

BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Monday 4 February 2019** in Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors, Ursula Halton, Kelly Kelley, Tom Pace (left 20.20) and John Parry. Also in attendance County Councillor Jessica Fleming and District Councillor David Burn.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Doe, Prior and Hardaker and accepted by the Council.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests from members on any item to be discussed and requests for dispensations – Cllr Parry declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters relating to the Village Hall. Cllr Keely declared a pecuniary interest in planning application DC/19/00436 and was advised that she would need to leave the meeting when this item was considered.

3. Councillors were reminded of the requirement to individually update their Register of Interests as appropriate.

4. The minutes of the meetings held on 14 January 2019 were approved.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of 14 January 2019 meeting. There were no matters which were not listed on the agenda.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

County Councillor Fleming reported that funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau was being phased out, additional funding had been received from central government for pothole repairs and that the Sizewell C consultation was open with a response deadline of 29 March. Cllr Fleming also confirmed that she had provided the funding for a speed data recorder to be placed in two locations on the B1118 in Oakley.

District Councillor Burn reported the Cabinet had voted to consult on a communities' strategy, sapling trees had been presented to babies born in 2018, and the initiative had been oversubscribed. The District Council would be increasing the Council Tax by 2% and had recently financed two PCSOs for the District.

7. Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/19/00436	3 The Street, Brome	Erection of a two storey rear extension, erection of an extension above existing porch and associated alterations
20.20 Cllr Keeley left the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to recommend support for this application. 20.25 Cllr Keeley return to the meeting		
DC/19/00061	Stuston Filling Station	Alternative location for a totem sign which has already been approved as part of the initial approval.
The Council were concerned to receive the revised application which they had not been formally consulted on but had been alerted to by the District and County Councillor. It was noted that the plans were not accurate as they showed many trees which were no longer in situ at the site. The current 24 hour illumination of the site could be seen from Brome Street and it was felt the size and position of the proposed totem sign would also have a negative impact on the rural amenity. It was therefore agreed to recommend refusal of the application. Scole Parish Council would be alerted to this application.		

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- b. There were no planning determinations to note.
- c. The grant of an environmental permit (Environment Agency) to Drax Power Limited to operate a proposed power station at the former Eye Airfield was noted. Cllr Parry had recently attended a Drax Power meeting and had no concerns to report back to the Council.
- d. There were other planning matters.

8. Governance

- a. The Register of Assets for the year ending 31 March was approved.
- b. The Council's Financial Regulations were reviewed and adopted.

9. Village Hall –

The recently commissioned condition ^{report} survey had been considered by the Village Hall Management Committee and all were in agreement that the report demonstrated there were many areas to address to maintain and improve the Hall. Priority would have to be given to legal compliance in respect of Disability Access. The Management Committee would engage with the parishioners on the report and seek their views on if and how work could be progressed.

10. Consultations

- a. Mid Suffolk District Council Communities Strategy Consultation was noted.
- b. Mid Suffolk District Council Housing Land Supply Position Statement 2018/2019 was considered. It was agreed to respond that the Parish Council welcomed confirmation of the land supply position and hoped that applications would now be considered on their merit and in line with the NPPF, Local Plan and Parish Council comments and not be approved to satisfy land supply shortages.

11. Finance

- a. The Council's financial statement was noted as £9,682 in the community account and £3,938 in the business premium account. £10.00 in allotment rental had been received in relation to the transfer of tenant for plot 4.
- b. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details	Chq No	Power
£772.62	Sarah Foote	Clerk Salary January/February/March 2019	100420	LGA 1972 S112
£67.80	HMRC	PAYE	100421	LGA 1972 S112
£43.35	Sarah Foote	Clerk expenses January/February/March 2019	100422	LGA 1972 S111
£900.00 inc VAT	Whitehill Direct Ltd	Notice Board for Upper Oakley	100423	LGA 1972 S111
£39.17	Mr J Parry	Sundries for the erection of the Notice Board at Upper Oakley	100424	LGA 1972 S111

Signed *P. Parry* Chairman Signed *S. Foote* Clerk
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12. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted:

Date received	From	Subject
25.01.19	Suffolk Police	Safer Neighbourhood Team Locality Meeting – 2 pm to 3 pm on Monday 18 March 2019. Cllr Halton would endeavour to attend.

12. Reports

a. Suffolk Association of Local Councils – no report.

b. Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Halton and Pace had attended the last meeting and had been asked to confirm what the aspirations were for the villages for the next 20 years. The following suggestions were considered and agreed; traffic management and splays at the A140 junctions, housing needs, public transport, cycle paths and footpaths.

13. Urgent Matters and matters for report – None.

14. Date of next meeting and agenda items

Date of next meeting: Monday 11 March 2019. Meeting Closed: 20.40.

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