

BUCKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Parish Council Meeting held at Bucklesham Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 5th September 2019

Present

Cllr Ruth Johnson (Chair)
Cllr Georgina Burgess
Cllr Rhea Gardener
Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield
Cllr Heather Owen
Cllr David Brinkley
Mrs A Buggs Clerk
Cllr Richard Kerry East Suffolk District Councillor
3 members of the public

72.19 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence however Cllr E Bloomfield proposed, seconded Cllr H Owen that Cllr Georgina Burgess be granted leave of absence for attendance at Parish Council meetings due to illness – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

73.19 Declaration of interest

Cllr E Bloomfield and Cllr H Owen declared an interest in Item 7 To discuss the proposed development in Levington Lane and Item 14 To discuss the latest development regarding the proposed development by Hastoe of the agenda.

74.19 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday, 4th July 2019 were approved as being a true record and signed by the Chairman.

75.19 Matters arising from the minutes

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- b. The Clerk reported that the plum hedge would be cut back in October 2019.
- c. It was reported that the footpath from the last house on the right to Bucklesham Primary School (Main Road) has been trimmed but not up to the Shannon PH.
- d. Cllr Ruth Johnson reported that a notice has been placed in the Bugle concerning the parking of vehicles.

The meeting was adjourned to receive reports from:

Cllr Patricia O'brien – Suffolk County Council

Communities are being invited to have their say on the Green Access Strategy – Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

The plan, which looks at rights of way access up until 2026, details why green access is so relevant to Suffolk's population and its visitors, and it focuses on how green access can benefit quality of life.

On 10th July 2010, an event was held at one of Suffolk's most sustainable business centres to celebrate the carbon reduction efforts of new 400 Suffolk and Norfolk businesses.

Lord Deben, founder of Suffolk's Creating and Greenest County partnership in 2007, was a guest speaker.

Professor Nic Bury, Professor of Environmental Toxicology at the University of Suffolk, was also a guest speaker at the event and said

"This event recognises the excellent work businesses in Suffolk are making in reducing their carbon footprint to Create the Greenest County. These organisations are inspirational and show what can be achieved. We face numerous environmental issues, widespread environmental pollution and biodiversity loss."

On the 5th July 2019, the Ipswich Northern Route Consultation began. Eleven drop-in sessions were held throughout July where members of the public could find out about the project and speak with the team.

The three potential routes for a new east/west link between the A12 and A14 corridors are:

- An inner corridor from Martlesham to Claydon
- A middle corridor from Woodbridge to
- An outer corridor from Melton to the A140 near Needham Market.

The consultation information and questionnaire are available at www.ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk and the consultation will run until Friday, 13th September 2019.

I attended a meeting in Woodbridge on 22nd August run by the Campaign to STOP the Ipswich Northern Route. Dan Poulter spoke and the two leaders of the campaign.

I am against this ill thought out proposal which appears to be solely to cure the hold ups /accidents associated with the Orwell Bridge. A simple solution, presented by many voices, is to place high barriers along the bridge or to stop high vehicles using when there is a high wind!

I had a phone call from Paul Geater (EADT) to tell me the news that Gladman Development had withdrawn their proposal for 2,700 houses between Purdis and Bucklesham. He asked for my reaction and I am pleased that he quoted 'I just hope this withdrawal is for good – and that it is not something that comes back to the council again in a different form'.

Locality budget available.

Cllr Richard Kerry – District Councillor and Cllr Melissa Allen – District Councillor sent a report based on the newsletter available from East Suffolk Council a copy of which is appended in the minute book. **Action: Clerk**

Question Time

A member of the public asked for an update on the Hastoe Development. Please see Minute 84.19. Cllr Ruth Johnson stated that she had written in the Bugle in August 2019 that land opposite 70-92 Levington Lane had been identified for 30 houses. A sign has been erected on the piece of land and had been there for several weeks. This piece of land is part of the Draft Local Plan. Manor Homes (developers) asked to meet with the Parish Council to provide brief details about the proposal and the developers are proposing to hold a public exhibition in the Village Hall so that all the village can look at their proposals. To date no Planning Application has been made to East Suffolk Council.

Discussions took place on whether the village should conduct a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Ruth Johnson stated that due to the high cost involved and that other local villages had produced Neighbourhood Plans which did not appear to be listened to when East Suffolk Council discussed planning applications it has been decided not to go ahead.

