

BRIGHTWELL, FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm Wednesday, 12th January 2022

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr G Watts

Cllr K Rout

Cllr B Newell

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr B Short

Cllr S Short

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

01.22 Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence were received.

02.22 To receive Members' declaration of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

03.22 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th December 2021 were approved as being a true record.

04.22 Matters arising from the minutes

175.21 To discuss email reply from Andy Jolliffe concerning a road safety forum

Cllrs S and B Short said they had attended the Road Safety Forum meeting and that the next meeting is in February 2022. Discussions had taken place as to what the forum should be focusing on. The forum highlighted that people using roads should feel safe and in particular horse riders and cyclists. Access to footpaths is important. The remainder of the discussions was about putting together the framework for the forum. Concerns had been expressed about school children walking home. The Community Partnership have supplied hi viz jackets for school children in the local area. The jackets have been provided to schools.

It was agreed that the Clerk should apply for extra cameras so the Parish Council can leave cameras in situ for longer periods of time. **Action: Clerk**

05.22 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports and questions

- a. Cllr Chris Blundell – East Suffolk District Councillor – no report.
- b. Cllr Ed Thompson – East Suffolk Councillor – no report.
- c. Cllr Patti Mulcahy – Suffolk County Council – no report.

Write to Graham Newman Suffolk County Council Chairman and state that we are very concerned that our elected County Councillor is not fulfilling her role. **Action: Clerk**

- d. To receive questions from members of the public - no members of the public were present.

To reconvene the meeting

06.22 Planning

- a. Proposed development of Orwell Crossing Logistics Park

Cllr G Watts reported that there had been no further developments on the planning application for the Logistics Park. The next Planning Committee meeting is the 25th January 2022.

- b. General

Cllr G Watts stated there had been Planning Development for several small-scale housing developments.

DC/21/3546/FUL The site is located to the North of Trinity Park to the North of Bucklesham Road... Change of use to facilitate four croquet lawns with clubhouse, maintenance shed, car parking and water tank. Parking will be on site. Even in winter the well-draining sandy soil will allow vehicles to be parked without any problems. Four lawns can host 16 Association Croquet players. Even with the officials managing the 2 or 3 days of a serious... - Approved

DC/21/3805/FUL Foxhall Hall Hall Road Foxhall – Change of use and partial rebuilding of some of the former agricultural buildings as a new orthodontics surgery with associate facilities. – Pending

DC/21/2391/FUL Land off Ipswich Road Brightwell – Change of use of land for siting of 31 no. static units and 12 touring pitches and ancillary facilities – re submission DC/20/5102/FUL – There is a further comment on the website from Waldringfield Parish Council relating to sewage.

DC/21/0903/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. – There are two more letters from local residents. This application is unusual due to the time it has taken for ESC to make a decision on the application. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Planning Officer (Copy to Cllr C Blundell) asking why this application is taking so long to determine. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr B Newell commented that there were 69 planning applications last year, 5 were withdrawn which leaves 64 including 10 relating to Brightwell Lakes and Orwell Truck Stop. Of these 54, 22 are pending from last year. Cllr G Watts said there could be genuine reasons for the delay in processing these applications and that the Parish Council should concentrate on individual applications. It was agreed that the Clerk

should write to the Planning Department asking the reasons why these applications are delayed. **Action: Clerk**

07.22 Straight Road Improvements

Discussion took place about the road signage to indicate the turning for Straight Road from both Felixstowe and Ipswich. Councillors discussed erecting new signs or place signage on the road. Cllr E Warham proposed, seconded Cllr B Short that the Clerk should write to David Chenery Suffolk County Council Highways Manager and express our concerns about the visibility on turning onto Straight Road from both Felixstowe and Ipswich and that the Parish Council has funding available that they would like to put forwards improvements - all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

08.22 Report on Murrills Park Purdis Farm

The Clerk reported that she had written to Andy Jolliffe and had received the following reply.

