

BROME and OAKLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting which took place on Monday 24 April 2017

1. Apologies for absence - Parish Councillor Charles Doe and District Councillor David Burn
2. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of Brome and Oakley Parish Council, Councillor Ursula Halton. Councillor Halton opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. There were 21 parishioners in attendance along with Parish Councillors David Hardaker, Mark Prior, John Parry, and County Councillor Jessica Fleming. Cllr Halton asked for the meeting to pause and remember John Stiff, Lewis Dyde and Sue Prior all of whom had sadly passed away this year and would be much missed for their contribution to village life.
3. County Councillor Jessica Fleming gave her report which is attached to the minutes.
4. PRESENTATION
B4RNORFOLK BROADBAND
David Evans spoke on issues he had experienced with lack of telephone and broadband and how he had become involved with a Community Broadband scheme which provided high-speed fibre broadband. Now 36 villages in Norfolk and Suffolk interested in the scheme. See attached literature for further details.
5. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting - the minutes of the meeting which took place on Monday 25 April 2016 were approved.
6. Matters arising - none.
7. DISS AND DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
The Parish Clerk and Chairman gave a presentation on the above Neighbourhood Plan. Parishioners asked a range of questions and at the end of the meeting the Chairman asked for a show of hand to confirm interest in the Neighbourhood Plan. There was an overwhelming majority in favour of a Neighbourhood Plan.
8. Report by the Parish Council – Councillor Halton read a report on behalf of the Parish Council. Copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk on request.
9. Report by District Councillor – The Clerk gave a summary of the District Councillor’s report. (A copy of the report is available from the Clerk on request)
10. Reports were received from:
 - a) Brome and Oakley Community Council – Mark Prior gave his report (a copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk). Mark paid tribute to Les Smith and John Parry who had stood down from the Community Council.
 - b) Brome and Oakley Village Hall Management Committee – Mr John Parry, Secretary and Acting Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee, gave a report on behalf of the committee. A question was asked about cinema and Cllr Halton mentioned that she was being trained in the use of the equipment.
 - c) Elizabeth, Lady Cornwallis Almshouse Trust – Mr John Parry gave a report on behalf of the Trust. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk). All houses were occupied and all was in order with maintenance.
 - d) Brome and Oakley Welfare Trust – Mr David Hardaker gave a report on behalf of the Welfare Trust. Last year was a record year of payments made – from January 2016 over £1,300 had been paid out. (A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk).
 - e) United Parish of Brome with Oakley Churches – Revd Adrian Watkins gave his report which detailed how the congregation at the church was an integral part of the community. (A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk).
11. Open Forum – further discussion took place on Broadband provision.
12. Any other business - None. Meeting closed at 21.00

Minutes approved on 2018

Signed Chairman