

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, 14th January 2026 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr B Newell

Cllr G Watts

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council

Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

2 members of the public

01.26 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E Beach and Cllr K Rout.

02.26 To receive Members' Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

03.26 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th December 2025 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

04.26 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 10th December 2025.

05.26 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports and questions

- a. Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council – verbal report

Cllr Patti Mulcahy stated that as widely reported she had resigned from the Conservative Party and was now an independent County Councillor. Cllr Mulcahy reassured the meeting that going forward she would be supporting the parish as she had done in the past. Cllr Mulcahy stated that she had applied to represent the Reform Party however at the moment nothing has been finalised. Cllr Mulcahy explained that as an Independent Councillor they don't have the support of a political party. Suffolk County Council had held an extraordinary meeting to discuss whether the May 2026 elections should go ahead. A letter will be sent to the Government about their capacity concerns with implementing the Local Government Reorganisation. The decision as to whether or not the May elections go ahead is made by Central Government and not Suffolk County Council. The Mayoral Elections have been cancelled.

- b. Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council – verbal report

Cllr Mark Packard said that he had received a complaint from a member of the public concerning the noise coming from Trinity Park during the period the fair was visiting. Mark had suggested to the resident that they contact East Suffolk Council Environmental Health so the level of noise can be considered if a license is applied for next year.

c. To receive questions from members of the public

Two members of the public had attended the meeting to put their views forward on Planning Application DC/25/4755/FUL. The residents explained that the Planning Application is for an extension and alterations to the property immediately adjacent to them. The residents reiterated the concerns which they had expressed in their objection to East Suffolk Planning and asked for the support of the Parish Council.

The Chairman re-convened the meeting.

06.26 Planning

The following are updates to the planning schedule and highlights any applications for discussion at the January Parish Council 2026 meeting of the Group Parish Council.

1. Report from Lead Councillor for Planning

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 24th April 2026 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/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 submitted the following comments to East Suffolk Planning in respect of this application.

At the December meeting of the Group Parish Council, it was decided to withdraw the Parish Council objection to this application as Suffolk County Council Highways are now satisfied with the parking arrangements.

However, the Parish Council believes that the Planning Officer should consider putting planning conditions on any approval granted to restrict the operation of the business to mitigate disturbance. Such restrictions were placed on a previous similar application DC/21/0587/FUL and included a maximum number of clients per day, specific opening hours and one client on site at a time, all in the interest of residential amenity which is of great concern to residents living next to the property.

NO COMMENTS WERE MADE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

DC/25/4303/FUL - The Grange Purdis Road Foxhall Ipswich Suffolk IP10 OAE

Erection of garage/work shop for domestic/hobby use

DC/25/4745/TPO - Oakstead Purdis Farm Lane Purdis Farm Ipswich Suffolk IP3 8UF
SCDC/90/00047 - T195 1no. Lime (marked on submitted plan) - Re-pollard at 12m from ground level.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING

DC/25/4755/FUL - 124 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm Ipswich Suffolk IP3 8TY

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of 8m rear extension and conservatory.

The owners of 126A have sent the following objection to East Suffolk Council Planning.

- 124 and 126A are built on a hill which means that 124 is already higher than our property. The proposed building will therefore have a greater height impact on our property.
- The extension is approximately 14 meters in total length along the side of our property and garden. This will reduce westerly light into our sunroom and onto our garden patio.
- The extension has windows overlooking our property impacting on our privacy both in the house and garden.
- The inclusion of a play room so close to our property would result in excessive noise.
- We note that the conservatory/playroom is to be relocated and the current building is almost entirely glass and is taller than the proposed main extension. We feel this would result in light pollution and add to the feeling of being overlooked.
- We have hedging along the boundary which attracts wildlife which we value and maintain regularly. An extension of this length will have a detrimental impact.

Mr and Mrs Tomlinson the owners of 126A Bucklesham Road attended the meeting and confirmed their concerns about what they considered to be an over development of the neighbouring property which would seriously affect their residential amenity. A view supported by District Councillor Mark Packard.

Whilst all councillors agreed that the points raised by Mr and Mrs Tomlinson in their objection should be highlighted to the case officer and a visit by the case officer recommended, they did not agree as to whether the Parish Council should object to the application.

A vote was taken and on the casting vote of the Chairman it was agreed that the Parish Council would object to this application because of the affect this development will have on the residential amenity of Mr and Mrs Tomlinson at 126A Bucklesham Road.

DC/25/4781/FUL - Land Off Ipswich Road Brightwell Ipswich Suffolk IP10 OBJ

Change of Use of Land for the Siting of 25 Static Holiday Units, 12 Touring Caravan Pitches and ancillary facilities

This land at Foxburrow Farm has been subject to similar applications in the last few years. DC/21/2391/FUL was refused as was the subsequent appeal to the Planning Inspectorate APP/X3540/W/23/3330089 refers. The refusal was because there would not be acceptable pedestrian connectivity to Brightwell Lakes. The effect of the proposal on nearby European Sites and the Newbourne Springs Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and whether adequate foul water treatment and disposal would be provided to serve the development. The Parish Council also objected on these grounds.

Following a discussion, councillors were minded to not object to this application. However, a final decision was deferred pending a reply from East Suffolk Planning about whether caravans would be stored on the same site DC/25/4781/FUL refers. Also, time to consider the views of neighbouring Parish Councils about the proposal.

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

A planning application has yet to be submitted. However, 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.

