

# **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, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at Trinity Park

Present

Cllr E Warham - Chair

Cllr B Newell

Cllr G Watts

Cllr K Rout

Cllr E Beach

Cllr E Lawrence

Mrs Angie Buggs – Clerk

Cllr Mark Packard – East Suffolk Council

Cllr Patti Mulcahy – Suffolk County Council

4 members of the public

### **144.25 Apologies for absence**

None

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

No declarations of interest were received.

### **146.25 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **147.25 Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

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

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

Cllr Patti Mulcahy gave a report on her work for the Suffolk County Council. A lot of work has been carried out on devolution and the Business Plan Suffolk County Council has been put forward is One Suffolk. It is now for the Government to decide which proposal they want to take forward. The elections for the Norfolk / Suffolk Mayor is scheduled to take place in May 2026 and the newly elected Mayor will be the person who will liaise with Central Government. Currently it is "business as usual". The 2026/2027 budget has been produced and it is now up to electors to voice their opinion. The consultation process is open until the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and a copy can be viewed on the Suffolk County Council website. <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/budget-council-tax-and-finance/the-budget-for-suffolk>.

Another project which may be of interest to local people is the Public Rights of Way map which has been digitalized and 10,500 footpaths are now on the map which can be accessed via Suffolk County Council website. <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/view-definitive-maps-of-public-rights-of-way>

Cllr Patti Mulcahy said that she had been working with the Suffolk County Council Highways Engineer and both herself and Highways are supporting the request made by Brightwell Foxhall and Purdis Farm Group Parish Council to extend the existing footpath between the pedestrian crossing and the layby along the A1156. Cllr Patti Mulcahy reported that she had supported a resident in Holly Close regarding a parking problem and she has arranged to have white lines painted in front of the resident's garage to alleviate the problem with his inability to get out of his garage.

Cllr Patti Mulcahy said that she had been inundated with emails regarding the planning proposal for 1300 properties on Foxhall Road Foxhall which is in the process of public consultation. In conjunction with Martlesham Parish Council, Patti will be meeting with the public to try and answer some of the questions being asked by residents. Two meetings are being held in Martlesham Community Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 to 5.30 and the 19<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 to 8.30. ESC Planning Department has been requested to attend the meetings to answer questions.

b. Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council – verbal report

Cllr Mark Packard reported that there had been a East Suffolk Community Partnership meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 2pm Martlesham Parish Rooms. The meetings are very successful and a large number of people attend.

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c. To receive questions from members of the public

A member of the public asked for an update on Straight Road traffic. Cllr Graeme Watts stated that the Clerk had written to East Suffolk Planning and asked the Clerk to write to the resident with details of the history of planning permissions relating to Valley Works.

A member of the public asked about the Parish Council's view on the proposed development of 1300 in Foxhall. Cllr Graeme Watts stated that it is difficult to give an opinion until the Planning Application has been submitted to East Suffolk Council. Cllr Graeme Watts stated an EIA Scoping Opinion has now been submitted by the developer and our comments should **be restricted** to the scope and methodology of the Environmental Impact Assessment. The number one concern of the Council is the significant increase in traffic expected in Foxhall and our comments should reflect that the Transport Assessment Study Area should also include Hall Road, Monument Farm Lane, and Straight Road.

## **149.25 Planning**

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

**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**

At our last meeting we decided not to object to this application. However, after the meeting the Planning Officer received objections from both neighbours and importantly Suffolk County Council Highways principally about parking near the property.

Following an email exchange the majority of councillors (3-2) wanted us to support the objection made by Highways about parking. Problems with parking across the Warren Heath Estate have been raised by numerous residents for several years.

### **Outstanding 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 and 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 much 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.

There is no further news about this application, and it remains undecided.

### **Applications to be Discussed at this Meeting**

**DC/24/0412/FUL – Twisted Oaks Bike Park – Intensification of use for outdoor activities including archery, axe, and spear throwing areas.**

**Agreed** – The Parish Council should not object to this application.

**DC/25/4030/TPO - Limetree House 3 Beechwood Drive Purdis Farm Ipswich IP3 8UW**

1no. Lime (T2 on plan) - Reduce the height by up to 3 metres and lateral spread by up to 2 metres, crown thin, and crown lift to 5 metres above ground.

**Agreed** – the Parish Council should not object to this application.

### **DC/25/4124/FUL - Foxhall Hall Hall Road Foxhall Ipswich Suffolk IP10 OAP**

Replacement of existing freestanding double garage with cart lodge adjacent to Foxhall Hall.

**Agreed** - the Parish Council should not object to this application.

#### **a. To discuss the proposed development on Foxhall Road by Bloor Homes**

### **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.

**Agreed** – this is not a Planning Application, and our comments should be restricted to the scope and methodology of the Environmental Impact Assessment. The number one concern of the Council is the significant increase in traffic expected in Foxhall and our comments should reflect that the Transport Assessment Study Area should also include Hall Road, Monument Farm Road, and Straight Road.

