

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

## **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Lawrence - Chair

Cllr G Watts

Cllr B Short

Cllr S Short

Cllr K Rout

Cllr E Beach

Cllr B Newell

Cllr Chris Blundell – East Suffolk Council

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

5 members of the public

### **19.23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E Warham (illness), Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council.

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

None

### **21.23 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **22.23 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising. All items formed part of the agenda.

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

- a. Cllr Chris Blundell - East Suffolk 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 residents spoke during the adjournment.

### **24.23 Planning**

- a. DC/22/4401/FUL – Installation and operation of a Solar Farm together with all associated works equipment and necessary infrastructure – Land East of Bucklesham Village and the A1093 Bucklesham Hall Drive Bucklesham, Suffolk.

Following discussion Cllr G Watts said that the Parish Council should object to the Planning Application based on the following concerns:

Concern about the detrimental impact such a development would have on the landscape of this rural location. The screening measures are considered to be inadequate for an undulating site particularly during the early years of operation. Specific concerns are raised about the glint and glare from the panels impacting highway safety and the ability to grow the hedgerows which are planned due to the type of soil at the proposed location. Concern is also raised about surface water drainage from the site, a concern also raised by the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFS) and the inadequate nature of the access to the site with the narrow access road unable to cope with the combined traffic of the construction site and the expanding bike park.

Seconded Cllr B Newell – 5 in favour, 1 against. **Action: Cllr G Watts / Clerk**

- b. General

DC/22/2437/FUL Pinetrees, Purdis Farm Lane - Demolition of existing bungalow, construction of 4 new dwellings and associated carports, parking, access and landscaping

Cllr G Watts said that he had received a telephone call from a local resident requesting to know the role of the Parish Council in the planning process as the Parish Council did not object to the latest proposal. Cllr G Watts had explained that the PC provide comments on the Planning Application however the Planning Officer at East Suffolk Council make the decision.

DC/22/2999/FUL The Hollies Straight Road Foxhall - Utilise the existing land formally known as "The Hollies Sports Centre and Social Club" as home pitch locations for both youth and adult football. Creation of new vehicular access/parking and associated facilities

This application is still pending.

DC/22/3591/FUL Three Rivers Business Centre Felixstowe Road Foxhall - Erection of 3 no. office units with a Class E (g)(i) use class. that development achieves a high-quality design, which is responsive and sympathetic to its surroundings. The existing units on site adopt a traditional agricultural barn vernacular utilising red brick and weatherboarded elevations with pantile roof. The proposed units would be of a similar form, scale and appearance of the existing units, specifically the units to the south of the site, but the proposed units would incorporate rooflights to enable floor space to be accommodated within the roof. The proposed units would utilise an area of vacant maintained land, adjoining the existing business units. The of site is of a significant size to accommodate the proposed building and associated parking without it appearing cramped or contrived. By way of location and form, the proposed development would not detrimentally affect the wider landscape.

This application is still pending

## **25.23 To discuss VAS signs reports**

No report was received.

### **26.23 To discuss the placement of the grit bin in Bramble Drive**

Cllr E Lawrence reported that he had received a request from a resident who lives in Bramble Drive to locate a grit bin in Bramble Drive. A site meeting has been held and a location identified. Cllr E Lawrence said that he would send a request to East Suffolk Council for permission to site the grit bin. Cllr E Lawrence to identify a suitable bin and send details to the Clerk for purchase. Cllr K Rout proposed, seconded Cllr G Watts that the grit bin be purchased – all in favour. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence / Clerk**

### **27.23 To discuss the litter in Straight Road Foxhall**

This item was deferred until the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

### **28.23 To discuss the purchase of 30 mph wheelie bin stickers for Brightwell**

Rushmere St Andrew has recently purchased 30 mph wheelie stickers for residents. A request had been made by a resident living in Brightwell for the Parish Council to provide stickers for Brightwell residents. Following discussion Cllr G Watts proposed that the Clerk should source 50 30 mph stickers, seconded Cllr K Rout – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

### **29.23 To discuss the request to provide a footpath on Felixstowe Road between the roundabout at Trinity Park main entrance and the service road up towards Miller and Carter**

