

BRIGHTWELL FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 10th December 2025 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr B Newell

Cllr G Watts

Cllr K Rout

Cllr E Lawrence

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

2 members of the public

157.25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E Beach, Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council and Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council.

158.25 To receive Members' Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

159.25 Minutes

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

160.25 Matters arising from the Minutes

150.25 Update from councillors re possible use of CIL receipts

Cutting back of vegetation by a contractor – Councillors to identify the areas requiring attention and information passed to the Clerk. **Awaiting feedback from councillors.**

Trees requiring attention – Clerk to speak to ESC. **In progress.**

Concrete Table Tennis Tables Murrills Park Purdis Farm. **Clerk reported she had written to ESC but to date no further information received.**

Information Board. Cllr B Newell reported that she had been unable to make contact with the land owner. **On-going.**

Cllr Mark Packard had provided the Clerk with a list of contacts at ESC. **Completed.**

151.25 Meeting Dates 2026

The Clerk reported that meeting dates for 2026 had been confirmed by Trinity Park with the exception of the April date. The Clerk had agreed with Trinity Park to change the date of the meeting to Tuesday, 7th April 2026. **Noted by all councillors.**

161.25 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports and questions

- a. Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council – no report

Local Government Reorganisation – Government Survey

Cllr G Watts reported that some Parish Councils had completed the on-line survey on behalf of their Parish Council. Cllr G Watts stated that the Government consultation on proposals for Local Government Reorganisation finishes on the 11th January 2026. Following discussion it was agreed that councillors would complete the survey as individuals and not jointly as a Parish Council. **Action: Councillors**

- b. Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council – no report
- c. To receive questions from members of the public

Two members of the public were present at the meeting to express their concerns regarding the anti-social behaviour on Murrills Park and on the area behind the B & Q Store. A detailed account of the residents' concerns is listed in the Clerk's Report Minute 164.25. It was noted that the residents had nothing further to add to their extensive communication with Pc Arleme Ell, East Suffolk Council Communities Officer for Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley and Brightwell Foxhall & Purdis Farm Clerk. Both the Police and East Suffolk Council Communities Officer have been very supportive of the residents concerning the issues around ASB in the area and had taken action to alleviate the problems. Cllr G Watts reported that the Communities Officer was going on maternity leave and that Andrew Joliffe would be covering for the Communities Officer until February 2026. Pc Arlene Ell will be attending the Parish Council on Wednesday 14th January 2026. It was noted that the Police had arranged for extra policing patrols to take place. Most of the ASB takes place on weekends between 9 pm and 10 pm. Councillors discussed the problem of youths damaging dog bins at Murrills Road Park in the afternoon (right after school hours), littering, breaking equipment, throwing dog faeces at other people. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to place an item on the January 2026 agenda to discuss joint funding with ESC to install lockable dog bins. **Action: Clerk**

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

162.25 Planning

The following are updates to the planning schedule and highlights any applications for discussion at the December Parish Council 2025 meeting of the Group Parish Council.

There were no new Planning Applications to be considered at this meeting.

OUTSTANDING PLANNING APPLICATIONS STILL TO BE DECIDED

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 12th December 2025 as they would like further time to assess the impact on the Strategic Road Network. SCC Highways have asked for more information about walking and cycling access to the site and the siting of the traffic lights along the A1156.

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.

After the application was sent out for further consultation, a number of further comments were received.

This application has now been withdrawn by the applicant.

DC/25/3420/FUL Conversion of garage to Beauty Salon, infill of garage door and addition of side door 50 Woodrush Road, Purdis Farm, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP3 8RD

The Parish Council supported the Suffolk County Council Highways objection about parking at and near the property. The applicant has since produced a revised plan showing four parking spaces at the front of their property. This will be achieved by replacing the existing lawn with hardstanding. Highways have accepted this and withdrawn their objection (subject to conditions). It was agreed that the Parish Council should withdraw its objection when asked by planning.

a. To discuss the proposed development on Foxhall Road by Bloor Homes – DC/25/4003/EIA

A planning application is expected to be submitted in January 2026. Prior to this an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion has been submitted.

