

# BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Monday 13 July 2015** in Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Charles Doe, Ursula Halton, David Hardaker, John Parry and Mark Prior. Also in attendance Sarah Foote (Clerk), Suffolk County Councillor Jessica Fleming (arrived 20.12, left 20.25) and Mid Suffolk District Councillor David Burn (left 19.59).

At 7.00 pm the Parish Council had met at the allotments to give all Councillors the opportunity to view the allotments and consider the vacant plots.

1. Apologies for absence

PCSO Long.

3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests from members on any item to be discussed and requests for dispensations

None.

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

5. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the meetings of 15 June 2015 were agreed as a true record by those present.

5. Matters arising from minutes of 15 June 2015

None.

**19.32** meeting closed

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

Mid Suffolk District Council - District Councillor David Burn gave Councillors an overview on the services which Mid Suffolk District Council currently provided. Cllr Burn also updated the Council on the possible funding the Parish Council could access through the community fund generated from the wind turbines at Eye Airfield. The approximate current fund available to the Parish Council could be £2,000. The community fund was based on those in a zone of visual influence within a 10km radius and the parishes that are most effected had been identified as Eye, Brome (only), Thrandeston and Mellis. Money from the community fund could be spent on 'green' initiatives perhaps related to climate change, education on energy saving or energy generation. The Clerk asked for written confirmation on the application process for the fund to be provided as soon as possible.

Suffolk Police – a report provided by PCSO Long was read by the Clerk detailing two crimes in the parish of Oakley.

**19.59** Meeting reconvened

7. Co-option to the Parish Council

No applications had been received although some interest had been expressed. *Action: Agenda for September meeting.*

8. Planning

a) The following planning application was considered:

Reference	Location	Application Details
1872/15	Ripley Cottage, 8 Upper Street, Oakley	Erection of 1 1/2 storey side extension (following demolition of existing single storey side extension). Erection of open porch to front (following demolition of existing porch). Insertion of 1no. window to 1st floor. Replacement front door. Re-instate thatch to main roof. Internal alterations.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend SUPPORT for this application.		

b) The following planning determination was noted:

1637/15	Conifers, Low Street, Oakley	Erection of front and side extension to dwelling to provide living accommodation for registered disabled person.
Planning Permission had been GRANTED.		

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c) Other planning matters – Cllr Prior briefed Councillors on the Planning Training that he had attended and a discussion took place on how to deal with planning applications received between meetings, particularly in light of the new Transparency Code which states all planning applications must be detailed in full on an agenda of a Parish Council meeting.

**20.19** meeting closed

Suffolk County Council – Cllr Jessica Fleming gave her report which detailed the ‘Scammesty Initiative’ which the County Council were currently operating and informed Councillors that the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Consultation currently running with comments to be made until 24 July. Cllr Fleming would with Highways on 14 July and would progress the VAS application and chase verge cutting for the parishes.

**20.24** meeting reconvened

## 9. Allotments

Councillors had visited the allotment site prior to the start of the meeting. The Clerk reported that income year to date was £110.00 and that three plots were vacant. A discussion took place around possible alternative uses of the land; play equipment, sports facilities (basketball post and net), wild flower area, bee keeping, and it was agreed to consult with parishioners for their ideas. *Action: Clerk to contact Parish magazine and display consultation on website and noticeboards as well as writing to the existing allotment holders.*

Cllrs Doe and Prior would try to clear the vacant plots.

## 10. Finance

a) Bank Balances - the Clerk reported the bank account balances as Community Account £7755 and Business Premium £3,931.

b) The following payments were considered and agreed:

Amount	Payee	Details	Chq No
£175.00	Mid Suffolk District Council	Parish Council Election 7 May 2015	100331
£60.00 inc VAT	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Councillor Briefing	100332
£4.25	Anglia Book Keeping	Payroll Period 1,2 and 3	100333

c) The quarterly budget report for 1 April to 30 June was noted by councillors and is appended to the minutes.

## 11. Reports

a) Brome and Oakley Village Hall – Cllr Parry reported that there had been little progress with the installation of the central heating and the grants towards this work, which were time sensitive, had been extended. Mid Suffolk District Council had been very co-operative with this project.

b) Suffolk Association of Local Councils – no meeting.

c) Brome Community Recycling Centre Support Group – no meeting.

## 12. Correspondence

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

Date received	From	Subject
02.07.15	Eye Airfield Parishes Working Group	Invitation to further meetings on areas of mutually interest concerning the development of Eye Airfield and the surrounding area
Cllr Halton, and possibly Cllr Hardaker, would attend the next meeting.		
19.06.15	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Sizewell C Town and Parish Community Engagement Events
19.06.15	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	LAIS 1381 Fly Grazing
18.06.15	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Suffolk Local Policing Review
15.06.15	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish Newsletter

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## 13. Consultations

- a) To consider a response to the Mid Suffolk District Council Draft Development Brief for Land to the South of Eye Airfield. It was agreed to submit a consultation response which would express concern for:
- Increased traffic, particularly cutting through Brome Street to A143.
  - The need for a considerable upgrade of the A140 which would have to be subject to a full transport assessment which had currently not been undertaken.
  - Access on to the A140 from the Brome Triangle, and any other junctions which may be created, should be via traffic lights or roundabout. There needs to be confirmation of funding to improve the A140. There is already a major problem at the Brome Triangle which the Highways Authority has still to address.
  - The impact on local services such as the doctors' surgery and schools should be fully considered. Can the existing provision cope with a possible 500+ new residents.
  - It was concluded that without more investment in the infrastructure of the surrounding area the development would not be sustainable.
- b) There were no other consultations to consider.

## 14. Urgent Matters

Cllr Hardaker asked for a large pothole in the road opposite Park Farm, to rear of The Oaksmere, to be reported to Highways. *Action: Clerk.*

## 15. Date of next meeting and agenda items

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 September 2015. Agenda items would include traffic calming and parking of vehicles in Brome Street and Low Road Oakley. *Action: Agenda next meeting.*

**21.09 Meeting Closed**

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