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting. Cllr E Lawrence said that the Community Partnership can provide funding for this type of initiative and he would bring it up at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence / Clerk**

### **30.23 To discuss the Parish Council and District Council Election Timetable**

The Clerk distributed before the meeting the election timetable for both District and Parish Council Elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The nomination papers will be delivered by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and nominations close at 4 pm on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Nomination papers are required to be delivered to East Suffolk Council in person and the Clerk will be able to book an appointment. It was agreed that the Clerk would download election papers which could be completed at the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The Clerk will book an appointment when slots are available to deliver papers. **Action: Clerk**

### **31.23 Consultation on guidance for development within coastal area**

Following discussion the parish councillors agreed that they had no comment to make on this consultation. **Action: Clerk**

### **32.23 To discuss providing benches in Meadow Crescent**

Cllr E Lawrence stated that the two benches in the public space opposite 44 Meadow Crescent are in a bad state of repair and need replacing. It was agreed that Cllr E Lawrence should investigate options for new benches and report back to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**

### **33.23 Clerk's Report February 2023**

#### Allotments

To date I have received two requests for allotments from residents of Purdis Farm. I would suggest we put another article in the next Parish Newsletter.

#### Foxhall Road Surveys

I received an email from Graham Rankin at Suffolk County Council Highways which was circulated to all councillors.

*"Following the receipt of a design order at the end of November 22 I am writing to let you know that the transportation study has now started. Speed and volume surveys have been arranged for the end of February to the beginning of March. In addition collision data has been obtained for the road being studied.*

*Attached is a multi-page PDF of the roads concerned. You will notice that there is a chainage on each of 4 roads. This is to allow the issues and features to be easily located.*

*Once all the information has been received and reviewed the study will start in earnest.*

*In the meantime, if the Parish Council want to highlight issues, I would be more than happy to receive either the PDF's marked up with electronic notes or printed off copies with handwritten notes. Whatever is easiest.*

*I will be in touch again with a date or dates when I can drive around this location and to understand first-hand what the issues and concerns are."*

If you have any comments to make regarding the roads being surveyed please let me know and I'll formulate a reply.

### **34.23 Road Safety Forum**

Nothing to report. Next meeting proposed for early March.

### **35.23 Report on the Foxhall Road Surveys**

The Clerk reported that an email has been received from Graham Rankin at Suffolk County Council Highways advising the Parish Council speed and volume surveys will be commenced at the end of February to the beginning of March. In addition, collision data has been obtained for the roads being studied. Attached was a multi-page PDF of the roads concerned on which there is a chainage on each of the 4 roads to allow the issues and features to be easily located. Once the information has been received the study will start in earnest. Councillors agreed that Cllr K Rout and Cllr B Newell would be the contacts for Suffolk County Council Highways. **Action: Cllr K Rout / Cllr B Newell / Clerk**

### **36.23 To consider the setting up of allotments**

The Clerk reported that 2 requests for allotments had been received from residents since the last meeting. It was agreed to place another article in the Brightwell Foxhall & Purdis Farm Group Parish Council newsletter. **Action: Cllr E Beach / Clerk**

### **37.23 Finance**

#### **Income**

Payments received for advertising in the Parish Magazine (2 x £70.00) £140.00

#### **Expenditure**

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses January 2023 £382.20

Cllr E Beach – Laptop ad software £319.00

Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fee £40.00

Community Account Balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 £31,675.27

Business Account Balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 £8,283.13

Cllr B Newell proposed that the above expenditure be approved, seconded Cllr B Short – all in favour.

**Action: Clerk**

### **38.23 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk**

- a. Cllr B Newell reported that she had attended the Bucklesham Public Meeting to discuss the Solar Farm Planning Application on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### **39.23 Members questions to the Chairman**

- a. Cllr K Rout reported that he has renewed the Oak Tree in Purdis Farm which had died due to the summer drought.
- b. Cllr B Newell reported that fly tipping had increased and that she had reported instances to East Suffolk Council.
- c. Cllr K Rout stated that he was concerned that the position of the soakaway grids at the Three Rivers Business Park.
- d. It was agreed that the Clerk should submit an application for bulbs for the parishes. **Action: Clerk**

### **40.23 Date of next meeting**

**7.30 pm Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.07 pm.**

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

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