“Regarding the Murrells Park improvements, the contract provision was delayed because of queries relating to the potential increased cost of maintenance that would be incurred by East Suffolk Council. This is because some of the improvements involved some small rolling hills that wouldn’t affect anyone’s privacy but couldn’t be cut by the usual ride on mowers used by Norse. It’s been confirmed that these costs can be covered by our budgets and the offer of the contract has been made.

The sign off hasn’t been finalised with the company so the plans are not yet available. However, once this is done the providers will be arranging community drop-in sessions for local residents and parish councillors to discuss the plans and take feedback. At this point the designs won’t change substantially as the cost implication would be significant but there is space to adjust the designs if necessary. I will of course be providing yourselves with a copy of the plans at the earliest opportunity and certainly before they’re released to the public. As a reminder the feedback received from residents shaped the design of the new plans and is intended to improve current provision, not create something completely new.

In terms of the cost of installation the providers are well aware that the funds available are the maximum and there is no flexibility for overspend. This was made clear at the procurement stage and has been reiterated since. There are no concerns about an overspend at this time.

Finally, because the process of allocating and spending the funds has commenced there are no grounds for the developers to reclaim it based on lack of its use. I hope this allays concerns over the costs and potential reclaim from developers.”

Councillors noted the contents of the response, and the Clerk was requested to write to Andy Jolliffe stating that the Parish Council looks forward to receiving a copy of the plans as soon as they become available. **Action: Clerk**

09.22 To discuss the VAS Sign Reports

Cllr E Lawrence had previously circulated the results of the VAS monitoring in Brightwell. The average speed of traffic is over 30 miles per hour. Traffic is exceeding the speed limit by travelling at 37.8 miles per hour. It was agreed that Cllrs S and B Short should bring the matter of speeding and the use of the data collected to the attending of the next meeting of the Road and Safety Forum. It was also agreed that the Clerk should send the information to the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Councillors asked for the Clerk to contact the Police Commissioner about police attendance at Parish Council Meetings. **Action: Sheila and Bernard Short / Clerk**

10.22 To discuss celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022

Councillors discussed whether celebrations should take place in the parishes for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Trinity Park asking whether they would be holding any events to mark the event which our parishes could join in. **Action: Clerk**

11.22 Clerk's Report December 2021

Email from Andy Jolliffe re Murrills Park

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Suffolk County Councillor

I wrote to Patti and copied in Graham Newman Head of Suffolk County Council requesting contact be made with the Parish Council. I had an immediate reply from Graham but at this time I have not had an acknowledgement to my email from Patti.

Parish Council Vacancy

I received an email from a resident in Foxhall who was interested in becoming a councillor however on reflection she felt that, at the moment, she didn't have enough time to devote to the position.

12.22 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

A J Buggs Salary and Expenses December 2021	£343.10
HMRC Tax Oct, Nov, Dec 2021	£233.40
Community Account Balance as at 31 st December 2021	£3,3182.22
Business Account Balance as at 31 st December 2021	£8,275.13

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

13.22 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

- a. Cllrs S and B Short reported that they had attended the recent Road and Safety Forum and would be attending the next meeting in February 2022. **Action: Cllrs S and B Short**

14.22 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr K Rout offered to erect the new Brightwell Notice Board when it arrives from the manufacturers. **Action: Cllr K Rout / Clerk**
- b. Cllr B Short asked the question as to how many posts were available in the three parishes for the VAS signs. Cllr E Lawrence said that currently the Parish Council have 5 posts, but it is hoped more would be purchased when Suffolk County Council Highways give approval for positions to site the posts.
- c. A question was asked about a local litter pick and whether this could be carried out by Norse. Cllr E Lawrence stated that some Parish Councils employ a linesman to carry out this type of work.

15.33 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 9th February 2022 at Trinity Park

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22 pm

Signed..... Date

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