

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

## **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr G Watts

Cllr B Newell

Cllr K Rout

Cllr E Beach

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

Cllr Ed Thompson – East Suffolk Council

Cllr Patti Mulcahy – Suffolk County Council

4 members of the public

### **142.23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council.

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

None

### **144.23 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **145.23 Matters arising from the Minutes**

All matters arising formed part of the agenda.

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

a. Cllr Mark Packard – East Suffolk Council – no report.

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

Cllr Thompson presented a petition to the Parish Council concerning the positioning of the grit bin in Hazel Drive / Foxglove Crescent which requested the return of the winter grit bin to be relocated back to outside 1 Hazel Drive Purdis Farm. Discussions took place and councillors presented their reasons for being unable to place the grit in the position requested by residents.

c. Cllr Patti Mulcahy – Suffolk County Council – written report

Norfolk and Suffolk Councils given authority and funding to help nature's recovery

Suffolk and Norfolk County Councils have been formally appointed by Government as responsible authorities for preparing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for their respective counties.

This means that they will be working together to help improve wildlife habitats and reverse the decline of biodiversity across the region, working with local communities to develop a tailored nature recovery strategy for their areas.

They will also work with other local planning authorities, the Broads Authority, Natural England, and a wide range of stakeholders and partners, including farming and landowner groups.

This is all part of Government's ambition to further drive nature recovery, with 48 individual local authorities across the country receiving allocations from a £14 million funding pot. Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils will receive £333,000 and £282,000 respectively over two years to fund this work. With the best ways to support nature recovery depending on local character and geography, Local Nature Recovery Strategies will help communities map out the action needed in their area to restore nature.

The Norfolk and Suffolk councils have already been working closely with each other, jointly hosting the Norfolk and Suffolk Nature Recovery Partnership, and a host of other stakeholders and interested parties to prepare for this moment. The two authorities have pooled resources and expertise and to ensure that strategies effectively join up across the two counties to the wider benefit of nature and people.

The Strategies will focus on how to improve habitats and protect the natural environment across the region, with local approaches tailored to the specific circumstances of each area. Norfolk and Suffolk are home to a variety of beautiful and unique landscapes, from the chalk streams of the Norfolk Coast to the Stour estuary at the southeast of Suffolk and across many habitats in between, and specific policies will be drawn up to best protect and nurture each location.

Future plans will include working closely with other neighbouring counties, to identify and support opportunities for nature recovery at sufficient scale to really benefit wildlife.

#### Domestic Abuse Commissioner praises Suffolk's Champions

The Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales, Nicole Jacobs met in July with Suffolk's Domestic Abuse Champions Network.

The Domestic Abuse Commissioner is an independent voice that speaks on behalf of victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Alongside Councillor Bobby Bennett, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Equality and Communities, DA Commissioner Nicole Jacobs, met with Domestic Abuse Champions and representatives from Suffolk's commissioned Domestic Abuse Services. They presented certificates to Champions, who have gone above and beyond in their role by providing support or raising the profile of Domestic Abuse.

The Suffolk Domestic Abuse Champions Network aims to raise awareness about coercive control and increase confidence across the Suffolk community in order to provide consistent information, advice and support to victim-survivors of domestic abuse.

The Champions are provided with free training to have the skills to spread awareness to other colleagues and act as the 'Go to Person' for Information between their own agency and local support services. The Network was launched in April 2019, and since then, the content of the training has evolved, and the delivery has developed to incorporate an online offer as well as face-to-face.

Over 1,300 Champions have now taken the free training, including representatives from across the county and from a broad range of organisations including health, education, housing, recovery services, mental health support, adult and children's social care, police and more individuals, voluntary and community organisations.

The Domestic Abuse Champions training offer is open to anyone living or working in Suffolk. The trainers welcome individuals or local businesses to come forward and take advantage of the free training and help keep Suffolk safe. To book the free training, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/suffolk-domestic-abuse-champions-network-369439>.

Suffolk's Champion Co-ordinators are also available to attend team meetings or deliver free bespoke sessions tailored to your organisation. Please contact [dachampions@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:dachampions@suffolk.gov.uk) to find out more.

To find out more about Suffolk's Domestic Abuse Champions, and listen to the latest in a series of podcasts, featuring interviews with specialist support services and survivors of domestic abuse, visit: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/community-safety/domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence>

#### Free Exhibition 'Wolsey's Ipswich' this summer at The Hold as part of Wolsey 550 Celebrations

Suffolk Archives' free summer exhibition 'Wolsey's Ipswich' opens on Friday 14 July at The Hold on Ipswich Waterfront and will explore the legacy of Cardinal Thomas Wolsey thanks to funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The exhibition forms a key part of the Thomas Wolsey 550 project, a programme of events and activities planned to celebrate the 550th anniversary of Wolsey's birth across Ipswich.

Curated by the team at Suffolk Archives, a Suffolk County Council service, the exhibition includes items from Suffolk's own archive collections, as well as items on loan from organisations across the country.

Made possible by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Ipswich Central and Ipswich Borough Council, the exhibition will explore the legacy of Thomas Wolsey, reconnecting him with his hometown and examining his position on the world stage.

