

BRIGHTWELL FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

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

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr G Watts

Cllr W Thurston

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council

50.24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr K Rout, Cllr B Newell, Cllr E Beach and Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council.

51.24 To receive Members' Declaration of Interest

None

52.24 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th March 2024 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

53.24 Matters arising from the Minutes

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

54.24 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
- c. Cllr Patti Mulcahy – Suffolk County Council – verbal report

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Patti Mulcahy to the meeting. Patti said that she wanted to discuss the email the Parish Council has sent regarding the SCC Highways response to the container storage planning application which she would be pursuing. Patti said that there are no restrictions on HGVs using the Waldringfield Road however she believed that the sharp bend at Sheep Drift Farm was unsuitable for HGVs. Patti said that she would be talking to the Suffolk County Council Highways Speed and Safety Team about HGVs on the Waldringfield Road. Cllr G Watts stated that the Planning Application was very vague, but the storage of 1200 now appears to have been reduced to 600.

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

55.24 Planning

Cllr G Watts gave his report as follows:

DC/23/4699/OUT - Land Opposite Seven Hills Roundabout Felixstowe Road Nacton.

The Parish Council has objected to this application. Considering it to be an overdevelopment of land near an AONB which will cause traffic problems along the A14 & A1156 – No further news about this application.

DC/23/4635/FUL – Care Home Felixstowe Road Foxhall

The Parish Council have objected due to concerns about parking at the site. Highways have also objected siting concerns about the entrance, size and layout of the car park and access onto the A1156. – The applicant has submitted new plans showing a revised entrance and car park layout which is now forty spaces. They have also agreed to fund two new bus shelters but there is no mention of the new pathway to Murrills Road. We await comments from Highways.

DC/23/4907/FUL - Orwell Crossing Truck Stop A14 Nacton East Bound Nacton Suffolk

The Parish Council did not object to this application for an open area to be used for storage. However, concern was expressed about what was to be stored, lighting and shielding (would the proposed trees be sufficient).

The application has addressed our concerns by stating that the area will be used to store HGVs and not containers and landscaping will be sufficient. A decision about this application is awaited.

DC/24/0570/TPO -150 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm Ipswich Suffolk IP3 8TZ

The Parish Council was concerned that whilst the proposals showed the trees to be felled it did not show those that remain. The Parish Council is in touch with Falcon Saunders | Arboricultural Officer who will be visiting the property to confirm the number of trees present. No further update about this application.

DC/24/0448/FUL - Part Land at Foxburrow Farm Waldringfield Road Brightwell Ipswich Suffolk IP10 0BZ - Change of use of land for use as caravan storage (associated with Oaks Caravans).

Following a discussion at the last meeting the Parish Council did not object to this application.

DC/24/0449/FUL - Part Land at Foxburrow Farm Waldringfield Road Brightwell Ipswich Suffolk IP10 0BZ - Change of use of land for the storage of containers (associated with Port of Felixstowe), including erection of associated fencing.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this proposal which is in the countryside and near to an area of outstanding natural beauty. We do not believe that this is a suitable site for the storage of a large number of containers which will be visible from a number of local footpaths. The applicant has not explained how containers are to be loaded and unloaded from lorries nor to what height they are to be stacked. We also have concerns about the affect on the local highway network and we are surprised that a traffic assessment has not been produced to confirm the number of expected vehicle movements to and from the site.

A number of other Parish Councils have objected including Waldringfield. In response to the Waldringfield objection the applicant has confirmed that containers will not be stacked and limited to

six hundred so they will not be visible above the tree line. However, they say a traffic assessment is not required as Highways have not objected.

We have asked Highways how they have concluded this without knowing the number of expected movements to and from the site. – An answer is eagerly awaited.

Environmental Protection has objected to this application as no noise and light impact assessments have been submitted for this application.

DC/22/2999/FUL The Hollies Straight Road Foxhall Ipswich

Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should keep a watchful eye on whether the conditions imposed by ESC Planning as part of the planning permission are being adhered to. **Action: All Councillors**

56.24 To discuss and prepare for the Annual Parish Meeting / Annual Parish Council Meeting 2024

The Clerk reported that the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting would take place on Wednesday, 8th May 2024.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the councillors representing each of parishes asking them to present a report on the previous year's activities.

The Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7.00 pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30 pm.

