

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, 8th October 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

2 members of the public

127.25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence was received from Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council.

128.25 To receive Members' Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

129.25 Minutes

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

130.25 Matters arising from the Minutes

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

131.25 The meeting was adjourned to receive reports and questions

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

Murrills Road Play Area Purdis Farm

The old play equipment has now been removed and new equipment will be installed in early November.

Fallen Tree / Broken Fence Removal in Purdis Farm

The fallen tree has now been removed and the broken fence which had resulted by the tree falling on to it has been mended.

Flower Planting Murrills Road

The area which was planted with flowers in Murrills Road in the summer has grown.

- b. Cllr Ed Thompson East Suffolk Council – no report
- b. Cllr Patti Mulcahy Suffolk County Council – no report
- c. To receive questions from members of the public

The resident supported the complaint from a Hollies' resident in Straight Road. The resident also stated that an HGV vehicle goes down Straight Road / Bucklesham Road going to Foskers Valley Farm. It is reported that Valley Farm has licenses for 10 HGV vehicles.

132.25 Planning

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

There was one new Planning Application considered at this meeting.

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

Following a brief discussion, it was decided that the Parish Council should not object to this application but comment that appropriate planning conditions should be imposed to reflect the operation of a business in a residential area.

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 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/24/0412/FUL – Twisted Oaks Bike Park – Intensification of use for outdoor activities.

There is no further news about this application. East Suffolk Council Planning confirmed that they had asked the applicant for further information which had not been provided. It was agreed that the Parish Council will take no further action in relation to this application unless it is circulated as a new consultation.

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. East Suffolk Council Planning confirmed that they told the applicant that a new application was required rather than a variation of condition. It was agreed that the Parish Council will take no further action unless a new application is received and circulated for consultation.

The Parish Clerk asked why the Retrospective application **DC/25/2145/FUL Land South Of Former Village Hall , Brightwell Road, Brightwell - Change of use of land to storage and work report centre to include 3no. containers with canopy** had been refused.

Councillor Watts agreed to look at Public Access to see why this application was refused despite no objection by the Parish Council. **Action: Councillor Watts**

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN BEGINS

The process of producing a new local plan has begun with the call for sites to be launched on 20th October 2025 until 9th January 2026. Parish Councils will receive details of the selected sites in late January 2026.

Town and Parish Councils have been invited to an online briefing session on the Call for Sites on Wednesday 22nd October, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. At the briefing officers will provide an overview of the Call for Sites process and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Councillor Watts has agreed to attend.

EMERGING PLANS FOR 1300 HOMES OFF FOXHALL ROAD

Bloor Homes are currently exploring how the site opposite the Foxhall Recycling Centre could deliver a new residential development, of up to 1,300 new homes, with a mix of sizes and styles, including a significant proportion of affordable housing to support local needs. Alongside new homes, the emerging plans currently could include:

- A new primary school
- A local centre, which could include shops, community space such as a village hall and other local facilities
- Substantial green infrastructure, including new playing fields and significant areas of Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG)
- Improved walking and cycling routes to encourage active travel.

This is not a Planning Application but an initial consultation with local residents and other interested parties such as local councils. Full details of the initial proposals and the Public Consultation can be found at <https://bloorhomes-foxhallroad.co.uk/>

The Parish Council has accepted a slot at 1230 on 9th October 2025 to chat with the project team prior to the Public Exhibition starting at 1530 at the Kesgrave Community Conference Centre.

133.25 Update from councillors re possible use of CIL receipts

Councillors put forward the following suggestions for the use of CIL receipts.

Replacement of VAS post in Murrills Road – Cllr E Lawrence stated he had passed details to the Clerk to enable her to make contact with Suffolk County Council Highways. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr K Rout suggested employing a contractor to cut areas of hedgerows in the villages which Suffolk County Council Highways will not cut. **Action: Cllr K Rout**

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

Parish Council Clerk to write to Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council regarding ‘Welcome to Rushmere St Andrew’ signs. **Action: Clerk**

Erection of new waste bin in Foxglove Crescent Purdis Farm. Refer to Minute No 137.25.

134.25 To discuss the overgrown vegetation on Bucklesham Road

Cllr K Rout reported that he had met with a resident to discuss the overgrown vegetation in Bucklesham Road which had previously been reported to Suffolk County Council Highways. SCC had replied that although they would monitor the situation, they were not prepared to carry out any remedial work at this time. There are two stretches of the road which require cutting back; one is 12 metres long and another 27 metres long. Cllr Rout stated due to the bank sloping towards the road it would have to be dug out which would necessitate the use of heavy equipment. Cllr Rout advised that Bucklesham Road would also need to be closed to enable this work to be undertaken by specialist contractors which would incur considerable costs. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the resident stating that the cutting back of vegetation would take a considerable amount of work and funding which is beyond the scope of work which the Parish Council could undertake. **Action: Clerk**

135.25 Clerk's Report October 2025

Proposed Development on Foxhall Road

I emailed Councillors with the time/date for our meeting with the developers which is 12.30 pm on Thursday 9th October at Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre.