Born and raised in Ipswich, Wolsey rose from humble beginnings to become the most powerful man in England, working alongside King Henry VIII. The '**Wolsey's Ipswich**' exhibition will unearth a story of ambition, aspiration, determination, and the possibility for anyone to succeed.

The exhibition features archive treasures from Suffolk's collections dating from the 16th century to the present day, as well as some significant loaned exhibits, including Wolsey's original Cardinal hat, on loan from Christ Church College, Oxford.

Having finally been made a Cardinal by the Pope in 1515 following a long campaign, Wolsey was made to wait three years to receive this badge of honour from Rome and arranged a grand procession for it through the streets of London.

The exhibition will also include an original copy of Shakespeare's first folio, on loan from Trinity College Cambridge and coinciding with Folio 400 which marks 400 years since the first printed collection of Shakespeare's work. The exhibition will look at how Wolsey has been depicted throughout history including within Shakespeare's play Henry VIII which covers part of Henry's reign and depicts elements of Wolsey's rise and fall.

The final section of the exhibition will be dedicated to building a sense of aspiration for local young people, taking Wolsey's experiences as a starting point. Suitable for all ages, the exhibition offers a unique opportunity to come and explore the complex and inspiring story of Ipswich's most famous son.

**Wolsey's Ipswich** opens on **Friday 14 July** and runs until **Sunday 29 October 2023** at The Hold on Ipswich Waterfront. Entry is free and open to all ages.

Exhibition opening times are 10:00 - 12:30 and 13:00 – 16:00 Monday to Friday, with late opening until 9pm on Thursdays. 10:00 - 16:00 Saturday and Sunday.

You can book free tickets for the **Wolsey's Ipswich** exhibition by visiting: [www.suffolkarchives.co.uk](http://www.suffolkarchives.co.uk). Alternatively, just turn up and depending on the capacity of the exhibition gallery you will be admitted as soon as possible.

#### Council fears new energy proposals will harm Suffolk's coastline

Suffolk County Council is disappointed to learn that the LionLink interconnector project from National Grid Ventures has identified an alternative landfall at Walberswick, with cable routing making its way to the north of Southwold.

The Council will study the details of the new proposals and will prepare its response to the National Grid's second public consultation, which opens on 8 September.

The Lionlink project aims to connect multiple offshore wind farms in the North Sea, instead of individual wind farms connecting one by one to the shore. The project is a joint venture between the UK and the Netherlands, supplying energy to both countries.

The non-statutory consultation on [National Grid Venture's LionLink project](#) will commence on the 8 September 2023, and will remain open until 3 November 2023.

d. To receive questions from members of the public

The members of the public spoke during the District Councillor's discussions.

#### **147.23 Co-option of Parish Councillor and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

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

#### **148.23 Planning**

Langham House 131 Bucklesham Road Bucklesham Purdis Farm IP3 8UB Case Number: ENF/23/0218/DEV Possible Breach of Control: Erection of garage block with accommodation in roof

Cllr G Watts reported that a report had been received regarding what was considered to be development without planning permission. This matter has been referred to Dominc Starkey the Assistant Enforcement Officer who will investigate and report back to the Parish Council.

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 Mark Packard has spoken to the Planning Officer who has stated that ESC are currently in discussions with the applicants about the access arrangements for the car parking in relation to the football pitches. There were some concerns over amenity issues with regards to the current location proposed. We are anticipating that there will be a change to the current arrangements. Once this has been finalised and submitted, it is likely it will need to be consulted on again. I hope to have drawn these amendments to a conclusion over the next few weeks, however this may be longer.

DC/21/3486/FUL (Orwell Logistics Park) Cllr G Watts reported that Grant Heal the Planning Officer has asked whether the Parish Council will withdraw their objection to the Planning Application in view of the fact that Footpath No 1 has now been diverted around the edge of the Logistics Park and based on the fact that the Planning Officer and all parties consulted have said that there is now safe access to the site. Cllr G Watts proposed that in view of the above comments the Parish Council should withdraw their objection.

#### **149.23 Update regarding rough sleeper in Purdis Farm**

The Clerk reported that she had received information from Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council that the District Council are aware of the person living rough in Purdis Farm as are the police and social care. There is a multi-disciplinary meeting about the person in question at the end of the month. In the meantime, Mark Packard is chasing ESC Legal to understand the options about her as its very uncommon for a rough sleeper to be on our ESC land. He went on to say that this is a very delicate case for the sake of all involved. Cllr Patti Mulcahy agreed to approach Suffolk County Council Social Care as to what action they were taking to help the person involved. **Action: Cllr Patti Mulcahy / Clerk**

#### **150.23 Update regarding the rewilding of areas in Purdis Farm**

Cllr Eddie Lawrence reported that following complaints it had been agreed to revert to cutting the piece of land opposite 10 Woodrush Road rather than leaving it as a rewilding area. Nothing further to report.