#### **b. To discuss DC/25/3949/VOC - Foxhall Barns Hall Road Foxhall Ipswich IP10 OAP**

Variation of Condition No. 4 of DC/22/0785/FUL - Change of use, alteration, and extension to some of the former agricultural buildings into a new Orthodontic surgery with associated facilities - To permit facial aesthetics to continue to be undertaken in conjunction with the orthodontics surgery.

**Agreed** – The Parish Council should not object to this application but comment about the Highway Safety concerns raised by Councillor Newell.

### **150.25 Update from councillors re possible use of CIL receipts**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had emailed all councillors requesting ideas for use of the CIL Receipts. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council has £46,001.84 available to spend.

The following is a list of possible use of the CIL receipts.

Waste Bin - £526.18 plus VAT – **IN PROGRESS**

VAS Sign Murrills Road – Estimated Cost £7,000

Replacement Sign Felixstowe Road Purdis Farm – Estimated Cost £2,500

Possible replacement of signs in villages – 4 Purdis Farm, 4 Foxhall and 2 Brightwell – Estimated Cost £25,000.

Cutting back of vegetation by a contractor – Councillors to identify the areas requiring attention and information passed to the Clerk. **Action: All Councillors / Clerk**

Trees requiring attention – Clerk to speak to ESC. **Action: Clerk**

Concrete Table Tennis Tables – Murrills Park Purdis Farm – Clerk to speak to ESC – Estimated Cost £2,900 per table plus £1,800 for each base. Clerk to speak to ESC. **Action: Clerk**

Information Board - Cllr B Newell to speak to landowner regarding erecting a notice board on the entrance to Purdis Heath. **Action: Cllr B Newell**

Cllr Mark Packard East Suffolk Council to provide the Clerk with a list of contact details at East Suffolk Council. **Action: Cllr M Packard / Clerk**

### **151.25 Meeting Dates 2026**

The Parish Councillors agreed the following meeting dates for 2026.

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month except August when the Parish Council does not hold a meeting.

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (APCM and APM)  
Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2026  
Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2026  
Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2026  
Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2026

#### **152.25 To note the contents of the Local Plan Call for Sites**

Cllr G Watts and the Clerk attended the Zoom presentation Call for Sites notifying people to put forward sites which is part of the early preparatory work for the new Local Plan. The new Local Plan will set out a spatial strategy seeking to ensure that future needs are met, identifying sites for development and setting policies against which applications for planning permission are determined. The new Local Plan will replace the Waveney Local Plan adopted in 2019 and Suffolk Coastal Local Plan adopted in 2020, which both plan for the period up to 2036. The new Local Plan will plan up to at least 2044. The Call for Sites invites submissions of land to be put forward for consideration for allocation in the Local Plan. This is the very start of the process and later decisions on preferred site allocations will be informed by a range of evidence and assessments and consideration of a strategy and visions for the plan, as well as by public consultation which will be undertaken during preparation of the plan. The submission form and associated guidance will be found on <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/new-localplan>

The Call for Sites was noted by the Parish Council.

#### **153.25 Finance**

##### **Income**

CIL Receipts	£19,325.65
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##### **Expenditure**

Clerk's Salary and Expenses October 2025	£414.80
Flyer Press Newsletters	£659.00
Community Action Suffolk One Suffolk Hosting	£66.00

Cllr G Watts proposed that the above expenditure be approved, seconded Cllr E Beach – all in favour.

**Action: Clerk**

##### **Bank Account Balances**

Current Account on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 £47,766.55  
Deposit Account on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 £8,574.47

**To discuss and approve the Half Year Accounts 2025/2026**

The Clerk reported that the half year accounts had previously been circulated to all councillors. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council formally adopt the half year accounts – all in favour.

**Action: Clerk**

**To discuss and approve Draft Budget 2026/2027**

The Clerk reported that the Budget 2026/2027 had previously been circulated and asked for any comments.

It was agreed to make the following amendments to the budget:

1. Clerk’s Salary – to add holiday pay to the Clerk’s salary.
2. Footpath Purdis Farm – delete the budget line.
3. S137 Donations – reduce budget to £300.

Cllr G Watts proposed, seconded Cllr B Newell that the Parish Council formally adopts the budget for 2026/2027 with the above amendments – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

**To discuss and approve the Precept for 2026/2027**

Following discussion Cllr G Watts proposed that the Parish Council set the precept at £7,000 for the financial year 2026/2027, seconded Cllr E Warham – all in favour. The Parish Council agreed that the precept should remain at £7,000 because the core activities of clerk’s salary and the production of the newsletter already exceed that figure. **Action: Clerk**

**154.25 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk**

- a. Cllr G Watts reported that he had attended the East Suffolk Community Partnership meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 2pm Martlesham Parish Rooms. The meeting had agreed to fund a Disabled Toilet, Grundisburgh Pavilion (£5,000) and Just 42 Youth Club, Grundisburgh (£1,000).

**155.25 Members questions to the Chairman**

None

**156.25 Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Trinity Park**

Cllr K Rout and Cllr E Beach stated that they would be unlikely to attend the next meeting as they would be on holiday and offered their apologies.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.37 pm.**

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

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