The following is the link to the consultation website to enable residents to complete.

The consultation website is now live, which sets out further information on the plans:-

<https://bloorhomes-foxhallroad.co.uk/>

The following are the times, dates and venues when residents can attend and ask questions from the agents.

Thursday, 9th October 2025 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm Conference Centre Kesgrave

Friday, 10th October 2025 3.30 pm - 7.00 pm Waldringfield Village Hall

Saturday, 11th October 2025 9.30 am - 1.30 pm St Michael's Church Centre Martlesham

I have uploaded information on to the Parish Council website.

Police Contact

As councillors are aware Pc Justin Curtis who attended our September meeting has now moved to a new position in Ipswich. Justin's replacement is as follows:

The officer taking over my position is PC Arlene Ell.

Her email address is arlene.ell@suffolk.police.uk

136.25 To discuss the complaint from Hollies Resident regarding HGV Vehicles using Straight Road Foxhall

The Parish Council had received a letter from a resident living in the Hollies Straight Road expressing various concerns about traffic using Straight Road believed to be to access Valley Works and requesting answers to various questions. The letter received relates to HGV Vehicle Traffic using

Straight Road and questions what Planning Permission is in place for Valley Works and the Operating Hours permitted. It appears that RWK Transport Ltd have an operator's licence for 16 HGVs and 16 Trailers.

The Clerk was requested to write to East Suffolk Planning asking whether an application has been made to vary the conditions of C90/1287 in relation to the number of lorries operating from the site.

As far as Foskers is concerned there is a more recent application. C12/0898 dated 30/4/2012 – which states no deliveries between 6pm and 6am and Saturday working hours on Saturday 6am to 2pm.

Action: Clerk

137.25 To discuss and agree the positioning of the proposed new waste bin Foxglove Crescent

The Clerk reported that an email has been received from East Suffolk Council explaining that the position for siting the waste bin proposed by the Parish Council is on Suffolk County Council Highways land therefore an extra charge of at least £170 for the required street licence would be incurred. In addition, SCC now request further documentation and compliance for installations on their property which could have further delay and potentially incur further additional costs. East Suffolk Council have sent a map identifying additional possible sites which would not incur additional costs as the position of the waste bin would be sited on land belonging to ESC. The purchase and installation of the bin on these sites would be £526.18 plus VAT. Following discussions councillors felt the sites offered by ESC were too far away from the bus stop and the entrance to Foxglove Crescent. Cllr G Watts proposed, seconded Cllr E Warham that the waste bin be sited in the original proposed position – all in favour.

Action: Clerk

138.25 Update on the play area at Murrills Road Purdis Farm Ipswich Ref NPA717076927

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from East Suffolk Council outlining the progress concerning the works for the installation of the two new Multi Play Units at Murrills Road which have now been scheduled for week commencing 6th November with surfacing being installed on the week commencing 13th November. Once all works have been completed and the installation safety checks have been carried out the units will be opened and ready for use. Repairs to be carried out to the zip wire unit are required and it is possible that these will be carried out at a similar time.

The Parish Council noted the contents of the email.

139.25 Request from Brightwell resident for a fixed/overnight speed camera to be installed in Brightwell

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a Brightwell resident asking whether a fixed permanent speed camera could be installed in Brightwell and expressed concern about the speed of traffic travelling through Brightwell particularly at night. Cllr E Lawrence stated that it is not the policy of Suffolk County Council Highways to install fixed speed cameras. The Clerk reported that the Police use a handheld speed enforcement site at this location – on the C375 Brightwell Street in Brightwell from the grass verge outside Brightwell Hall Farm. This is a live site, and the Police collect Speed Detection Radar (SDR) data every two years. Based on the levels of speeding at this location this site has been categorised as a Priority 2 site which means the Police aim to enforce the speeds twice a month. Cllr E Lawrence stated that the VAS sign figures indicate that there are issues with speeding in Brightwell. The villages of Brightwell, Foxhall and Purdis Farm has a new Police Officer, and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact PC Arlene Ell asking for the latest position with regard to speed monitoring in Brightwell. **Action: Clerk**

140.25 Finance

Income

None

Expenditure

Clerk's Salary and Expenses September 2025 incl. Backpay	£485.50
HMRC Tax/NI	£334.58
SALC Payroll Service	£54.00

Bank Account Balances

Current Account on 31 st August 2025	£49,490.01
Deposit Account on 31 st August 2025	£8,546.10

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

Action: Clerk

141.25 Meetings attended by councillors/clerk

- a. Cllr G Watts reported that he would be attending the Community Forum Partnership Meeting and would report back to the November Parish Council Meeting.

- b. Cllr B Newell reported that she had attended the Brightwell Lakes Community Forum meeting on Monday, 29th September 2025 at Martlesham Parish Council Parish Rooms and gave an update on the latest developments. Cllr Newell gave a copy of the latest Community Forum updates to the Clerk.

142.25 Members questions to the Chairman

None

143.25 Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 12th November 2025 at Trinity Park

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.32 pm.

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

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