldringfield Parish Council, Martlesham Town Council and we have objected on a variety of grounds. These include economic need, damage to an area of natural beauty and dealing with sewage. There are also concerns about the noise from adjacent wind turbines. No decision has been made on this application.

Foxhall Hall Hall Road Foxhall DC/20/5085/FUL Foxhall Hall, Hall Road Foxhall – Orthodontal Practice & Café

Highways have objected as this is an unsustainable site, Hall Road is unsuitable for the amount of traffic the scheme will generate. Application withdrawn.

DC/21/3805/FUL Foxhall Hall, Hall Road Foxhall – Orthodontal Practice

This is a revised application concentrating on the Orthodontal Practice. The applicant has replied to the objections raised by Highways stating that the site is not required to be sustainable as this is impractical given the location and most people will travel by car anyway. They have also admitted that the traffic movements are likely to be at least 162 per day. The Parish Council continues to object on the grounds of Highway safety believing that Hall Road is not suitable for that amount of additional traffic.

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

The Parish Council has objected to this application as most councillors believe the gates to be unsuitable for such a rural location.

The following applications have been considered by the Group Parish Council and no objections have been raised.

- DC/21/2605/FUL West View Elmham Drive – New Dwelling
- DC/21/3791/FUL 99 Bucklesham Road – 3 Bay Cartlodge
- DC/21/3770/FUL Tanglewood

115.21 VAS Sign

Cllr E Lawrence explained to councillors the contents of the data which had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting which had been recorded on Bucklesham Road. The data does not appear to show any significant incidents of speeding. Cllr E Lawrence reported that currently the Parish Council has three posts on which to site the VAS sign and two further posts will be erected in Brightwell. Councillors discussed the purchasing of further VAS signs. It was agreed that Cllr E Lawrence would obtain estimates for further signs and report back to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**

116.21 To discuss and agree the Parish Council Insurance Renewal

The Clerk reported that insurance renewal was the second year of a three-year commitment. Cllr B Newall proposed that the insurance renewal quotation be accepted, seconded Cllr G Watts – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

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

Cllr E Lawrence reported that he had distributed to all councillors a proposal including a map and pictures for the siting of a bus shelter, litter bin and seat in Murrills Road at the bus stop adjacent to Trinity Park which would take residents towards Felixstowe. It was agreed that the cost of this project should be investigated, and Suffolk County Council Highways should be approached as to whether this would meet with their requirements. It was agreed that Cllr E Lawrence should speak to Suffolk County Council Highways and also obtain costs and report back to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**

Councillors discussed the problem which has arisen in Purdis Farm regarding the overhanging/overgrown trees and vegetation. It was agreed that Cllr E Lawrence should contact Paul Tynham Suffolk Norse to arrange to meet him on site to discuss the areas which may need attention. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**

118.21 Straight Road Improvements

Cllr A Day who was not present at the meeting had reported that he had nothing further to report regarding arranging a meeting with Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Councillor and David Chenery Suffolk County Councils Highways. **Action: Clerk / Cllr A Day**

119.21 Suffolk Wildlife Trust – Report by Cllr Brenda Newell

Cllr B Newell stated that she had received a report from Suffolk Wildlife Trust which had been distributed to all councillors regarding the open space on Purdis Farm. Suffolk Wildlife Trust's conclusions were -

“Taking some positive action to manage green spaces in the parish to boost wildlife would be very welcome. The patch we looked at would benefit from some planned interventions but as it might appear destructive at first it may be very valuable to undertake some good communication with local residents. This will help draw their ideas into the plans, build support and hopefully provide some wider benefits of voluntary help and/or actions in their own gardens that would add to the whole.

A first step would be discussion with the District Council to find out what, if any, their on-going management plans for the site are. The activity may have been ‘contracted’ with the Greenways project and the project may be worth contacting anyway [James Baker, Project Officer, <http://wildipswich.org/partners/greenways/>] or it just may be a voluntary group.

Cutting back encroaching trees and shrubs, creating some log piles [though taking away some of the material would also be helpful as there is limited ‘stacking space’], trimming back the bramble patches [though they are very valuable for wildlife and do need to be retained], possibly some careful trimming of some of the heather to see if it responds with new growth and possibly cutting a clear path to meander in and out of the space could all be considered.

Ideally this should be one step to a ‘green network’ whereby you think of all the green spaces being able to contribute to a patchwork nature reserve across the area that resident’s gardens could also contribute to. We touched on how setting new cutting regimes for the District Council across the ‘verges’ can retain a sense of care but increase wildlife habitat and lessen costs – or make more time available for other management work.”