DC/25/4003/SCO - Land At Foxhall Road Foxhall Suffolk

EIA Scoping Opinion - Outline planning application, comprising provision of up to 1,300 residential dwellings (Use Class C2 and C3); commercial, business and services uses (Use Class E); primary school (Use Class F1); community uses (Use Class F2); open space; vehicular accesses and necessary highways improvements; associated infrastructure, groundworks and engineering operations; any necessary demolition; with all matters reserved except for access from Foxhall Road and the A12.

As agreed at the last meeting our comments should be limited to the EIA Scoping Opinion and in particular how the EIA will deal with matters relating to traffic.

The following responses have been submitted to East Suffolk Council Planning.

- *The Parish Council has the following comments about the EIA Scoping Opinion submitted in respect of proposal to build up to 1300 dwellings at Foxhall Road Foxhall. The number one concern of the council is the great increase in traffic this proposal will generate along Foxhall Road and the surrounding area. It is therefore essential that the Transport Assessment, Framework Travel Plan, and the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan take account of the effect on the whole of Foxhall. Figure 5.1: Extent of Transport Assessment Study Area includes Foxhall Road, the A12 and routes through Kesgrave. However, it does not show the routes through Foxhall towards the A1156 (Felixstowe Road). Both Hall Road and Monument Farm Road are already used as rat runs between Kesgrave and the A1156. Therefore, to*

correctly assess the detrimental effect this proposal will have on the local road network the following roads should be included in the Transport Assessment Hall Road, Monument Farm Road, Purdis Farm Lane, Woodhouse Lane, Bucklesham Road (towards Ipswich) and Straight Road.

- *Brightwell Parish Council agrees with the comments made by Foxhall Parish Council our major concern is access at the Foxhall roundabout from the Brightwell direction. Although some maps call it Monument Farm Road the correct name for the road opposite Bell Lane is Monument Farm Lane which runs into a short stretch of Purdis Farm Lane and then Woodhouse Lane.*

Both are shown as being submitted by Brightwell Parish Council. The first one should be shown as Foxhall Parish Council. They are dated 13th and 14th November 2025.

This is a very contentious proposal with over 100 objections lodged on the East Suffolk Council Website.

On the 4th of December 2025 Councillors Newell and Watts and the Parish Clerk attended a meeting suggested by Kesgrave Town Council but facilitated by Martlesham Parish Council to discuss the proposed development. Whilst it is early days it was agreed to co-operate in considering this proposal and **if necessary**, consider jointly funding an independent expert to challenge the Transport Assessment if it is considered flawed and not covering the appropriate area. It was agreed that the principal concern was the traffic which will affect all Parishes but there are also environmental and infrastructure concerns relating to schools and doctors. Waldringfield Parish Council also attended the meeting and Rushmere St. Andrew Parish Council will be invited to the next meeting which will be arranged for late January 2026.

163.25 To discuss the ASB issues identified in Purdis Farm and to consider the comments made by the residents, ESC and Police

Please refer to Minutes **161.25 and 164.25** for further information.

164.25 Clerk's Report December 2025

The purpose of this report is to update members on outstanding issues, items received after the deadline for agenda items, correspondence and action taken by the Clerk.

ASB Purdis Farm

The Police and East Suffolk Council have been very supportive to the residents who have concerned regarding ASB. The following is a list of complaints which have been received from local residents. Some residents have been liaising with the Police and ESC directly. Residents attended the 'Meet and Greet' held by Arlene Ell on the Wednesday, 19th October which was also attended by Cllr Eddie Lawrence and Cllr Graeme Watts.

5th December 2025 – Email from Resident

I would just like to inform you that the new equipment that has been installed was finished I believe yesterday, With the workman, working hard all day as they have throughout the whole process including the weather.

