

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

## **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr K Rout

Cllr B Newell

Cllr G Watts

Cllr E Beach

Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council

Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk County Council

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

### **159.24 Apologies for absence**

None

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

None

### **161.24 Minutes**

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

### **162.24 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

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

a. Cllr Mark Packard – verbal report.

Since the last Parish Council meeting, I have met with residents in Felixstowe Road concerning the erection of Warehouse Unit 4. Approximately 15 residents attended. I discussed with the residents possible actions of redress.

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

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

Suffolk County Council is in the process of setting the budget for 2025/2026 and is asking residents to complete a survey highlighting what services they use which are provided by Suffolk County Council and what should be SCC priorities for spending. The following is the link to the survey for residents to

complete. [The Budget for Suffolk - Suffolk County Council](#) All replies will be collated/analysed and will become part of the decision-making process.

Cllr Patti Mulcahy reported that she had consulted with SCC Highways regarding the parking on grass verges and pavements. There is guidance on the SCC website which may be useful to the Parish Council. It is an offence to park on grass verges or pavements only if there are any waiting restriction notices displayed. It may be useful to erect signs, but the Parish Council will need to gain a street furniture licence.

Cllr Patti Mulcahy said she would get in touch with Suffolk County Council Highways to enquire why the work in Foxhall roads has not been undertaken. **Action: Cllr Patti Mulcahy / Clerk**

d. To receive questions from members of the public.

A member of the public highlighted the flooding in Straight Road (Bucklesham Road/Straight Road) and asked whether a larger soakaway could be built. Cllr Patti Mulcahy stated she would speak to SCC Highways Team and ask them to investigate as to what work could be carried out to alleviate the problem. **Action: Cllr Patti Mulcahy**

A presentation was given by Claire Ling from Suffolk County Council Community Support Officer - Suffolk Climate Change Partnership to assist the Parish Council in their efforts to produce greener parishes. Claire was thanked by the Chairman for her informative support and Claire said she would send copies of all the information she has talked about to the Clerk.

#### **164.24 Planning**

a. General

The following updates the planning schedule and highlights any applications for discussion at the December 2024 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.

#### **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 20<sup>th</sup> December 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/23/4635/FUL – Care Home Felixstowe Road Foxhall**

The Parish Council objected to this application due to insufficient car parking and expressed concern about the adverse effect on primary care in the area as highlighted by the NHS Integrated Care Board.

At their meeting in July the Referral Panel decided there was insufficient grounds to refer this application to the Planning Committee for a decision. As a result, the decision will be made by the

Planning Officer who is minded to approve the application. So far, no decision has been made but the application is likely to be approved.

**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)**

The Parish Council did not object to this application. It remains undecided and Waldringfield Parish Council have objected based on the number of applications for this site and their cumulative effect on the local area. A new revised site plan has been submitted and the application sent out for further consultation. The Parish Council has not changed its position and has not objected to this application.

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

The majority of the Bike Park is not within the Parish of Brightwell but as with other major applications in neighbouring parishes we have made a comment which in this case is that we do not object to the application. Bucklesham Parish Council have objected on both environmental grounds (effect on wildlife) and health and safety (the danger of flying arrows). 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**

Change of use, alteration and extension to some of the former agricultural buildings into a new Orthodontic surgery with associated facilities) - Variation to the wording of Condition 3 to allow the following - The hereby approved development shall be used for only dental and related healthcare use and associated facilities including office administration and welfare arrangements, plus the sale of food and beverages to staff and patients, retaining Class E(e) Use and adding Class E(b) Use - Sale of food and drink for consumption (mostly) on the premises.

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. In the opinion of the Parish Council the provision of drink making facilities and cooking facilities such as a microwave are appropriate for this type of business not the sale of food and beverages to staff and patients. There is no further news about this application.

**AP/23/0074/REFUSE or APP/X3540/W/23/3330089 (Planning Inspectorate Reference)**

Change of use of land for siting of 31 static units and 12 touring pitches and ancillary facilities - re-submission of DC/20/5102/FUL. | Land Off Ipswich Road Brightwell Ipswich Suffolk IP10 0BJ

The applicant claims that they have addressed the Council concerns about non-vehicular access, damage to SSI, sewage, and facilities on the site. A final decision is awaited. However, the Planning Inspectorate has decided that considering the nature, scale and location of the Proposed Development and nature of the receiving environment, whilst there may be some impact on the surrounding area and nearby designated sensitive areas as a result of this development, it would not be of a scale and nature likely to result in significant environmental effects. Accordingly, this development is not an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development. A decision on this appeal is still awaited.

**Applications for discussion at the December Parish Council Meeting**

**DC/24/4254/TPO** | T1 of TPO No. 166 / 2003 1no. Oak (T1 on Order and T001 on plan) - Reduce branches overhanging car park by up to 2 metres. 2-24 (Even) Pine Drive Purdis Farm Ipswich Suffolk IP3 8GE.

**DC/24/3958/LBC** Listed Building Consent - To remove fireplace infill and restore fireplace to original state. To make safe the chimney flu and then install a wood burning stove and chimney liner. The White House Monument Farm Lane Foxhall Ipswich Suffolk IP10 0AQ.

As no objections or adverse comments have been received about these applications the recommendation is that the Parish Council does not object to these applications. The Parish Council agreed not to object to this application.

