

BRIGHTWELL FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 8th January 2025 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr B Newell

Cllr G Watts

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

01.25 Apologies for absence

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

02.25 To receive Members' Declaration of Interest

None

03.25 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th December 2024 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

04.25 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

05.25 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports and questions

- a. Cllr Mark Packard – no report.
- 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.
- e. Councillors discussed the recently published devolution proposals which include a new local government model of a unitary council or councils for Suffolk and an elected mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk. Whilst Parish Councils will remain it is unclear how their role will change under these proposals.

We can discuss devolution and local government reorganisation at the next meeting when hopefully the Government will have decided if Suffolk can join the accelerated devolution programme.

06.25 Planning

- a. General

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

Only one application has been received by the Parish Council since the last meeting. **DC/24/4294/FUL Front Extension to 32 Woodrush Road Purdis Farm Ipswich Suffolk IP3 8RD.** The case officer has been notified that the Parish Council does not object to this application. There are no applications for discussion at the meeting.

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

There is no further news about this application other than National Highways have asked for a decision to be further delayed until at least 27th June 2025 as they would like further time to assess the impact on the Strategic Road Network and the changes to the local road network proposed by SCC Highways. SCC Highways have also asked for 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 Planning Officer is minded to approve the application, but so far, no decision has been made.

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 additional 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.

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.

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 OBJ. A decision on this appeal is still awaited.

Proposed Quarry and Industrial Site at Westerfield. SCC/0092/24SC/SCREEN – refers
Comments have closed but no decision has been made.

07.25 To discuss inappropriate parking in Purdis Farm

It appears that there are three options open to the Parish Council for dealing with inappropriate parking:

1. Do nothing.
2. Erect signs in the grass requesting that vehicles do not park on the grass.
3. Create some flower beds in the grass verge.

Cllr M Packard has contacted East Suffolk Council regarding creating a Community Garden in Woodrush Road and is waiting for a response.

It was suggested that Claire Ling Suffolk County Council may be able to suggest other parishes to contact who have had similar problems. **Action: Clerk**

08.25 To discuss and agree plans to provide greener parishes

Nothing further to report.

09.25 Clerk's Report January 2025

Foxhall Road Improvements

I have no further information as to when this work will be commenced by Suffolk County Council Highways.

Street Furniture Licence

The cost of a street furniture licence is £160. Items for which a Parish Council can request a licence are benches, bus shelters, flower containers/planters or litter bins, village/town signs or notice boards. This list is not exhaustive, and SCC Highways will consider other items. There is an online form to complete.

10.25 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses December 2024	£520.20
HMRC NI/Tax	£303.00

Bank Account Balances

Current Account on 29 th November 2024	£45,412.98
Deposit Account on 29 th November 2024	£8,456.16

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

11.25 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

None

12.25 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. The Clerk was requested to add Devolution on to the Parish Council’s February agenda. **Action: Clerk**
- b. Cllr E Warham reported that a brick wall in Purdis Farm has graffiti on it. Cllr E Lawrence agreed to try and remove it. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**
- c. The Clerk was requested to contact Suffolk County Council Highways again with regard to the warning sign on the roundabout. The warning sign is on the north side of the western approach to the showground roundabout. **Action: Clerk**

13.25 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 12th February 2025

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50 pm.

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

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