

BRIGHTWELL FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 14th June 2023 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr G Watts

Cllr K Rout

Cllr E Beach

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council

Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council

1 member of the public

107.23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Newell (sickness).

108.23 To receive Members' Declaration of Interest

None

109.23 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th May 2023 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

110.23 Matters arising from the Minutes

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

111.23 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports and questions

- a. Cllr Mark Packard – East Suffolk Councillor – Mark reported that he had been appointed as Chair of the Planning South Committee. East Suffolk Council will take over from Norse and a separate limited company has been set up. Cllr E Beach thanked Mark for his report for the Parish Magazine.
- b. Cllr Ed Thompson – East Suffolk Councillor – no report.
- c. Cllr Patti Mulcahy – Suffolk County Council – Patti Mulcahy asked what the current position is regarding the progress with the Foxhall Road Surveys. Patti has not been copied into the recent email from Suffolk County Council Highways and requested the Clerk to forward the email.
Action: Clerk
- d. To receive questions from members of the public

The Chairman thanked the resident for attending the meeting. He reported that he was concerned about the amount of Hemlock growing in the countryside which is very poisonous to both humans and dogs. The following areas which he has identified Hemlock are on the road between Nacton War Memorial and Levington and in the first layby between Seven Hills on the Old Felixstowe Road and Levington. Councillors thanked the resident for advising them of the Hemlock in the area and it was agreed that an article would be placed in the Parish Magazine highlighting the dangers of this plant. **Action: Cllr E Beach**

112.23 Planning

- a. Rescheduled meeting with the Boyers Project Team regarding the allocated Business Park site at the Land at Felixstowe Road (Local Plan Policy SCLP12.20) Thursday, 6th July 2023 at 10.30. Cllrs E Lawrence, G Watts and K Rout to attend and report back to the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- b. Planning Forum for Town and Parish Councils on the 7th July 2023 at 9.30 am at High Lodge Haw Wood Hinton Nr Darsham. Cllr G Watts to attend and report back to the next meeting. **Action: Cllr G Watts**
- c. Enforcement at Three Rivers Business Centre ENF/22/0340/USE. Enforcement action has now been taken for the removal of trucks, lorries and containers. The owner of the site had previously been warned that he was breaching planning regulations.
- d. DC/21/3486/FUL Reconsultation Orwell Crossing Truck Stop A14 Nacton East Bound – Erection of 1no. warehouses (Class B8) together with access and servicing arrangements, vehicle parking, landscaping and associated works

Cllr G Watts stated that the Parish Council's concerns regarding the footpath which goes between the houses on Felixstowe Road have never been addressed. Network Rail has submitted a letter reiterating their previous objection. Suffolk County Council Highways have asked for further information as to whether these objections have been dealt with. I believe we should continue to object to the footpath issue and people crossing the railway line.

- e. No 1 Footpath Nacton. Cllr G Watts reported that the Parish Council had been consulted on the No1 Footpath Nacton. The Parish Council has raised concerns regarding the footpath and the issues of people crossing the railway line. The Parish Council will be replying to the East Suffolk Council Rights of Way Officer as follows:

The Parish Council continues to be concerned about the state of this footpath from Felixstowe Road to the railway line and the use of it as an entrance to the Orwell Logistics Park. Network Rail have also raised concerns about an increase in people using this footpath and crossing the railway line.

DC/22/2437/FUL Pinetrees Purdis Farm Lane Purdis Farm – Demolition of existing bungalow, construction of 4 new dwellings and associated carports, parking, access and landscaping. A new consultation for application DC/22/2437/FUL has been received. Amendments have been made to the application and amended plans have been received.

The Parish Council objected to the first application. This application was rejected by ESC. The Parish Council did not object to the latest application. Several residents have submitted letters of objection to ESC. Residents believed it was out of character with the existing properties. The Parish Council support the Planning Officer's views. Cllr E Lawrence stated that the development is better than the existing property.

DC/20/2805/FUL 123 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm – Erection of 2 detached dwellings with garages following demolition of existing bungalow.

This application was rejected by ESC. The application was taken to appeal, and the Planning Inspectorate has approved the development.

