

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

## **Minutes**

Of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr E Lawrence

Cllr B Newell

Cllr G Watts

Cllr E Beach

Cllr K Rout

Cllr W Thurston

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council

Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council

### **35.24 Apologies for absence**

None

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

None

### **37.24 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **38.24 Matters arising from the Minutes**

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

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

- a. Cllr Mark Packard – East Suffolk Council – verbal report
- b. Cllr Ed Thompson – East Suffolk Council – no report
- c. Cllr Patti Mulcahy – Suffolk County Council – verbal report
- d. To receive questions from members of the public - none

### **40.24 Planning**

Cllr G Watts gave his report as follows:

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 and A1156

ESC: Pending

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

The Parish Council have objected due to concerns about parking at the site. Highways have also objected siting concerns about the entrance size and layout of the car park and access onto the A1156

ESC: Pending

DC/23/4907/FUL Orwell Crossing Truck Stop A14 Nacton East Bound Nacton

The Parish Council did not object to this application for an open area to be used for storage. However, concern was expressed about what was to be stored, lighting and shielding (would the proposed trees be sufficient). The application has provided additional information.

ESC: Pending

DC/24/0260/FUL The Stables Purdis Farm Lane Purdis Farm

The Parish Council was concerned by the lack of detail in this retrospective application about disposal of sewage and waste. The applicant has now provided this information to the Planning Officer (and the Parish Council). The Parish Council has withdrawn its objection.

ESC: Pending

DC/24/0570/TPO 150 Bucklesham Road Purdis Farm

The Parish Council was concerned that whilst the proposals showed the trees to be felled it did not show those that remain. The Parish Council is in touch with Falcon Saunders Arboricultural Officer who will be visiting the property to confirm the number of trees present.

ESC: Pending

DC/24/0448/FUL Part Land at Foxburrow Farm Waldringfield Road Brightwell Change of use of land for use as a caravan storage (associated with Oaks Caravans).

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

The Parish Council has yet to make comment on either proposal. For planning purposes this land is within the countryside but is across the road from Brightwell Lakes and is already home to a solar farm and other industrial uses. I believe it would be difficult to oppose the caravan storage application as there are already other sites nearby which are full and near capacity.

However, we should strongly oppose the container storage application. There is little information about the number of container movements involved therefore is the entrance and surrounding road suitable? Also, containers are often stacked – is this the case with this application? How are

containers going to be taken on and off the lorries? I also do not believe that this is a suitable location for such a development which the inspector considered to be countryside. I am sure a more suitable location on a brownfield site could be found.

ESC: Pending

#### **41.24 Update on Foxhall Roads Survey**

Cllrs B Newell and E Lawrence presented a map to the Parish Council and Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council, annotating the signs which it is thought should be installed in Foxhall Parish. The approximate cost being in the region of £18,000 to £20,000. Cllr B Newell proposed that the suggested signs, according to the map, is sent to Suffolk County Council Highways for approval, seconded Cllr G Watts – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

#### **42.24 Adoption of Policies and Procedures 2023/2024**

Cllr G Watts proposed that the Standing Orders, Asset Register, Financial Regulations, National Code of Conduct, and the Internal Audit Procedures which had previously been circulated to councillors should be approved, seconded Cllr E Warham – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr G Watts asked for Parish Council email addresses for councillors to be added to the next agenda. **Action: Clerk**

#### **43.24 To discuss the Greener Infrastructure**

Cllr B Newell reported that there is another Greener Infrastructure meeting planned for later in April. **Action: Cllr B Newell**

#### **44.24 Clerk's Report**

##### Financial Regulations

The copy of the financial regulations is correct as of today however NALC are in the process of rewriting the regulations and as soon as they become available, I will update and include in the next agenda. Although they are being rewritten, we still have to approve the current regulations.

##### Report from Suffolk County Councillor

#### **Public Consultation on Suffolk County Council's proposed devolution deal starts on 18<sup>th</sup> March**

A 10-week public consultation on our proposed devolution deal with the Government will start on 18th March and run through until 26th May. The consultation will be in two main parts – an open survey, hosted by Suffolk County Council, that any residents can complete and a sample survey of 1000 Suffolk residents conducted independently by Ipsos Mori. The consultation will be available through our website [www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution) and social media. There will also be media coverage highlighting the consultation.

#### **Councils' loft insulation offer for Suffolk homes**

Suffolk's Public Sector Leaders have launched a Suffolk Loft Insulation offer, teaming up with builders' merchant Travis Perkins to offer Suffolk residents a significant reduction on loft insulation.

There are four product options available, and residents will receive a 50% discount off their purchase (up to £200), with free delivery.

According to The Energy Saving Trust, it is estimated that an uninsulated home loses a quarter of its heat through its roof. An effective way to reduce this heat loss, and heating bills, is to insulate your loft, attic or flat roof. Correctly installed insulation should pay for itself many times over in its 40-year lifetime.

The offer is open to anyone and will close once the allocated funding has been spent. To find out more visit [www.greensuffolk.org/at-home/grants/](http://www.greensuffolk.org/at-home/grants/). Simply fill out the online order form and Travis Perkins will be in touch to arrange payment and delivery.

The Loft Insulation Grant is being funded by Suffolk's Public Sector Leaders and Travis Perkins and will help contribute to Suffolk's Climate Emergency Plan and our vision for Suffolk to become Carbon Neutral by 2030.

#### **45.24 To discuss engagement with local High School Pupils**

Cllr E Warham reported that no Year 12 students have shown any interest in supporting the Parish Council with the Parish website therefore it was agreed that this item should be deleted from the agenda. **Action: Clerk**

#### **46.24 Finance**

##### **Income**

None

##### **Expenditure**

Clerk's Salary and Expenses February 2024	£394.70
Information Commissioner's Office	£40.00

##### **Account Balances**

Community Account Balance on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	£30,157.45
Business Account Balance on 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	£8,361.00

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

#### **To discuss and agree the appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2023/2024**

Cllr G Watts proposed, seconded Cllr E Warham that Mr Trevor Brown be appointed as auditor for 2023/2024 – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

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

- a. Cllr G Watts said that he had attended the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 of the East Suffolk Planning Alliance (ESPA). ESPA is made up of a group of Parish Councils who have an interest in planning and in particular how the planning system works. The Annual Conference was split into two sections: Questions to the Panel and an Open Forum. Cllr G Watts gave a useful report on the events of the conference.

#### **48.24 Members questions to the Chairman**

None

**49.24 Date of next meeting**

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

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.22 pm.**

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

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