7.00 pm	Brightwell (Cllr Brenda Newell)
7.10 pm	Foxhall (Cllr Kevin Rout and Liz Beach)
7.20 pm	Purdis Farm (Cllr Liz Warham)

Action: Clerk / Cllrs B Newell, Kevin Rout, Liz Beach and Liz Warham

57.24 To discuss and agree plans to provide greener parishes

Cllr E Lawrence reported that he had discussed with Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council the planting of trees on ESC land in Purdis Farm. Cllr E Lawrence said that once permission has been granted it should be published around the parish and in the Parish Council newsletter. Cllr E Lawrence envisaged that fruit trees could be planted, and residents allowed to pick the fruit. He also felt that it would be useful to use land to plant vegetables. It was agreed that residents should be asked to volunteer to plant the trees. Cllr E Warham said that the trees would possibly need to be watered for several years.

Action: Cllr E Lawrence

58.24 To discuss and agree plans to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings on the 6th June 2024

The Clerk asked whether councillors would like to organise any commemorative celebrations for the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings on the 6th June 2024.

Councillors agreed not to organise any activities for the parishes and suggested that residents join in larger organised activities in the area. Activities in the area should be advertised in the next edition of the Parish Magazine. **Action: Clerk / Cllr E Beach**

59.24 Clerk's Report

Election of Police and Crime Commissioner

The election will take place on Thursday, 2nd May 2024. Posters advertising the event have been posted. The election is being managed by West Suffolk Council on behalf of East Suffolk Town and Parish Councils.

Notification for Temporary Footpath Closure - Brightwell BR12 - 22/04/2024

I circulated councillors asking for objections to the temporary footpath closure Brightwell BR12 from the 22nd April 2024. I didn't receive any objections therefore I notified Rights of Way and Access Team at Suffolk County Council of our comments.

Foxhall Roads Survey

Email from the Community Liaison Engineer at Suffolk County Council

Thank you for forwarding your proposal for improved signage and road markings. I have asked our Local Highways Budget (LHB) team to prepare a cost estimate for the associated design and installation of these signs and markings. I have also forwarded the proposal internally to the relevant teams for information/comment.

I have also spoken to Councillor Mulcahy, who has advised me that she is keen to assist with funding the design element of these works from her discretionary Local Highways Budget.

I will just advise you that due to the nature of these roads a significant element of the installation costs is likely to be traffic management to ensure that all installations are carried out safely. The roads also contain hedgerows and overgrown verges so it is possible that it might be difficult to site some of the signs or some cutting back of hedges/vegetation may be required for this work to be carried out and to ensure there is appropriate forward visibility of the signs once installed. Hedges are not part of the highway and are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner to maintain. Where vegetation cut back is necessary to install these signs this would normally be done as part of the works although out of courtesy it may be necessary to contact the landowners concerned.

Our LHB team will contact you shortly with details of the Cost Estimate.

Parish Council Email Addresses for Councillors

At our last meeting Cllr Graeme Watts asked if we could discuss setting up PC Email addresses for Councillors. Our web provider OneSuffolk doesn't provide email addresses so individually I would suggest that councillors set up an email address and send it to me.

Cllr Watts stated that it would be the responsibility of individual councillors to provide their own Parish Council email addresses if desired. **Action: Clerk / All Councillors**

60.24 To provide an update on Foxhall Roads Survey

Cllr E Lawrence stated that details of the improved signage and road markings had been marked on a map which had been sent to Community Liaison Engineer at Suffolk County Council and copies given to all parish councillors and Cllr Patti Mulcahy. The Parish Council are waiting for confirmation from SCC Highways regarding the costs and a start date for implementation. **Action: Clerk**

61.24 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses March 2024	£387.70
Eddie Lawrence Duplication of Maps plus mileage	£25.00
HMRC Tax and NI	£269.00
SALC – Subscription 2024/2025	£760.88
SALC – Payroll	£54.00

Account Balances

Community Account Balance on 29 th February 2024	£29,651.76
Business Account Balance on 29 th February 2024	£8,361.99

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

2023/2024 Annual Audit

The Clerk reported that she was working on the details of the Year End 2023/2024 which would be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 8th May 2024. **Action: Clerk**

62.24 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

None

63.24 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. The VAS signs have now been switched on again which coincides with Road Safety Month when Suffolk Constabulary would be monitoring vehicles for a variety of driving offences. Cllr E Lawrence said that the Parish Council is still waiting for the new post to be erected in Murrills Road to enable the VAS sign to be connected. Details of the request to Suffolk County Council have been sent to the Clerk to follow up. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence / Clerk**

64.24 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 8th May 2024 Annual Parish Meeting / Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

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

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