

Minutes of Bucklesham Parish Council Meeting
Held on 30th September 2022 at 7:00pm
In Bucklesham and Foxhall Village Hall IP10 0DZ

Present

Cllr Trevor Bickers
Cllr Rhea Gardner

Cllr Evelyn Bloomfield
Cllr Clive Lenton

Cllr David Brinkley (Chair)
Cllr Lynda Seagroatt

Ruth Johnson (Clerk)

5 members of the public were present

1. Apologies for absence:

- a. To receive apologies for absence.
Apologies had been received from Cllr Heather Owen (illness).
- b. To accept apologies for absence.
Acceptance of the apology of Cllr Owen was proposed by Cllr Bickers, seconded by Cllr Gardner and all were in agreement.

2. To receive any:

- a. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.
There were none.
- b. Declarations of Non-Pecuniary Interest.
There were none.
- c. Applications for Dispensation on Agenda Items.
There were none.
- d. Declarations of Gifts or Hospitality received over the value of £25.00
There were none.
- e. Notification of Lobbying with reference to Planning Applications to be discussed.
There were none.

3. Public Participation – To receive:

a. Reports from County and District Councillors:

- Suffolk County Cllr Patti Mulcahy:

No report had been received.

- East Suffolk District Cllr Mick Richardson and Cllr Richard Kerry:

Cllrs' reports had been received and circulated by the Clerk. Cllr Richardson and Cllr Kerry sent their apologies for absence as they were attending meetings elsewhere.

b. Questions from any member of the public:

- Three members of the public shared their concerns with regards to the planning application to be discussed at item 5. One member of the public attended to support the application.

4. To agree Minutes of meeting dated 7th September 2022:

All Councillors agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Gardner proposed that the minutes should be signed, this was seconded by Cllr Bloomfield and all Councillors agreed.

The minutes had already been published on the website in draft form in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

Action: Clerk

5. Planning:

a. To discuss the following Planning Applications received:

- i. DC/22/3285/FUL Use of land for extension to existing cross country cycle track; Use of storage containers for reception and sales area; Change of design to ancillary structures. Brightwell Wood Land Adjacent Lower House, Bucklesham Hall Drive, Brightwell, Suffolk.

Councillors made the following comments:

- The plans for the site seem to have taken into consideration the environmental issues that have been raised and I get the clear impression that Twisted Oaks have a great deal of concern for the trees, wildlife and surrounding area
- The site allows all age groups a place to come and socialise, exercise and engage local youngsters in a productive and positive activity – good for their mental health and wellbeing
- There was no clear evidence that the site would cause any great noise disturbance to the surrounding properties
- The walk round with James Perks was very informative and I was glad he talked openly. I feel he is sympathetic to the nature that is on the site but also has a business to run
- Walking round I felt the site was well laid out and not over used, not trying to cram too much in. The erosion on the bank would be monitored as it would be part of the trail and any damage to the trail would not be good publicity or financial sense. I would like to know more about the bluebells and how that would be resolved. I agree that there should not be any night trials, for safety and nuisance reasons. Overall I feel this is a positive thing
- As far as I am concerned the Twisted Oaks have no adverse effect on the Parish, as already stated the majority of the operation is in Brightwell, even so from what I have seen and heard it has very limited negative impact on them
- I was impressed by the whole operation, the business is operated by a conservationist and all the work they have done has been completed with an understanding of nature and the environment. They are providing a facility that is a fully inclusive opportunity for all bikers to be out in the fresh air burning energy that might otherwise be used to the detriment of the community, the fact that they facilitate supervised young offenders, the disabled, the Police and other public organisations speaks volumes for their credibility

Chair's initials:

- I would leave ESC and other agencies to deal with the access and other technical issues, so as an individual I am in favour of their ambitions, as a Parish Councillor I will acknowledge the views of the majority of the community and respond accordingly
- My own view is that he has a professional set up, in which he goes to great lengths to respect the existing environment and has serious plans for the future
- The operation seems well run and he appears very mindful of his neighbouring properties

It was proposed by Cllr Brinkley that the Clerk send a letter in support of the application to East Suffolk Planning Department. This was seconded by Cllr Bloomfield and all were in favour.

6. To receive agenda items for next meeting (Wednesday 2nd November 2022)

Cllr Brinkley asked that discussion of the Cross Boundary Group, who would meet with regards to any future Innocence Lane development, be put on the next agenda.

There were no other agenda items at the meeting from the Councillors, but the Clerk reminded them that all projects going forward would be included and that any new items should be notified to her at least one week before the meeting.

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 7:29pm.

Signed:
Chair

Date:

Ruth Johnson
Clerk to Bucklesham Parish Council

Chair's initials: