

BUCKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Parish Council Meeting held at Bucklesham Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Friday, 14th December 2018

Present

Cllr Ruth Johnson (Chair)
Cllr Rhea Gardner
Cllr Georgina Burgess
Cllr Heather Owen
Cllr David Riddleston
Cllr David Brinkley
Mrs A Buggs Clerk
16 members of the public

107.18 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield, Cllr Patricia O'Brien Suffolk County Council and Cllr Susan Harvey Suffolk Coastal District Councillor.

108.18 Declaration of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

109.18 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st November 2018 were approved as being a true record and signed by the Chairman.

110.18 Matters arising from the minutes

It was agreed to defer this item until the January 2019 meeting.

111.18 To discuss Orwell Green (Land to the North and South of Bucklesham Road)

The Chairman opened the meeting by stating that Gladman Development had approached Bucklesham Parish Council and had invited them to a meeting to discuss the proposed Orwell Green Development Foxhall. This meeting had been held in the Village Hall. Subsequently an exhibition had been held in the Bucklesham Village Hall for the public to attend. Gladman chose the venue purely for its convenient location in the area. The exhibition was advertised by Gladman by way of a mail drop and advertising. As part of this exhibition Gladman have asked for feedback on this initial consultation to be sent to them by the 21st December 2018. At this stage a planning application has not been submitted to Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Department. The Chairman stated that before the Parish Council submit their comments to Gladman they wished to consult with the village to gather the views of the residents to enable them to formulate a reply based on the views of the village. The Chairman stated that it was likely that Foxhall Parish Council would set up a Working Party and that Bucklesham Parish Council would be part of that Working Party.

The Chairman reported that although Cllr Susan Harvey Suffolk Coastal District Council was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment, she had submitted her comments via email as follows.

“... it has been confirmed to me that the Gladman suggestion, and that is all that it is, will not be included in the new Local Plan.

Suffolk Coastal District Council have nominated enough sites to take the housing number which government say we need so this Gladman site is not required. We also have a 5 year building land supply and we are delivering 582 houses a year.”

Local residents were given the opportunity to voice their opinions on the proposed development and as a result of these opinions the Parish Council agreed to formulate a reply to Gladman based on the following objections to the proposed development. **Action: Clerk / Cllr David Brinkley**

- 1) It is the understanding of the Parish Council based on information provided by our District Councillor that the proposals do not form part of Suffolk Coastal District Council’s current housing needs and development.
- 2) There is no proven need for such a development.
- 3) How can a significant development between Bent Lane and Dobbs Lane at Foxhall/Kesgrave be fervently opposed by SCDC and this proposal be considered?
- 4) The road infrastructure especially the A12/A14, Orwell Bridge and Seven Hills roundabout is almost at maximum capacity, forcing traffic onto existing congested and unsuitable rural roads.
- 5) There is no evidence to suggest that current healthcare and social care, ie hospitals, schools, doctors etc can absorb the population expansion that this proposal would generate.
- 6) The loss of valuable organic farm land when all of agencies are encouraging less food miles, local supply becomes even more important, this is without consideration for the impact of Brexit.
- 7) The loss of and impact on countryside, rural recreation and wildlife.

Local residents were asked to submit their views in writing to Gladman by the 21st December 2018 but more importantly to submit their comments to Suffolk Coastal District Council Planning Department, if and when, a Planning Application is submitted. The Chairman stated the Parish Council would be providing villagers with a leaflet which would help with the wording of submissions to SCDC. **Action: Clerk / All Parish Councillors**

112.18 Finance

Receipts

None

Payments (to be approved this meeting)

Clerk’s Salary & Expenses November 2018 (excluding tax)	£262.40
Norse Commercial Grass Cutting	£88.20
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Bank Balances

Current Account	£4,994.54
Deposit Account	£4.513.37

Cllr Heather Owen proposed, seconded Cllr David Riddleston that the above expenditure should be approved – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

113.18 General Matters

- a. A member of the public reported that the Forge Close had a number of pot holes which are dangerous to vehicles but in particular to two wheel bikes and motor bikes. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a report to Suffolk County Council Highways Department. **Action: Clerk**

114.18 Date of next meeting

Thursday, 3rd January 2019

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Signed..... Date

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