#### **151.23 To discuss the Civility and Respect Project**

The Clerk reported that as requested at the last meeting she had identified the cost of providing training to all councillors. The total cost is £90 per councillor which would cover Resilience and Emotional Intelligence – What it means in practice for clerks and council officers, Leadership in Challenging Situations – Dealing with challenging situations and working with others and Respectful Social Media – How to deal with attacks and negative engagement all delivered by Breakthrough Communications. Cllr G Watts proposed that the Clerk attend the training and report back to the Parish Council, seconded Cllr E Breach – all in favour. The Clerk agreed to give some thought to attending the training and report back to the next meeting. Cllr E Lawrence proposed that the

Clerk's telephone number is removed from correspondence and the website, seconded Cllr E Beach – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

### **152.23 To discuss the grit bin Hazel Drive Purdis Farm**

The Parish Council acknowledged receipt of the letter which had been handed to them at tonight's meeting. It was agreed that for various reasons Suffolk County Council Highways have stated that the Parish Council cannot place the grit bin in the position identified by local residents. Cllr Patti Mulcahy agreed to discuss with SCC Highways. **Action: Cllr Patti Mulcahy / Clerk**

### **153.23 Clerk's Report September 2023**

#### Report from Mark Packard District Councillor

Parkland at Woodrush Road. This has now been reinstated by Suffolk Services and inspected by their tree specialist. I was not happy that the tree specialist thought all was OK and will approach him again in October to try to view the area with him again to see where improvements might be made. It needs to be user friendly and not overgrown.

Homeless person camping on East Suffolk land. You have been included in the correspondence and we can only hope the meeting with all the responsible parties comes up with a solution. Finding her a place to live is obviously desirable. Ongoing.

#### Co-option of Parish Councillor

I had been approached by a resident for Foxhall who was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. However, I haven't been able to get in touch with them. I have sent them a copy of the agenda.

#### Requests for Charity Funding

I have received two requests for charity funding as follows:

Disabled Advice Service Woodbridge  
Lighthouse Women's Aid

#### October Meeting

The October meeting will be limited to half an hours duration (6.30 pm to 7.00 pm) to enable the Parish Council to have a closed meeting from 7 pm to discuss two items; Foxhall Road Survey and Greener Waldringfield Project.

### **154.23 To discuss the Greener Waldringfield Project**

Cllr B Newell reported that the Greener Waldringfield Project has now been renamed the Greener Infrastructure Project. It was agreed that this item would form part of the Parish Council discussions on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023. **Action: Cllr Brenda Newell / Clerk**

### **155.23 To discuss the Foxhall Road Surveys**

Cllr G Watts stated that he was not happy with the proposal to cancel the Parish Council meeting scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to enable the Parish Council to discuss the Foxhall Road Survey and the Greener Infrastructure Project. Following discussion Cllr G Watts proposed to hold a

streamlined Parish Council meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 starting at 6.30 pm and finishing at 7.00 pm (restricted agenda) and a meeting to discuss the Foxhall Road Surveys and the Greener Infrastructure Project for councillors only starting at 7.00 pm, seconded Cllr K Rout – 3 in favour, 1 abstention, 2 against - agreed **Action: Clerk**

#### **156.23 Requests for charity funding**

- a. DAS
- b. Lighthouse Women's Aid

Councillors agreed that they didn't feel they were in a position to donate funding to either charity however it was agreed that the Clerk should write to both charities stating that the Parish Council would be happy for them to advertise for free in the Parish Magazine to raise awareness of the charities. **Action: Cllr E Beach / Clerk**

#### **157.23 Finance**

##### **Income**

None

##### **Expenditure**

Clerk's Salary and Expenses August 2023	£382.70
Business Services at CAS Ltd – Insurance Renewal	£351.01

##### **Account Balances**

Community Account Balance on 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	£38,802.28
Business Account Balance on 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	£8,310.70

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

#### **To discuss the External Audit Report and Conclusion of Audit 2022/2023**

The Clerk advised that Section 3 of Part 3 of the AGAR 2022/23 had been returned by PKF Littlejohn with no comments. Receipt of Section 3 of Part 3 of the AGAR and Notice of Conclusion of Audit were acknowledged by the Council. **Action: Clerk**

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

- a. Cllr G Watts reported that he had attended the Community Partnership Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. Cllr Ed Thompson was elected as the new Chairman. The meeting had discussed priorities for the next year. The next meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 but no information has been received. The representative on the Community Partnership is Cllr E Lawrence. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**
- b. Cllr E Lawrence attended the Road Safety Forum and had asked the forum for funding for the footpath from Trinity Park main entrance and the service road up towards Miller and Carter. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**
- c. Cllr B Newell reported that she had attended the recent Greener Infrastructure Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> August. As Cllr K Rout was on holiday, she had been accompanied by a Foxhall

resident. Cllr Newell said that she would give a full report at the Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**159.23 Members questions to the Chairman**

- a. Cllr B Newell reported that she had reported to Suffolk County Council Highways the inappropriately positioned road sign at the end of Kennels Road where it goes onto the A14. Eventually after numerous telephone calls the sign has now been removed.

**160.23 Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Start Meeting 6.30 pm End Meeting 7.00 pm**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35 pm.**

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

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