A member of the public mentioned that the bench outside the rear of 15 St Mary's Park had not been moved as agreed. Cllr Ruth Johnson agreed to bring this up with the developers. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting was reconvened

76.19 Planning

Orwell Green

The Chairman reported that the proposed Planning Application has been withdrawn by the developers.

DC/19/2568/OUT Part Land Rear of Russet Cottage Main Road Bucklesham – Construction of single-storey dwelling and garage. East Suffolk Council have refused the application.

77.19 To discuss the proposed development in Levington Lane

The Chairman reported the Manor Oak Farms are proposing to hold an information event at the Village Hall on 3rd October 2019. The Clerk was requested to contact the developers to confirm the time/date for the event so that it could be advertised in the Bugle. **Action: Clerk**

78.19 Report by the Community Council

The Chairman reported that the Community Council bankers had sent a letter to Cllr Georgina Burgess by mistake which gave details of the Community Council's bank account. Cllr Heather Owen complained to the bank and they have credited the Community Council bank account with £250.00.

The Chairman stated that she had applied for various grants for work on the playing field.

79.19 Clerk's Report

The purpose of this report is to update members on outstanding issues, items received after the deadline for agenda items, correspondence and action taken by the Clerk.

Orwell Green - Foxhall

The Planning Application for Orwell Green has been withdrawn by the applicants.

Plum Hedge – Main Road Bucklesham

I have been advised by Norse that the plum hedge will be cut back in October 2019.

Pavement Uplift - Levington Lane Bucklesham

I have been advised that the tree which is causing the pavement to uplift in Levington Lane adjacent to the Shannon PH will not be dealt with by Suffolk County Council Highways now. They are of the opinion that the pavement does not need renovating but will keep it under surveillance.

Restocking of Grit Bins

Last year, Suffolk Highways introduced a new 'Grit Bin Guidance and Application Procedure'. As part of continual service improvement the suitability of this process has been reviewed. Taking onboard feedback received, a working group of councillors (led by Cllr Mary Evans) has assessed the current documentation and made a number of changes. A revised version of the existing form has been attached to this email for your reference.

Some notable amendments include the ability for town and parish councils to submit one application for multiple bin locations (we previously required one per site) and the introduction of a review process to evaluate any refusal decisions. It is anticipated that these changes, among others, will make it easier to request a new grit bin in the future. In addition to this, town and parish councils will now be able to request a grit bin refill (following the first restock of the season) using our online reporting tool; by plotting the location of an empty grit bin on our website's mapping system, reporters will also be able to monitor the progress of their requests.

Suffolk Highways is now restocking all grit bins in preparation for any severe weather. It is therefore important that our records are up to date so that we can identify every bin that is a) on the highway and b) needs refilling. For this reason, we would like to request your assistance in ensuring Suffolk is 'winter ready'. We ask that you please inspect all of your grit bins and plot their locations on a map, and recording whether or not they need restocking. This plan can either be hand written or produced electronically, but must be accurate enough for us to clearly identify your bin locations.

The restocking of grit bins documented within our own records will commence mid-September. It would be very helpful if you could submit your information to us before this date, so that we can ensure that all your bins are filled in preparation for the winter months. Maps and current stock levels can either be emailed directly to the Winter & Cyclical Works Team via winterandcyclicworks@suffolkhighways.org or sent via post, FAO the Winter & Cyclical Works Team at Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NP.

The Clerk was asked to contact Suffolk County Council regarding refilling of the grit bins and also requesting that they check the state of the bins as some were needing to be straightened up.

Action: Clerk

Sizewell C – Together Against Sizewell C

Email sent to all Parish Clerks as follows (a copy has been sent to each councillor)

Together Against Sizewell C request that you forward a copy of this email on to each of the council members. Should you require a pdf copy of the documents below or paper copies then please let me know.

Together Against Sizewell C have arranged for the screening of "The French Nuclear Trap", a film produced by Patrick Benquet, which examines the background behind EDF's decision to embark on the projects to build twin nuclear reactors at Sizewell, Suffolk and Hinkley Point, Somerset. Sizewell C would be the largest development project that may ever possibly occur in Suffolk and because of its impact on residents, farms, businesses, designated landscapes, marine environment, water levels, mains water, protected species and flora and fauna generally, TASC feel that all aspects of this development should be robustly examined. TASC would welcome your attendance at this free event, details of which you will find in the flyer below.