DC/23/2157/FUL The Cart Lodge Purdis Farm Lane Purdis Farm – Conversion and Extension of Existing Building into Annex Ancillary to the Main Dwelling

Cllr G Watts stated that he would clarify with Cllr B Newell what the objection is to this application and formulate a reply. **Action: Clerk / Cllr G Watts**

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

Cllr G Watts reported that no further information was available concerning Planning Application DC/22/2999/FUL. Cllr Mark Packard agreed to find out the latest position. **Action: Cllr Mark Packard**

113.23 To discuss the VAS sign reports and discuss moving the VAS signs to being solar powered

Cllr E Lawrence proposed that the Parish Council sell the existing four VAS signs which are battery operated and buy two solar powered signs. The Clerk reported that she would approach Suffolk Association of Local Councils regarding the advertising of the four signs in their weekly newsletter. The advantage of the solar powered signs is that the data can be downloaded to a cell phone. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr E Lawrence would present costs to the Parish Council at the meeting in July. The Murrills Road VAS sign has been removed by Suffolk County Council. He reported that he had sent the paperwork to SCC Highways to erect a new post. Cllr E Lawrence reported that he would need to approach a resident to gain approval of the new post being sited in Murrills Road. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence / Clerk**

114.23 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

An email has been sent to Suffolk County Council Highways attaching a design brief for the above which will enable Suffolk County Council Highways to provide us with a quotation for the work so that the Parish Council can make a decision as to whether to go ahead with the project. To date a quotation has not been received. **Action: Clerk**

115.23 Update on the replacement of benches in Meadow Crescent

Cllr E Lawrence reported that he had not received a reply concerning his request for removing and replacing the benches in Meadow Crescent. As discussed earlier in the meeting, Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Councillor agreed to contact Norse to discuss. It was noted that the benches belong to East Suffolk Council. **Action: Cllr Mark Packard / Clerk**

116.23 Clerk's Report June 2023

Design Brief for Footpath Felixstowe Road

I have emailed separately a design brief for the above which will enable Suffolk County Council Highways to provide us with a quotation for the work so that the Parish Council can make a decision on whether to go ahead. To date I have not received the quotation.

Foxhall Road Traffic Surveys

I have emailed Suffolk County Council Highways for an update re the Foxhall Road Traffic Survey but to date have not received any feedback.

CIL Receipts

I have emailed separately an update on our funding from CIL receipts.

30mph Stickers

I can confirm that the 30mph stickers have now been delivered to our residents in Brightwell.

East Suffolk Planning Alliance (ESPA)

I have notified the above that we affiliate the Parish Council to their organisation and that Cllr Graeme Watts is our representative.

Fly Tipping

Councillors may have read in the Evening Star that a man and his son received a fine for fly tipping in Ipswich. The fly tipping consisted of household goods such as mattresses, etc. The pair received a large fine in the region of £3,000. Hopefully these large fines will deter fly tippers when a report is placed in the local paper.

Can I ask councillors to be on the lookout for fly tipping and either report incidents on the ESC website or send me an email and I'll report it.

It might be a good idea to have an article in our next newsletter including commenting that a couple of people received a fine from IBC in the region of £3,000. It might make fly tippers think twice before they go ahead and dump rubbish in our countryside. On a personal note, I recently hired a skip which cost £220 which is considerably less than £3,000.

117.23 Road Safety Forum

Cllr E Lawrence reported that he had circulated the minutes of the last meeting and the agenda for the next meeting. He reported that we were the only Parish Council that had submitted any VAS data. The Forum had noted that high grass near road junctions needed to be cut. The Police have been made aware of the speeding in Brightwell. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**

118.23 Report on the Foxhall Road Surveys

It was reported that an email had been received from Suffolk County Council Highways advising that there was a delay in completing the Foxhall Road Surveys. Due to the fact that the Highways Contract with Suffolk County Council is coming to an end design resources need to concentrate on

schemes that need to be constructed on the ground before the middle of September. Some of the improvement schemes which are being worked on have a long lead in times of procurement and organisational delivery of 14-16 weeks before work is started on the ground. To ensure that these are delivered they have taken priority to make sure these are handed over in a timely manner to delivery teams. These works are currently being prioritised over design only schemes such as Foxhall Road Surveys. The cut off for handing over schemes is fast approaching and once that has past design time will be released to enable the study to be completed in July. **Action: Cllr B Newell / Cllr E Lawrence / Clerk**

119.23 To discuss editorial for the Newsletter

Cllr E Beach reported that Cllr Mark Packard District Council had submitted editorial to be included in the next Parish Newsletter. It was agreed to place an article in the magazine regarding the dangers of Hemlock to both dogs and humans. Councillors were asked to submit any relevant editorial to Cllr E Beach. **Action: All Councillors / Clerk**

120.23 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses May 2023	£360.35
HMRC – Tax	£251.40
Donation to Brightwell PCC	£300.00

Account Balances

Community Account Balance on 31 st May 2023	£41,465.52
Business Account Balance on 31 st May 2023	£8,293.41

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

121.23 Meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk

None

122.23 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr E Lawrence reported that the grit bin in Bramble Drive had been filled with grit.
- b. The dog bin on Murrills Park has the lid missing. **Action: Clerk**
- c. The dog bin in Foxglove Crescent is laying on the ground. **Action: Clerk**

123.23 Date of next meeting

7.30 pm Wednesday, 12th July 2023

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.14 pm.

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

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