

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

## **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr B Newell

Cllr G Watts

Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

2 members of the public

### **44.25 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr K Rout, Cllr E Lawrence, Cllr E Beach and Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council.

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

None

### **46.25 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **47.25 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

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

a. Cllr Mark Packard – verbal report

Cllr Mark Packard said that he had been contacted by a resident who is undertaking litter picking with a group of friends around the area of J Sainsbury's. He said he had arranged to meet the resident to find out more about their initiative. The discussions concerning the change of a unitary council continues and by the next Parish Council meeting there should be more information available.

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

c. Cllr Patti Mulcahy – Suffolk County Council – no report

d. To receive questions from members of the public

Two residents from Woodrush Road Purdis Farm attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding the planning application in Woodrush Road. The residents stated that the houses were built with the access to the garage from inside the house and were not designed with an external side door

to the garage. If permission for a new external garage door is granted, if the residents were running a business from the garage, people could be going in and out of the garage possibly every hour or so. Discussions took place regarding the running of a business from a private residence. The resident stated that already most of the cars which go to 50 Woodrush Road, park on the bend which they considered to be dangerous. Cllr Mark Packard suggested that the Parish Council could ask for conditions limiting hours if used as a business to be placed on any planning permission should it be granted. **Action: Cllr G Watts**

The residents also expressed their concerns regarding parking on pavements in Purdis Farm, bin men leaving bins on the pavement, car parking and the on-going problem with litter.

**There being no further questions the Chairman reconvened the meeting**

#### **49.25 Planning**

This following are updates to the planning schedule and highlights discussed at the April 2025 meeting of the Group Parish Council. There is also one Appeal which is being dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate after the original application was refused by East Suffolk Council Planning.

There are 3 Planning Applications which need to be discussed at the meeting and comments made.

DC/25/0832/FUL – 50 Woodrush Road Purdis Farm Ipswich IP3 8RD  
Single storey rear extension and garage conversion.

Mr & Mrs Arthur attended the April meeting of the Group Parish Council and expressed their concerns about the changes being made to 50 Woodrush Road in particular a new side door which is in their view was unnecessary.

They are concerned that the frequent use of this new door throughout the day which will access the converted garage which is being used as a studio for a beauty business will cause them disturbance and affect their quality of life. They also expressed concern about the problem of parking adjacent to their property.

Whilst the Parish Council agreed that it would not object to this application it would ask the Planning Officer to consider putting conditions on any approval given relating to the operation of the business at 50 Woodrush Road and consider whether a construction management plan was appropriate in this case. All in the interest of residential amenity and highway safety.

**Action: Councillor Watts / Parish Clerk**

DC/25/1008/AND – Land West of Three Rivers Business Centre Felixstowe Road Foxhall Suffolk

Non-illuminated Advertisement Consent - The Main Sign Board is Advertising the Brightwell Lakes Site. This includes Developer, Site Location, and Contact Details.

This sign is to be located near the end of Straight Road where it joins the A1156 Felixstowe Road. 4 councillors have raised concerns that the sign will affect drivers' vision when exiting Straight Road. A local resident has also lodged an objection with the planning officer concerning drivers' visibility and that such a sign would be a distraction to drivers along the A1156.

**Agreed:** The Parish Council would object to this application because of the potential effect on visibility when exiting Straight Road. In addition, comment that councillors expressed concern about the sign being a distraction along the A1156 and unnecessary because of its distance from Brightwell Lakes.

**Action: Councillor Watts & Parish Clerk**

DC/25/1121/FUL - 119 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm Ipswich Suffolk IP3 8TX  
Ground floor extension, removal of roof and first floor addition and construction of new double garage.

**Agreed:** The Parish Council should submit a No Objection comment.

**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 – Both SCC Highways and National Highways have lodged holding objections to enable them to examine and verify the information provided by the applicant. SCC Highways are concerned about non-vehicular access including pedestrian and cycle access. National Highways have asked for a decision to be delayed until at least 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as they would like further time to assess the impact on the Strategic Road Network. SCC Highways have asked for much more information about walking and cycling access to the site and the siting of the traffic lights along the A1156.

**DC/24/0412/FUL – Twisted Oaks Bike Park – Intensification of use for outdoor activities.**

There is no further news about this application.

**DC/24/2025/VOC – Foxhall Barns Hall Road - Variation of Condition No. 3 of DC/23/4450/VOC (Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission DC/22/0785/FUL:**

The Parish Council objected to this variation as we do not see the need for the sale of food and beverages to staff and patients. There is no further news 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).**

After the application was sent out for further consultation. A number of further comments were received. The Parish Council did not change its position and has not objected to this application.