Cllr Chris Blundell East Suffolk District Council said that if the Parish Council were to make this a Community Wildlife Project, he would be able to fund costs from his Enabling Budget. Chris said that he would arrange for the Clerk to receive information and the forms to complete. **Action: Clerk**

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

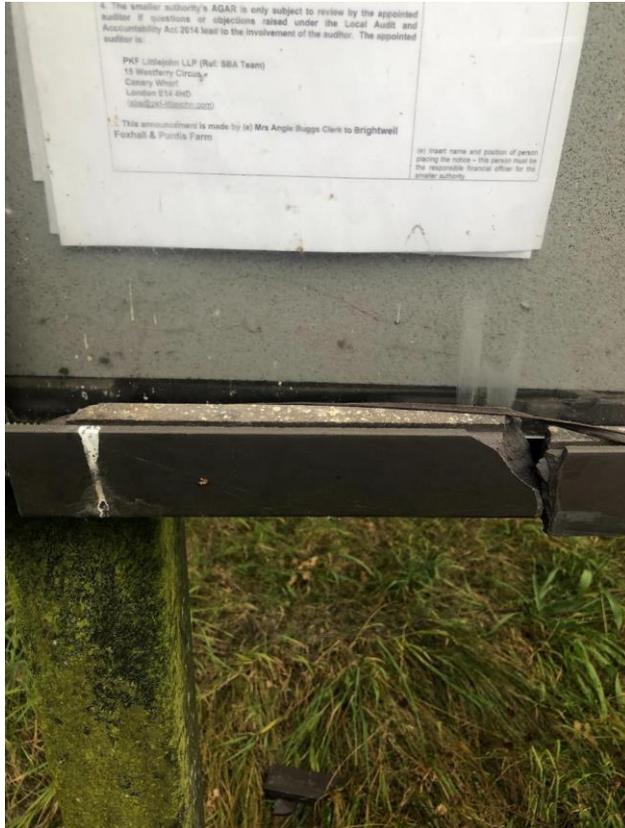
It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

121.21 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

As you're all aware the Brightwell Notice Board has been badly damaged by vandals. I'm hoping to get an incident number from the police. Kevin kindly took some pictures as follows. I've no idea when it happened but I'm surprised that the residents' opposite didn't hear the noise as it would have been quite loud judging from the amount of damage.





Gateway Signs for the Villages – as per Cllr A Day’s Email

Having these signs on the main roads between each area would make quite an improvement.

They are low maintenance signs – they look like wood but are plastic. There are different options – I think the ‘East Ashling’ example would look best for us.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should seek permission from Suffolk County Council Highways to replace existing signs. The Parish Council would also need to identify how many signs require replacing and the locations. **Action: Clerk**

<https://uk.glasdon.com/glasdon-gateway>

Register of Interests

In case any councillor is having problems accessing the RoI the following might help.

This is the link to the ESC Register of Interests.

<https://roi.cmis.uk.com/Account/Login>

Your log in is your name possibly ‘your name’ plus a number.

If you can remember your log in but not your password you can request a password set. I don’t have details as they’re confidential to you. Try emailing Carol.George@eastsoffolk.gov.uk or admin@cmis.uk.com.

Unfortunately they won’t give details to me because of confidentiality.

It would have been sent to you by email. Try searching for admin@cmis.uk.com in your Inbox.

Fly Tipping

Householders in East Suffolk are being reminded of their legal responsibility when disposing of their household waste, after a Suffolk resident was charged with failing to fulfil her 'duty of care' at a hearing at Ipswich Magistrates' Court on 18 August.

On 17 March 2020, the Council's Customer Services Team received a report of three black bags of waste which had been left on the verge in Monument Farm Lane, Foxhall. During a site visit the next day, officers from East Suffolk Norse found that the bags contained household waste, including paperwork addressed to Kelly Holmes from Ipswich.

When contacted, Miss Holmes stated that the waste was removed from her home address by a third party, along with some scrap items. Miss Holmes was given six weeks to provide details of this person however she did not respond and on 15 May 2020, she was issued with an £200 Fixed Penalty Notice, reduced to £120 if paid within 10 days. Miss Holmes failed to pay this notice, despite reminders being sent.

Miss Holmes did not attend her court hearing, having written to the court asking for the case to be heard in her absence. The court found Miss Holmes guilty of breaching Section 34(2A) and (6) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and fined her £200 for the offence, plus £1,000 for costs and £34 for the victim surcharge, totalling £1,234.

Read more at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/news/residents-urged-to-check-waste-carrier-details/

Next Door...

As per the email Cllr E Lawrence recently sent agendas and other relevant Parish Council papers to the address below. So far, the response has been positive

https://nextdoor.co.uk/g/jlqsugdzb?init_source=other_share

122.21 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses July 2021	£325.20
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Community Action Suffolk – Insurance Renewal	£260.68
Cllr A Day – Residents Mailout Printing	£10.00

Account Balances as at 30th July 2021

Community Account Balance	£31,270.85
Business Account Balance	£8,274.71

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

123.21 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

None

124.21 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr B Newell asked where the fly tipping cameras are situated in Foxhall. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Ray Walters to ask where the signs have been placed and whether data is still being collected. **Action: Clerk**

125.21 Date of next meeting

Thursday, 14th October 2021 at Trinity Park

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28 pm

Signed..... Date

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