TASC Chairman, Pete Wilkinson, will introduce the film. He recently had a letter published in the East Anglia Daily Times setting out some of our concerns with the proposed Sizewell C construction project. In case you missed this letter I have replicated it below and would appreciate if you could read and consider the issues raised.

TASC are aware that there are still so many unanswered questions about the Sizewell C project, despite the fact we are into EDF's fourth consultation, so would be happy to arrange for a TASC representative to speak at one of your council meetings. Please let me know if you would like to take up this offer so we can make the appropriate arrangements.

80.19 Speeding Signs

Councillors discussed the purchasing of speeding signs to be situated on Main Road Bucklesham in both directions. One sign entering the village from East on Main Road OS197 grid ref (246,419) attached to triangular sign descending hill depicting double bend. Second sign entering village from West on Main Road OS 197 grid ref (235, 414) attached to 'Bucklesham' sign descending hill just before bend. Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield proposed, seconded Cllr Heather Owen that the Parish Council purchase two speeding signs – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

81.19 To discuss Sizewell 'C'

The Parish Council noted the contents of the documents which would be circulated. **Action: Clerk / All Councillors**

82.19 To discuss the playing field

The Chairman reported that playing field had been booked by three football teams for this year; one on Sunday and two on Saturday. All teams are paying a fee of £250.00 for the season. There is a possibility that another team will be interested in playing on the field next season. The Chairman reported that David Butcher the Tree Warden and two additional volunteers would be carrying out work on the trees on the parameter of the field. It was also proposed to erect a bund around the edge of the car park to stop vehicles driving on to the field. The Chairman also stated that David Riddleston would like the Parish Council to purchase a petrol strimmer to use on the playing field plus personal protection wear. It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

83.19 To discuss the installation of new dog bins, grit bins and waste bins

Cllr Heather Owen stated that the dog bin adjacent to Bucklesham Church needed replacing. Cllr Heather Owen proposed, seconded Cllr Ruth Johnson that the Clerk is authorised to purchase a new green dog bin up to a maximum of £300.00 – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

84.19 To discuss the latest development regarding the proposed development by Hastoe

The Chairman reported that she had been in communication with Hastoe and CAS to try to find out the latest position regarding the Hastoe development. Cllr Ruth Johnson reported that the landowner for the original identified site in the village had withdrawn his offer of land. Hastoe have asked the Parish Council to find alternative sites, however Cllr Ruth Johnson has requested that Hastoe seek alternative sites themselves.

85.19 Finance

Receipts

Hire of Playing Field £250.00

Payments (to be approved this meeting)

Clerk's Salary July 2019 £200.00

Clerk's Expenses July 2019 £37.20

Clerk's Salary & Expenses August 2019 £264.70

Hire of Village Hall £100.00

Norse Commercial Grass Cutting £176.40

Playdale £144.00

East Suffolk Council – Election Costs £76.16

HMRC June, July, August – Tax £150.00

Came & Co Insurance £444.37

David Riddlestone – Expenses Playing Field £34.46

Bank Balances

Current Account £8,107.74

Deposit Account £4,513.37

Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield proposed, seconded Cllr Georgina Burgess seconded that the above expenditure is approved – all in favour. **Action: Clerk**

86.19 General Matters

- a. Cllr David Brinkley stated that he believed that the builders of the new bungalow on Main Road opposite the Shannon in the garden of 15 St Mary's Park have damaged the footpath. It was also noted that weeds in the rear garden of 15 St Mary's Park which backs on to Main Road were growing through the fence making the roadside look untidy. It was agreed to approach the owners of 15 St Mary's Park to weed the footpath side of the fence. **Action: Chairman / Clerk**
- b. Cllr Rhea Gardener reported that there had been no reported incidents in the Bucklesham area in the Safer Neighbourhood in the recent newsletter.
- c. Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield reported that she had been told that the Bucklesham bus service would be in operation until July 2020.
- d. Cllr Ruth Johnson reported that several houses/vehicles had been broken into within the village and that she would put a notice in the Bugle warning people to be vigilant. **Action: Cllr Ruth Johnson**

- e. Cllr Ruth Johnson reported that the bench outside the rear of 15 St Mary Close had not been moved by the developers as agreed. **Action: Clerk**

- f. Cllr Ruth Johnson reported that the Lavender Farm has agreed to donate lavender plants to be placed along the outside of the playing field. Councillors offered thanks to the Lavender Farm. **Action: Cllr Ruth Johnson**

87.19 Date of next meeting

Thursday, 7th November 2019

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

Signed..... Date

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