Unfortunately we had youths out on the equipment gone midnight shouting, giggling and we presume giving the new equipment a good once over!

What's a shame is that the work put into the play area wasn't even 24hrs.

I have know idea if any damage has been caused as it's early, and today I won't be around.

I'm sorry to write always with something negative, and I appreciate that there isn't anything you can do. It's just such a shame that parents don't seem to worry about where there children are gone past midnight!

I thought I would share this with you due to the circumstances and meeting next week.

I have not emailed this to Patricia from the ESC as I believe she is now on maternity leave and I did not want to concern her with this matter.

If you could forward this to the appropriate team I would be most appreciative.

2nd December 2025 – East Suffolk Council

Ahead of the Parish Meeting happening last week, I just wanted to give you an overview of the ASB cases that came through East Suffolk Council related to the area. PC Arlene Ell, copied to this email, has filled me in regarding your conversations on the community pop-up held by the police, and we are very grateful about your eagerness to support find feasible solutions to the issues being raised.

I have shared the details of the parish meeting with the residents who are complaining, and they have expressed interest in attending and said they will also invite other neighbours to come and explain better what they are perceiving to be wrong.

As a heads-up, although I am sure Arlene already discussed this with you, those are the two main themes expected to be discussed ASB-related at the meeting:

1. Residents complaining about "gatherings" late at night (after 11pm) at the back of the B&Q, in the car park – reports mention loud noises, music playing loudly out of cars, shouting and littering. The main complainant of this issue said this has been ongoing, and they will invite their neighbours and the security team at Sainsbury's to also come to the meeting and talk about it.
2. Residents complaining about youths damaging dog bins at Murrils Road Park, in the afternoon (right after school hours), littering, breaking equipment, throwing dog faeces at other people, and causing general disturbance. The main complainant of this issue has been very vocal and I believe she has also sent a direct message to yourselves regarding this issue.
 - When this first came up, our Environmental Protection Team visited the area to clear and repair the damage that was done, but it seems like the problem persisted. After a phone call with PC Arlene Ell today, I will refer this back to the Environmental Protection Team at East Suffolk Council, to see if they could perhaps think of a more long-term solution to the issue. Arlene mentioned the possibility of locked-up or weighted dog bins, which seems like a great idea, and I will ask the team if that is something feasible they can think about.
 - Your kindness of considering CCTV cameras for the area is very welcome, but at first the necessity and capacity needs to be assessed for something like that to be installed. As Arlene and I discussed, it might be better to see how the meeting goes, how many residents come in and what exact situations they are complaining about. The police, thanks to Arlene, is now doing more patrols in the area and hopefully this will also help, but if you do want to move forward with the CCTV idea based on

the meeting, I'd just gently remind you'd also need to consider not only CCTV installation but also maintenance, image use, and RIPA legislation.

I am also copying in your District Councillor, Mark Packard, as I work closely with him and it's good for him to know the issues being raised.

28th November – Resident

I am a resident at Holly Close on the Purdis Farm estate in Ipswich and was asked to email you regarding some issues we are having, it's mainly to do with the recreational park.

1 - The alleyway connecting the park through to Bucklesham rd there is some graffiti on the wall that has been there for a considerable amount of time.

2 - The basketball court in the park, now there has been further graffiti which looks very bad as it's in plain view of everything and diminishes the whole feel of the park.

3 - There has been a few instances of the dog litter bags being taken out of the bins and being thrown around the park, which is not nice as they are full of dog poo.

4 - There has also been an increase in people dumping rubbish around the area, often when I'm taking my dog out I'm picking up other people's litter and putting it in the bin but other items of rubbish are too big for the bin and often I have to leave.

27th November - Resident

I have contacted you through the years one example was an issue we had on dog fouling which Angie Buggs helped support by adding extra dog fouling warning signs around the park.

We also have had alcohol and drug issues in the past which the police had been involved with.