East Suffolk Planning has now made their decision about this opinion and published their recommendations to the applicant. I am pleased so say that these include expanding the travel area to cover the roads in Foxhall which will be affected by this application.

County Councillor Patti Mulcahy stated that she had been told that the full application would not be submitted before March 2026.

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

The Parish Council noted the correspondence between Pc Arlene Ell and Sam Kenwood East Suffolk Council Community Partnership (Refer to 10.26). The Clerk was asked to write to Arlene concerning the anti-social behaviour relating to the parking bays **behind** the B & M store. **Action: Clerk**

08.26 To discuss installing lockable dog bins

It was agreed to defer a decision regarding the installation of lockable dog bins. **Action: Clerk**

09.26 To discuss and update councillors on the latest developments regarding the Local Government Reorganisation

Cllr Graeme Watts stated that the Leader of Suffolk County Council has not commented as to whether the local elections in May 2026 should take place. It is considered that if the elections do not go ahead there would be more capacity to work on the Local Government Reorganisation. It appears that other local authorities in the area would prefer that the local elections go ahead. It is the decision of Government to cancel the elections and not Suffolk County Council.

10.26 Clerk's Report January 2026

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ASB Murrills Park

Unfortunately a resident has again reported ASB on Murrills Park. Pc Arlene Ell has inspected the play areas for any potential damage as the report stated that young people were playing with a shopping trolley. Apparently there is no sign of damage to the equipment.

Arlene has knocked on the doors of residents whose properties back onto the park area to gage their experience and voice any concerns they may have. She has spoken with multiple residents, including visiting the complainant at her address leaving her details for people to be able to contact her.

The points to highlight from this are:

1. It would appear that only one resident has displayed notable concerns.
2. What constitutes ASB / offences and the line between young people utilising the area to play and socialise.
3. The importance of contacting police, should this occur, at the time it is occurring, in order to deal with appropriately.
4. No reports have been made to police in the last three months.
5. Based on the above alone, this again, indicates CCTV is disproportionate at this time.

Now that residents have been met with and advised to report any incidents into police – the police can monitor and interrogate any calls we receive and take it from there.

Arlene has assured that patrols both in car and on foot will continue to be carried out.

ASB literature sent to the complainant for guidance and to share on the residents' page.

East Suffolk Council will be consulting their environment team regarding the possibility of updating dog waste bins to prevent waste being removed. I will keep you informed once I receive an update.

Arlene and colleagues will continue to patrol the area as regularly as practicable, ensuring we are on-foot through the park itself.

Council Tax Brightwell Lakes

As requested by councillors I contacted East Suffolk Council regarding the above. I have received a reply as follows.

Auster Place	IP5 4AL	Taylor Wimpey	2 x unbanded, 3 x band D, 5 x band A
Deben Park	IP5 4AE	Taylor Wimpey	1 x band A, 5 x band E
Hemingway Rise	IP10 0BZ	Denbury Homes	Launching Summer 2026 - none
Adastral Park	IP5 3RE	none	

New developments are subject to the Government valuation office determining the Council Tax band as each property is completed and sold which can be some time.

Maternity Cover for Pati Ferreira-Whittaker

The Communities Officer Pati is now on maternity leave. Sam Kenwood is currently covering in her absence however Sally Connick will be Communities Officer post from mid-February.

Valley Works

Following a complaint from a member of the public I have contacted East Suffolk Council Planning on a number of occasions concerning various operators at Valley Works and they have checked the planning history on the latest part of the site I have queried regarding the planning permission. The authorised use of the site is described on C/08/2254 Application for Lawful development Certificate to continue using site for agricultural & general haulage yard. The grant of the CLE for this use is unconditioned. As the CLE changes the described use of the site, planning permission C/90/1287 is no longer extant and therefore there does not appear to be a breach of development control on this site.

It appears to confirm that the traffic issues on Straight Road are not a planning matter. Cllr Watts is of the opinion that these complaints are more of a highways issue. However, evidence of damage by the HGVs would need to be available. Councillors also need to bear in mind that HGVs are prohibited from going through the village of Bucklesham. **Action: Clerk**

11.26 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses December 2025	£419.30
HMRC Tax/NI	£318.83

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 31 st December 2025	£64,713.92
Deposit Account on 31 st December 2025	£8,600.80

The Parish Council noted the balances as at the 31st December 2025 for both the Community Account and the Premium Account.

The Clerk reported that Barclays Bank had again blocked the transfer of money between the Community Account and the Premium Account. **Action: Clerk**

12.26 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

Councillors reported that no meetings had been attended this month.

13.26 Members questions to the Chairman

- a. Cllr Brenda Newell reported that there had been fly tipping in Monument Farm Lane which she had been reported to East Suffolk Council Environmental Health.

- b. Cllr Graeme Watts asked if there was any progress on the siting of the waste bin in Foxglove Crescent. The Clerk reported that East Suffolk Council had applied for a license from Suffolk County Council Highways. The Clerk agreed to ask ESC for an update. **Action: Clerk**
- c. Cllr Graeme Watts asked for an update on the siting of the VAS post in Murrills Road. Clerk agreed to contact Suffolk County Council Highways for an update. **Action: Clerk**

14.26 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 11th February 2026 at Trinity Park

The Chairman stated that unfortunately due to illness she would not be available to attend the meeting on 11th February 2026 and offered her apologies.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.24 pm.

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

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