#### **DC/24/4139/FUL**

Engineering operations including the laying of underground electricity cables and associated infrastructure to connect the consented solar farm at Land East of Bucklesham Village and the A1093 (permission: DC/22/4401/FUL East Suffolk Council]) to the connection point, a 33kv overhead line located at the south of Bucklesham Hall Farm. Land East Of Bucklesham Village And The A1093 Bucklesham Hall Drive Bucklesham Suffolk.

As the Solar Farm has already been approved the recommendation is that this associated work is also approved and that the Parish Council should not object to this application.

#### **Proposed Quarry and Industrial Site at Westerfield**

We were alerted to this application by the East Suffolk Planning Alliance. We are not a formal consultee. This is a major development which will greatly increase the amount of traffic near the site and on local roads. Details are on the Suffolk County Council Website as they will determine the application which has already generated dozens of objections. SCC/0092/24SC/SCREEN – refers.

The recommendation is that the Parish Council does not comment on this application as it will not directly affect us but monitor the situation including at the Sizewell C Southern Transport Forum as this proposal appears to be connected to the construction of Sizewell C.

#### **b. Orwell Logistics Park Unit 4**

Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council explained that he had met with residents to discuss the issues relating to the development of Unit 4 living on Felixstowe Road. Mark Packard stated that following discussions with the residents he had made suggestions about environmental issues and how the residents can ensure that the Unit 4 is being constructed as agreed under the planning permission granted.

#### **165.24 To discuss inappropriate parking in Purdis Farm**

Cllr Graeme Watts reported that it has been made clear to the Parish Council that there is no enforcement policy in place to deal with parking on the grass verges or the pavements in Purdis Farm. If the Parish Council decides to go ahead with erecting signs they would need a street furniture licence. Clerk to investigate the cost of purchasing a street furniture licence from Suffolk County Council Highways and report back to the January 2025 meeting. **Action: Clerk**

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

To discuss further at next Parish Council meeting. **Action: Clerk**

#### **167.24 To discuss the bench which is located in Woodrush Road**

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by a member of the public who lives in Woodrush Road Purdis Farm regarding the bench seat which is situated on the piece of grass at the entrance to Woodrush Road. The resident is complaining about the anti-social behaviour by members of the public congregating and sitting on the seat especially late at night. Additionally, the resident is complaining about multiple cases of littering, presumed to be illegal substances being used and groups of men loitering in the dark.

The resident had also contacted Laura Hack Public Realm Contracts Manager at East Suffolk Council requesting the removal of the bench as it is stated it attracts anti-social behaviour. Laura has visited the site and stated that the bench does not belong to ESC although it is situated on ESC land. When I was contacted by Laura Hack, I explained to Laura that the bench does not belong to the Parish Council and it is presumed that it was put in place by the developers. Laura has stated that ESC is always careful with requests such as these and would not make a decision on whether to remove the bench until a full picture has been gained including police incident reports. Laura has spoken to the resident to explain the situation.

#### **168.24 Clerk's Report December 2024**

##### Parish Councillor Vacancy

East Suffolk Council have not received any requests from the public to hold an election therefore we can now go ahead and recruit.

##### SCC Highways

I have written to Patti asking whether she has received any feedback from Highways re:

1. Roadwork improvements in Foxhall
2. Indiscriminate parking in Purdis Farm

#### **169.24 Finance**

##### Income

None

##### Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses November 2024	£520.20
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##### Bank Account Balances

Current Account on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	£47,000.65
Deposit Account on 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	£8,456.16

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

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

- a. Cllr Graeme Watts (Lead Councillor for Parish Council Planning) reported that he had attended a Community Partnership meeting at Bredfield Village Hall on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Cllr Mark Packard had introduced himself as the new Chair and reiterated the reason for Community Partnerships; to influence key decisions in their area. This Community Partnership is top of the leaderboard for outcome proposals (47), 50/50 distribution of funds rural v urban and has the highest attendance of all the Community Partnerships.

There had been a presentation by the Head of Community Engagement at Ipswich Town Football Club Foundation which was very interesting and highlighted the strategic aims of the foundation which were:

- To build healthier, safer and more cohesive communities, actively encouraging and celebrating equality, diversity and inclusion.
- Increase opportunities and services available to individuals in Suffolk, in order to improve individuals' mental and physical wellbeing whilst reducing social isolation.
- To assist and further in the educational attainment and enjoyment of children and young people in Suffolk through our range of provision, in turn increasing employability and a positive contribution to society.
- Develop lifelong habits of regular physical activity participation, whilst continuing to provide achievable pathways to excellence.

Andy Jolliffe gave an update on Safer Streets. Just42 are in receipt of a grant and Martlesham PC visited the SID company in Norfolk and received a good discount. Information was emailed out prior to the meeting and there were no objections to the increased cost. There is £2k allocated for the local area and a larger proposal will come through in February. The focus will be on Kesgrave and Martlesham – working with Suffolk University getting students to help gather data for a mapping exercise. They know there is a real need for volunteers, but the data will help to identify what and where.

**171.24 Members questions to the Chairman**

None

**172.24 Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Cllr K Rout and Cllr E Beach offered their apologies for the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 due to holiday commitments.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.21 pm.**

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

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