I also am aware even if complaints have been made by residents to the police, unless they actually ask for a reference number (crime number) it is not recorded. Unfortunately not many people are aware of this. Hence why the police have no records of complaints!

Most of the time our park is used by all ages and families which is lovely, and to hear children playing.

I have had children of my own and now have grandchildren that play on the park.

Unfortunately this year, starting around Easter we have had some unpleasant experiences with a group of local youths, ages from 13-16 years old. Anything from Sainsbury's trolleys being used as go-carts, trolleys being dumped in the shrubs close to properties, graffiti on the basketball court, rubbish, sweet papers, empty bottles and crisp papers left on the park.

Most of the dog walkers including myself normally without making a fuss, clear up the mess, walk trolleys back to the stores.

Then starting around Easter, the playground mats that cushion the equipment had been dug up and thrown out of the play area, this did get reported by myself to the ESC because I saw it happening while walking my dog.

Workman did arrive to restore most of these mats, which I put back into the children's play area as I found them.

Then I ended up contacting Patricia Matos Ferreira, in the summer, who I believe you have been in contact with as things got worse.

A couple of dog walkers saw these youths throwing dog bags full of waste around the children's playground, and my husband and I noticed lots of dog bags around the park filled with dog mess, some had been split, so as you can imagine it was a complete mess! This went on for a few weeks and into the summer holidays.

It's not until we bumped into these neighbours that I realised people weren't just dumping the bags instead of using the bins, it was the group of youths.

I went out with a broom, watering can and cleaned this all up.

My husband went around the park with another neighbour picking up the bags.

We had just been home about 30 minutes when I heard a lot of noise! To my disbelief I saw one of the lads put his hands in the dog bin taking the dog waste out and started throwing it about, they were using them like water balloons! It was disturbing and disgusting, my husband went out after them as well as myself, once we cleaned it all up, I'd had enough to say the least! This is when I contacted ESC, this was now the summer holidays!

My husband spoke to one of the parents about what had been going on, and he was deeply concerned and apologetic.

This did put an end to the dog bin incident!

The other youths parents as far as I'm aware are not so in control, but during the last 3 weeks of the summer holidays, things had quieted down and just the normal laughter and families enjoying the park.

I did email Patricia that things had improved and the last incident was the graffiti on the basketball court just before summer term ended, which your local worker cleaned.

I am very disappointed that I missed the police and some of you from the Parish including Patricia the other week, but unfortunately I had a personal situation that I could not change which prevented me from meeting with you all.

I would like to stress, that us residents that actually 'overlook' the park, hear and see more than people that just 'visit' and are probably completely unaware of what we see and goes on!

Also I probably see and hear much more as I've retired and am always gardening and not at work like most!

I have informed a couple of neighbours about the meeting on the 10th and asked that if they can't make it as they have young families to at least email you.

I and my husband are certainly making plans to meet with you.

As I said, this was a very unpleasant and stressful time, but it has been much calmer, even though most of the play area had been dismantled while waiting for new equipment.

I'm hoping that if the face of authority shows up on weekends and holidays now and then, this just might keep our park happy for all.

165.25 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses November 2025 £429.40

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

Bank Account Balances

Current Account on 31st October 2025 £66,272.12

Deposit Account on 31st October 2025 £8,574.47

166.25 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

- a. On the 8th December 2025 Councillor Watts attended a meeting of the Orwell and Villages Ward Cross-Parish Group held in Kirton. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the large amount of new development proposed in the area particularly around Martlesham and the effect that it would have on surrounding villages and the road network.

During a wide ranging discussion which also included the effect on water supply, sewage disposal, schools, hospitals, the countryside and farming it was decided that the following action was required.

