

# BRIGHTWELL FOXHALL & PURDIS FARM GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr G Watts

Cllr W Thurston

Cllr B Newell

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

### **82.24 Apologies for absence**

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

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

None

### **84.24 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **85.24 Matters arising from the Minutes**

All items arising from the minutes formed part of the agenda.

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

- a. Cllr Mark Packard – East Suffolk Council – no report.
- b. Cllr Ed Thompson – East Suffolk Council – no report.
- c. Cllr Patti Mulcahy – Suffolk County Council

The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Cllr Patti Mulcahy who had given her apologies for the meeting. Patti said that she had followed up the Foxhall Highways estimate and had agreed with Suffolk County Council Highways that she would commit 50% of the cost of the project out of her Highways budget. Parish Councillors offered their sincere thanks to Patti for her generous offer of funding. **Action: Clerk**

- d. To receive questions from members of the public. No members of the public were present at the meeting.

### **87.24 Planning**

Cllr G Watts gave his report as follows:

a. General

The following updates the planning schedule and highlights any applications for discussion at the June 2024 meeting of the Group Parish Council. There are also two Appeals which are being dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate after the original applications were 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 whilst National Highways would like further time to assess the impact on the Strategic Road Network.

DC/23/4635/FUL – Care Home Felixstowe Road Foxhall

The Parish Council have objected due to concerns about parking at the site. Highways also objected siting concerns about the entrance, size and layout of the car park and access onto the A1156. – The applicant submitted new plans showing a revised entrance and car park layout which is now forty spaces. They have also agreed to fund two new bus shelters and a new pathway to Murrills Road.

Highways have accepted these new proposals and withdrawn their objection. They have imposed a number of conditions about the construction including prioritising the construction of the footpath. The revised number of parking spaces (40) remains below that required by the SCC Parking Guidelines (47). It is also noted that the NHS Integrated Care Board has objected to this application because of the adverse effect it will have on primary care in the area.

The Parish Council has maintained its objection 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.

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. There is no further news about this application.

DC/24/0449/FUL - Part Land at Foxburrow Farm Waldringfield Road Brightwell Ipswich Suffolk IP10 0BZ - Change of use of land for the storage of containers (associated with Port of Felixstowe), including erection of associated fencing.

The Parish Council strongly objected to this proposal, and it has been refused on the following grounds.

The site is located within the Countryside, where such development is not considered appropriate or in a sustainable location and is not in accordance with the settlement hierarchy for the location of new commercial employment developments.

The applicant has provided piecemeal information in subsequent correspondence in response to objections raised, albeit the information is conflicting and not of a sufficient level to make an informed assessment of the proposal with regard to the design, layout, noise, hours of operation, lighting, flooding, contamination, impact on residential amenity, parking.

No information has been submitted as part of the application in connection with vehicle movements, frequency, times of days the site will be accessed, nor has any supporting highway documentation (such as a Travel Plan or Travel Assessment).

The submitted Block Plan (Drawing Number FOXB-STM-XX-XX-DR-A-0102 Revision P1) indicates that the proposed western boundary fence will run within the hedgerow. As a result, without further information, it is not possible to ensure that there are no unmitigated impacts on a UK Priority Habitat. The submitted Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (May 2024) identifies that the site (in particular the western hedgerow) has the potential to support a number of protected and/or UK Priority Species including foraging/commuting bats, reptiles and breeding birds and highlights that there may be some impacts on these species in the absence of appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures.

Ecological enhancements are required for new developments. No ecological enhancements have been proposed as part of this submission.

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).

DC/24/2073/TPO – Purdis Rise Cottage – Pruning of Pine Trees.

The Parish Council did not object to this application.

DC/24/1690/P3Q – Barns & Stables Toad Hall Farm – Conversion of existing barn and stables to a single dwelling.

The Parish Council did not object to this application.

AP/24/0014/REFUSE or APP/X3540/W/23/3331555 (Planning Inspectorate Reference)  
Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) - Proposed new dwelling with associated outbuildings | Backlands Purdis Farm Lane Purdis Farm Ipswich Suffolk IP3 8UF.

This involves concerns about access to the new property via a narrow lane between two bungalows in Purdis Farm Lane. Both sides have submitted their case to the Inspectorate and a decision is awaited.

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 decision is awaited.

Cllr G Watts reported that he had attended the Sizewell Southern Transport Forum as an observer. Although there was an initial meeting several years ago the Parish Council did not get involved Sizewell Transport the Freight Management Facility was going to be in Levington but it has now located at the Orwell Logistics Park I believe that the Parish Council should get involved and at the moment we are not represented on this forum. I recommend that we write to the Chairman of the forum, to request that the Parish Council be allowed to attend as a formal consultee. It was agreed that Cllr G Watts send a draft request to the Clerk to send to the Chairman of Sizewell Southern Transport Forum formally requesting that Cllr G Watts become part of the forum. **Action: Cllr G Watts / Clerk**

b. To discuss Brightwell Lakes

Cllr B Newell reported that a copy of the map of the Brightwell Lakes development had been submitted to all councillors. Cllr B Newell stated that the builders are currently working on E1 and that W1 is the next area to be developed.

c. To note the correspondence received with regard to Twisted Oaks and associated matters

The Clerk has previously circulated an email which had been received from a member of the public concerning the Twisted Oaks Planning Application and associated matters. Parish Councillors noted the contents of the email. The Clerk reported that she had sent an acknowledgement to the resident.