Waldringfield Parish Council have decided that they will not object if the following conditions are attached to the approval.

- i. Approval is given on the basis that this is a temporary change of use and that the land will be returned to agricultural use.
- ii. Mitigation is put in place as described in the ecological appraisal to protect endangered species found on or near the site.

There is no further news about this application.

**AP/25/0003/REFUSE or APP/X3540/W/25/3358949 (Planning Inspectorate Reference)**

Prior Approval - Agriculture to Dwellings - Conversion of existing barn and stables to a single dwelling. Toad Hall Farm, Old Felixstowe Road, Foxhall.

The Parish Council has received this appeal which relates to application DC/24/1690/P3Q the first of two applications which were refused because they did not meet the conditions required for such an application to be submitted.

The Parish Council submitted a No Objection response to both application DC/24/1690/P3Q and the second application for 3 dwellings DC/24/3633/P3Q and the Parish Council has decided to make no further comments about this appeal.

Both sides have now submitted their Statement of Case, and a decision is awaited.

#### **50.25 To discuss inappropriate parking in Purdis Farm / Community Garden**

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

#### **51.25 To discuss and agree plans to provide greener parishes**

Cllr B Newell has organised a Parish Walk for Brightwell Parish on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 in Brightwell Church Yard and the Vicar Toby Tate has been invited to attend. She has asked him for a photograph of the inside of the Church window and he said that he would send one to her. Cllr B Newell stated that when she was at the Church the gardeners were trimming the grass and she raised the potential problem of the daffodils being cut down. The gardeners stated they left the daffodils for 6 weeks to finish flowering before cutting the grass. Several beehives have been placed in the churchyard and there are another 10 to be sited. **Action: Cllr B Newell**

#### **52.25 To discuss and prepare for the Annual Parish Meeting / Annual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting would take place on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025. It was agreed that the Clerk should 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, K Rout, E Beach, Liz Warham**

#### **53.25 To discuss and agree plans for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Councillors discussed the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. It was agreed that they should not organise an event for the villages.

#### **54.25 Clerk's Report April 2025**

##### 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day

The celebrations of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day is to be held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The Parish Council needs to make a decision as to whether they would like to organise an event for the villages.

##### Annual Parish Meeting / Annual Parish Council Meeting

The Group Parish Council is holding their APM and APC Meeting on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The Parish Council needs to appoint a councillor to produce a report for each of the three parishes. The APM will start at 7.00 pm and the APCM will then start at 7.30 pm. A decision needs to be made as to whether the Parish Council would like to have any refreshments available for residents.

#### Annual Audit 2024/2025

The year end accounts are currently in progress. At the moment it is unclear as to whether the Parish Council will be required to go to full audit. The audit documents will be presented at the Parish Council Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

#### **55.25 Finance**

##### Income

None

##### Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses March 2025	£416.00
SALC Subscription	£776.11
SALC Payroll Service	£54.00
OneSuffolk Websites (BFPF / Foxhall Charity	£102.00
HMRC Tax/NI	£280.40

##### Bank Account Balances

Current Account on 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	£43,497.88
Deposit Account on 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	£8,487.78

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

#### Annual Audit 2024/2025

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit is progressing well, and it was unlikely that the Parish Council would be required to have a full audit by the External Aditors as the income is likely to be under £25,000.

#### **56.25 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk**

- a. Cllr G Watts reported that he had attended the Southern Transport Forum Sizewell C on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Four warehouses will be occupied by Sizewell C at Orwell Logistics Park. The move into the warehouses had been delayed due to the largest of the warehouses having a water leak. The Freight Management Facility had been delayed because of the drainage design but would go live in approximately six weeks. An office will also be located at the site. A Park and Ride facility is being set up for Sizewell C Workers only on Ransomes Estate. The bus depot will host approximately 188 buses. Buses will ferry workers from the Park and Ride to Orwell Logistics Park. Discussions are taking place regarding the reinstatement of trees. Cllr G Watts agreed that he would write an article for the Parish Magazine. **Action: Cllr G Watts / Cllr E Beach**

#### **57.25 Members questions to the Chairman**

- a. Brightwell Lakes – Cllr B Newell reported that she had recently heard that a new Primary School will be built for Brightwell Lakes but no High School. It is planned to increase the size of Kesgrave High School to accommodate the children needing to access a High School from Brightwell Lakes.
- b. Cllr K Rout reminded councillors that articles are required for the next edition of the Parish Magazine. Noted.

**58.25 Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Annual Parish Council Meeting / Annual Parish Meeting**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.54 pm.**

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

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