1. Write to local MP for support. Going forward, communicate with the housing minister.
 2. Plan for possible need for paid expertise (e.g. Planning consultant) by accumulating contingency funds. An example is the need to be able to interpret the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and to be able to challenge specific planning applications based on that understanding.
 3. Investigate any NPPF assessments which may already be in the public domain.
 4. Interact with District Council Head of Planning (Ben Woolnough) and District Councillors – invite BN to a meeting at his preferred time. The ambition is to seek a co-operation on best outcomes which are mutually acceptable.
 5. Develop a strategic “plan” for this initiative in order that Parish Councils are able to articulate a common view regarding infrastructure needs etc.
- b. Cllr B Newell gave her report on Brightwell Lakes Community Forum held on the 24th November 2025.

Dualling of A12 at Seckford

To preserve the trees, the second carriageway will be to the left. Foxhall Road is excluded in the A12 junction improvements because of cost effectiveness. Extending the scheme meant going towards the cost limit from the Government.

A12 Foxhall Improvements

The 601 occupancy trigger is now currently 501 for Foxhall roundabout improvements. The Foxhall approach on the dual A12 could be made three lanes. Bloor own land either side of the A12.

The Foxhall improvements to be achieved earlier in between the lull in Sizewell works which are expected to peak in about 5 years,

SCC are very aware that Foxhall is being squeezed.

Public Transport

Autonomous buses are being considered linking Brightwell Lakes with Eagle Way, BT and Martlesham. These are being trialled in Milton Keynes.

There is to be a revamp of the corner off the BT roundabout into Brightwell Lakes on land already owned by Taylor Wimpey.

Development of Areas

W1 – Has been revamped because more than 25% affordable homes was not acceptable to any development company so now 80 properties will be affordable ie fewer properties in the areas.

W5 – Sold to Denbury Homes who are using it as storage for now while they develop other parts.

The main SANG should be finished by August 2026 to include play area. It is hoped W4a will be determined by early 2026.

The school should open in 2028 and further potential school land to be grassed and maintained by CC.

School Academy is known to CC but there is one more stage before public announcement. In 2036 potential land comes back to Taylor Wimpey so CC have 10 years to decide about further school provision.

W3 is the next parcel of land for sale next year. By April 2026 the Barrack Square link should be finished.

The combined waste and dog bin should be installed on the 15th December 2025.

Councillors discussed whether residents were being charged Council Tax and whether this was being passed on to Parish Councils as part of the precept. Councillors requested the Clerk to write to the Monitoring Officer at East Suffolk Council regarding Brightwell Lakes Council Tax levy. **Action: Clerk**

- c. Cllr B Newell reported that the Deben Green Cluster Group are hoping to raise money. Cllr B Newell stated that only the parish of Brightwell was included in the group and not Purdis Farm and Foxhall and are seeking approval from the Group Parish Council to not including Foxhall and Purdis Farm. Cllr G Watts stated that although the parishes are a group, the parishes are independent. Cllr B Newell proposed that the Deben Green Cluster Group limit their activities to Brightwell, seconded Cllr G Watts – all in favour. **Action: Cllr B Newell**

Cllr B Newell stated she had not been able to make any progress with contacting the Rev Toby Tate regarding Brightwell Church Yard.

It was noted that Bucklesham Parish Council have requested to join the Deben Green Cluster Group.

- d. Cllr G Watts reported on Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership Meeting which had been held on the 3rd December 2025. Another meeting will be held in the New Year.

The following proposals were approved.

21 Young Hearts Café – Community Engagement and Marketing £5,000

Charsfield Parish Council – Village Transport for Winter Warmer Wellbeing Event £550

Project 21 – Breakfast Club for Down’s Syndrome Wraparound Support £2,500 – Furniture for their social breakout space.

Cllr G Watts stated that about 18 months ago the shortage of volunteers was discussed. Matthew Townsend gave a brief update on the volunteering project. Matthew will be returning to the partnership meeting in March 2026 to present to the CP and if members wished to contact him his email address is mtproductions@btconnect.com.

167.25 Members questions to the Chairman

No questions.

168.25 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 12th January 2026 at Trinity Park

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32 pm.

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

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