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

Cllr E Lawrence stated that trees should be planted in October / November and that the Parish Council could request some free trees and also purchase some from Parish Council funds. The Clerk had requested free bulbs from East Suffolk Council which would be planted in the Autumn. Discussions took place with regard to planting wildflower seeds in areas in Purdis Farm but it was pointed out that seeds needed to be planted in bare soil and not on grass. This item was deferred until the next meeting when further discussion could take place. **Action: Clerk**

#### **89.24 To discuss the latest developments on the Green Infrastructure**

Cllr B Newell reported that the Green Infrastructure Group was developing a Biodiversity Action Plan but this only applies to parish owned land and that the Parish Council do not own any land. A Biodiversity Plan gives more weight to what residents want. Councillors discussed what the Parish Council could offer to residents; bat boxes on trees, bug hotels were examples discussed. It was agreed that the Suffolk Wildlife Trust should be asked for help to look at various options. Discussions took place about the bulbs which were planted at the footpath up to Brightwell Church had been destroyed by someone mowing the grass. It was agreed that Cllr B Newell should speak to Brightwell Church Vicar asking who mows the grass at the front where the bulbs were planted. Cllr E Lawrence stated that he would like to see trees, preferably fruit trees, planted in Purdis Farm but it would need to have the permission of East Suffolk Council as they own the land. This item to be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting. **Action: Clerk / Cllr B Newell / Cllr E Lawrence**

#### **90.24 Clerk's Report**

##### General Election

The General Election is on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024 so at the moment we are in purdah. It does not prohibit the Parish Council from making decisions or taking action on matters. Please be aware that we must not enter into any correspondence which might be seen as political so if you are approached by a

political party please refrain from entering into conversation as a Parish Councillor. Of course, this does not apply to personal interaction or comments. This information is being advised by SALC.

#### Brightwell Footpath No 9 (part)

The above order was made by East Suffolk Council on 26 April 2024 under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 section 257 and was advertised for the statutory period of 28 days. No objections were received and the order was confirmed and came into effect on 7 June 2024. Paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 of the legislation requires East Suffolk Council to serve notice of the confirmation of the order on the Parish Council.

#### Nacton Footpath No 1 (part) Public Path Diversion Order 2023

In accordance with Section 257 and paragraph 8 of Schedule 14 of the above Act notice is hereby given that on 6 June 2024 East Suffolk Council certified that the alternative right of way required under the terms of the above order has been created to its reasonable satisfaction. The order has now taken effect.

#### **91.24 To discuss editorial for the next publication of the newsletter**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Liz Beach had requested editorial for the next publication of the Parish Newsletter. Cllr G Watts said that he would send editorial for the Parish Council newsletter to Cllr E Beach. Cllr W Thurston said that she would arrange to send details of events and editorial on events which will be held at Trinity Park. **Action: Cllr W Thurston / Cllr G Watts**

#### **92.24 Finance**

##### Income

None

##### Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses May 2024	£394.70
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##### Bank Account Balances

Current Account on 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	£42,850.74
Deposit Account on 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	£8,393.26

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

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

- a. Cllr G Watts reported that he had attended a Community Partnership meeting which includes Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley Community Partnership. This is one of several Community Partnerships set up by East Suffolk Council to work collaboratively to solve local problems identified by local people and make a difference on the ground in our communities and brings together various organisations across the area. A meeting each year sets the priorities, and each priority is voted on. The three priorities are road safety, mental health and inter-generational co-operation. Cllr G Watts stated that he would send a report to Cllr E Beach for inclusion in the Parish Magazine. **Action: Cllr G Watts**

- b. Cllr B Newell stated that there is £30 in the Green Infrastructure bank account belonging to the Parish Council. Following discussion Cllr B Newell proposed that the money is left in the account for future use, seconded Cllr E Lawrence – all in favour. **Action: Cllr B Newell**
- c. Cllr B Newell reported that there is a War Memorial in Brightwell Churchyard which commemorates the lives of the fallen servicemen in both Brightwell and Foxhall. It was agreed that a photograph and write-up should appear in the Parish Magazine mentioning the names of the men who appear on the memorial. **Action: Cllr B Newell / Cllr E Beach**

**94.24 Members questions to the Chairman**

- a. Cllr B Newell reported that fly tipping had occurred in Monument Farm Lane which she had reported to East Suffolk Council.
- b. Cllr E Lawrence reported that when the VAS sign data is downloaded from all the signs except for the latest solar powered sign, it shows the date as being 1970. Cllr E Lawrence said he believed this is due to the signs running out of battery and also the backup batteries. It was agreed that he would arrange to speak to Westcotec for support. Cllr G Watts queried whether the VAS sign in Bucklesham Road at the boundary with Ipswich is working as it is hidden by a Beech Tree. Cllr E Lawrence confirmed that it was working. **Action: Cllr E Lawrence**

**95.24 Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.19 pm.**

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

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