

BROME and OAKLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of meeting which took place on Monday 23 April 2018

1. Apologies for absence - County Councillor Jessica Fleming
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 five parishioners in attendance along with Parish Councillors Charles Doe, David Hardaker, Tom Pace, Mark Prior, John Parry, and County Councillor Jessica Fleming. .
3. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting - the minutes of the meeting which took place on Monday 24 April 2017 were approved.
4. Matters arising - none.
5. DISS AND DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
The Chairman gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan which included the parishes of Brome and Oakley. The recent survey had been completed by 8% of the population of the two villages. Cllr Halton continued to attend Steering Group meetings once a month in Diss and the Group were moving forward to collect the technical data needed to move further with the Neighbourhood Plan. All in attendance took the opportunity to view the main aims and objectives of the plan for Brome and Oakley and to state if they agreed or disagreed with the aims and objectives. The meeting unanimously supported the work of the Neighbourhood Plan for Brome and Oakley.
6. 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.
7. Report by County Councillor – A report provided by County Councillor Jessica Fleming was read by the District Councillor. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk on request.
8. Report by District Councillor – District Councillor David Burn gave his report on behalf of Mid Suffolk District Council. He spoke on the merger of Mid Suffolk and Babergh Councils and how all the functions were now being run from Endeavour House in Ipswich. The formation of a single council had not progressed partly by options regarding a unitary authority for Suffolk being explored. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and available from the Clerk on request.
9. Reports were received from:
 - a) Brome and Oakley Community Council – Mark Prior gave his report detailed a membership of 170. The AGM would be held in May and it is hoped to support the Village Hall in their efforts to revamp the Village Hall.
 - b) Brome and Oakley Village Hall Management Committee – Mr Roger Maynard, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, gave a report on behalf of the committee. Plans for improvements to the hall outweighed the budget for the improvements. New repeat bookings had been secured but costs continued to increase. There was a desire to move the bottle and paper banks away from the Village Hall car park due to damage to the driveway.
 - c) Elizabeth, Lady Cornwallis Almshouse Trust – Jane Pearce, Secretary of the Trust, 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. Payments out remained high with items such as funeral costs and hospital visit expenses being paid for. The Trust needed to raise its profile in the villages. (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).
10. Open Forum – no comments.
11. Any other business - None. Meeting closed at 20.29.

Minutes approved on 2019

Signed Chairman