

BRIGHTWELL FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 10th January 2024 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr B Newell

Cllr K Rout

Cllr E Beach

Cllr G Watts

Cllr W Thurston

Cllr Mark Packard – East Suffolk Council

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

01.24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council.

02.24 To receive Members' Declaration of Interest

None

03.24 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th December 2023 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

04.24 Matters arising from the Minutes

All items arising from the minutes formed part of the agenda.

05.24 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports and questions

a. Cllr Mark Packard – East Suffolk Council – verbal report

Mark said that if Parish Council's would like to organise a litter pick there is money available to support this initiative. Mark reported on the Brightwell Lakes development and that the developers Taylor Wimpy are in the process of building affordable housing. Mark said that every house will have a heat pump, solar panels, and triple glazing. Cllr B Newell mentioned the problems that the family who own Hunters Heath were having with people using the footpath behind their property. Mark said the residents should speak to the sales team at Brightwell Lakes development.

b. Cllr Ed Thompson – East Suffolk Council – no report

c. Cllr Patti Mulcahy – Suffolk County Council – no report

d. To receive questions from members of the public - none

06.24 Planning

Report by Cllr G Watts

It was noted that the Planning Application number for Foxhall Barns Hall Road Foxhall Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission DC/22/0785/FUL – (Change of use, alteration and extension to some of the former agricultural buildings a new Orthodontic surgery with association facilities.) is DC/23/4450/VOC.

Cllr G Watts said that a Planning Forum for Town and Parish Councils is being held at East Suffolk Council Offices on Wednesday, 17th February 2024 where delegates can update their knowledge.

DC/23/4798/FUL West View Elmham Drive Foxhall Demolish existing conservatory and erect a single storey rear extension with pitched lean-to roof.

Cllr G Watts reported that no comments had been received from neighbours therefore the Parish Council commented “No comment”.

DC/23/4635/FUL Birchwood, Fairhaven and Pantiles Felixstowe Road Ipswich Demolition of the existing dwellings at Birchwood, Fairhaven and Pantiles and the construction of a new 80-bedroom care home (Use Class C2) together with access from Felixstowe Road and associated car and cycle parking and landscaping.

Cllr G Watts reported that no comments had been published on the website. It was agreed that the Parish Council should object to the proposed development because of insufficient on-site car parking. The applicant has confirmed that their application does not meet the Suffolk Guide for Parking 2019 in respect of a residential care home which is 47 spaces. The current proposal is 34 spaces to be provided on-site. The Parish Council believes this to be inadequate and additional spaces should be provided either permanent spaces or overspill spaces on grasscrete within the site. The Parish Council believes car parking is especially important at this site which is outside the settlement boundary and there is no other car parking available nearby. Councillors would also like to see accessibility to the site for pedestrians improved by the building of a footpath from the care home past Trinity Park and connecting with the existing footpath near the main entrance to Trinity Park. This would allow pedestrians easy access from Warren Heath, Bucklesham Road and beyond. This should be a condition for approval.

DC/23/4699/OUT Land Opposite Seven Hills Roundabout Felixstowe Road Nacton Suffolk Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access for a Business Park to provide floorspace for Class B2, B8 and E(g) Uses alongside ancillary uses

Cllr G Watts requested that the Clerk ask East Suffolk Council Planning for an extension until the 19th February 2024 to enable this application to be discussed at full Parish Council on the 14th February 2024. **Action: Clerk**

07.24 Report on VAS Sign Data

Cllr E Lawrence said that he was in the process of retrieving data from all the VAS signs and this information would be available for the next Parish Council meeting on the 14th February 2024. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**

08.24 Clerk's Report

Property of Resident Backing on to the Felixstowe Road

I've received an email from a resident who has problems with ivy destroying his fence due to it growing up his boundary fence and trees. The resident has approached Suffolk County Council Highways but they are stating that it is not their land and to contact the Parish Council. I have written to the gentleman advising that, in my opinion, I believe it could be East Suffolk Council land. I copied the reply into Eddie Lawrence who I think would be in a better position to know the answer to the question. Cllr E Lawrence said that it is East Suffolk Council land and the Clerk was asked to write to the homeowner and East Suffolk Council. **Action: Clerk**

Update on Foxhall Roads Survey

I have at long last managed to talk to an engineer in Suffolk County Council's Highways regarding the Foxhall Roads Survey. He provided me with some very useful information, and I will provide councillors with a written report at the meeting when I have emailed another person in the SCC Highway's team and hopefully received a reply.

09.24 Report from Community Partnership Meeting

No meeting therefore nothing to report.

10.24 Crime Prevention – To discuss the email from Foxhall Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr G Watts said complaints had been received by the Parish Council concerning the way the Police are dealing with burglaries in Foxhall. It was agreed to put an article in the Parish Magazine about the Neighbourhood Watch Group in Foxhall and reminding residents to be vigilant about security. **Action: Clerk / Cllr E Beach**

11.24 To discuss engagement with local High School Pupils

Cllr G Watts proposed that the first stage of engaging with the High School pupils was to give them a brief of what we would like them to do and what we would like them to get involved in ie greener issues and preserving the environment. Councillors to come back to the next meeting with a view of what the brief could look like and what should be included. **Action: All Councillors**

12.24 To discuss and agree the refurbishment of Foxhall and Brightwell Village Signs

Cllr K Rout reported that both the Foxhall and Brightwell Village signs are in need to refurbishment. It was agreed that Cllr K Rout should bring to the next meeting a plan of refurbishment so that work could be started in the Spring. **Action: Cllr K Rout**

13.24 Update on Foxhall Roads Survey

The Clerk reported that she had at last managed to make contact with Suffolk County Council Highways concerning the Foxhall Roads Survey. The survey had been undertaken by Kier and the Clerk had found it difficult to liaise with somebody from Suffolk County Council who had a working knowledge of the survey. The Clerk stated that she had made contact with a Highway's Engineer who had recommended that she speak to the Community Liaison Engineer who would be able to help with agreeing what work needed to be completed and whether the responsibility for funding would be either Highways or the Parish Council. The Clerk is waiting for a date to be agreed when members of

the Parish Council and Highways could meet to discuss how to move this project forward. **Action: Clerk**

14.24 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses December 2023 (incl. Back Pay)	£57950
SALC Training W Thurston	£72.00
HMRC Payment Tax and NI	£305.20

Account Balances

Community Account Balance on 30 th November 2023	£31,501.35
Business Account Balance on 30 th November 2023	£8,332.97

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

To discuss and agree changing bank accounts

The Clerk reported that she had researched alternative banking facility providers and a high number of Parish Council's bank with Unity Trust Bank. The cost of a current account is £6 per month and the Parish Council can have single, double or triple authorisations on an account. The Unity Trust deposit account pays 2.77% gross or 2.20% net interest on Instant Access Accounts. Barclays currently pay 1.40% gross interest. Following discussion, Cllr K Rout proposed that the Parish Council move their bank accounts to Unity Trust Bank, seconded Cllr G Watts – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

15.24 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

- a. Cllr G Watt reported that he had attended a Neighbourhood Planning event on the 23rd November 2023. He stated that generally Neighbourhood Planning is a committee which resides outside of the Parish Council. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to support setting up a Neighbourhood Plan. To set up a Neighbourhood Plan a parish needs community involvement.

16.24 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr B Newell said that dog bags were being through into the trees on the Sandlings Path.
- b. Cllr K Rout noted that all the roads which link on to Murrills Road slope. Cllr K Rout commented that there is a lot of rubbish on the footpaths etc in Murrills Road. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**

17.24 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 14th February 2024

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

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

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