

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

## **Minutes**

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

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr E Lawrence

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

### **41.23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E Thompson East Suffolk Council and Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council.

### **42.23 To receive Members' Declaration of Interest**

None

### **43.23 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **44.23 Matters arising from the Minutes**

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

### **45.23 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

### **46.23 Planning**

DC/23/0579/FUL Lavenham House Elmham Drive Foxhall – Proposed 2 No. dormer windows and 2 No. velux roof lights to existing detached garage, internal alterations to install new staircase to access existing roof area and installation of a shower room to the ground floor of the existing garage

PC Comments: No objection.

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/22/2506/ARM Os 2092 Purdis Avenue Purdis Farm – Approval of Reserved Matters of APP/J3530/W/18/3213811 (DC/17/5437/OUT) Six dwellings with associated infrastructure, parking and landscaping.

PC Comments:

The Parish Council objects to this development which we consider to be unsuitable for this location at the edge of Purdis Farm. We believe that the building of six large houses and garages will have an unacceptable effect on the visual amenity of Purdis Heath, Purdis Avenue and Purdis Farm Lane. We do not believe that this meets the inspector's expectation of six modest single storey dwellings which would provide a sense of transition between the settlement and the countryside. The plans also lack detail in particular in respect of car parking. Does the provision meet the minimum requirements for such properties? The Parish council is also concerned about the effect that such a development will have on the SSI and associated wildlife. We do not think these concerns have been sufficiently mitigated by this proposal. The Parish Council is also very concerned by the disturbance to local wildlife and residents that will be caused by such a large building site in a quiet area adjacent to the countryside. We expect the planning authority to require that a comprehensive and restrictive construction plan is agreed prior to any construction being started. Any planning approval should also include a condition that any damage caused during construction to Purdis Avenue or Purdis Farm Lane should be repaired at the applicant's expense. For these reasons the Parish Council and several local residents object to this application.

This application went to appeal.

#### **47.23 To discuss VAS Reports**

Cllr E Lawrence reported that one of the VAS signs has a fault with the time/date but it is still recording speeds. There are traffic surveys being undertaken in the area of Straight Road and Bucklesham Road.  
**Action: Cllr E Lawrence**

#### **48.23 To discuss the litter in Straight Road**

Cllr K Rout reported that litter was an ongoing problem in Straight Road and the surrounding area. Cllr E Lawrence suggested that the three CCTV cameras which have been received back from the resident should be used to identify where most of the rubbish is being tipped. Although the resident had said that the cameras were not working Cllr E Lawrence said upon examination it is a matter of the batteries needing to be recharged and new memory cards are required. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact East Suffolk Council with a review to the installation of CCTV cameras and in the

meantime Cllr E Lawrence would try and get the cameras working again. **Action: Clerk / Cllr E Lawrence**

**49.23 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**

Cllr E Lawrence reported that he had received a request for the Parish Council to provide a footpath on Felixstowe Road between the roundabout at Trinity Park main entrance and the service road up towards Miller & Carter. He reported that he had submitted a proposal to the Communities Partnership Fund and he would bring a more detailed proposal and costings to the next meeting in June. **Action: Clerk**

**50.23 Adoption of Policies and Procedures 2022/2023**

Cllr K Rout proposed that the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, National Code of Conduct and the Asset Register which had previously been circulated to councillors should be approved, seconded Cllr E Warham – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

**51.23 To discuss providing Benches in Meadow Crescent**

Cllr E Lawrence said that in order to provide benches on the highway a license is required. Cllr E Lawrence said that he would send an email to Suffolk County Council Highways with a proposal to locate benches in Meadow Crescent. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**

**52.23 Clerk's Report March 2023**

Solar Farm Planning Application

The Parish Council objected to Planning Application DC/22/4401/FUL. At the recent Bucklesham Parish Council meeting the minutes reported.

“Arslaan Tahir, Program Manager from Novus RS, had notified the Clerk that Brightwell, Foxhall and Purdis Farm Group Parish Council had contacted them about the Solar Farm Planning Application. BFPFPC had requested that, should the Planning Application be successful, they receive a share of the Community Levy paid to Bucklesham Parish Council as they were a near neighbour of the site. Mr Tahir informed them that the entire levy would be paid to Bucklesham as the proposed site was in Bucklesham Parish.”

The Parish Council agreed to take no further action concerning this matter. **Action: Clerk**

Election Forms

I have arranged to take the completed election forms to East Suffolk House in Woodbridge at 10.00 am on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Election papers have to be delivered by hand so unfortunately if you miss the deadline you will need to make arrangements with East Suffolk Council.

**53.23 Road Safety Forum**

Cllr B Short was thanked for his report which had been circulated to all councillors following the meeting of the Road Safety Forum on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### **54.23 To discuss Communication with Residents**

Several enquiries had been received from local residents. One lady was concerned about anti-social behaviour on the Murrills Park. The lady has been advised to contact the Environmental Protection at East Suffolk Council who would ask her to complete a complaint record form and would also undertake visits to determine whether or not the noise is causing a statutory nuisance. If sufficient evidence is available, they would install a noise recorder at the lady's property. A number of residents have been concerned about the planning process and the Parish Council has included an article in the next Parish Magazine entitled "Having your say on planning". The Parish Magazine also includes a section on "Useful Numbers" to enable residents to contact the various organisations to report problems. The Clerk reported that she had responded to all enquiries. **Action: Clerk**

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

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council is waiting for the results of the Foxhall Road surveys from Suffolk County Council Highways. **Action: Clerk**

#### **56.23 Finance**

##### **Income**

None

##### **Expenditure**

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses February 2023	£368.60
Community Account Balance on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	£30,522.67
Business Account Balance on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023	£8,283.13

Cllr K Rout proposed that the above expenditure be approved, seconded Cllr G Watts – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

#### **To discuss appointment of Internal Auditor 2022/2023**

Cllr G Watts proposed, seconded Cllr E Warham that Mr Trevor Brown be appointed as auditor for 2022/2023 – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

#### **57.23 Meetings attended by Councillors/Clerk**

No meetings had been attended.

#### **58.23 Members questions to the Chairman**

- a. Cllr B Newell reported that the wooden railings on the bridge which crosses the river in Monument Farm Lane are broken and in a dangerous condition. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Suffolk County Council Highways to report the problem. **Action: Clerk**
- b. Cllr B Newell reported that unfortunately the pharmacy situated in Sainsbury's Warren Heath store is closing. Noted.

#### **59.23 Date of next meeting**

**7.30 pm Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.33 pm.**

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

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