

# BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 29 October 2015** in Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ursula Halton (Chairman), Charles Doe, David Hardaker, John Parry and Mark Prior. Also in attendance Sarah Foote (Clerk), Mid Suffolk District Councillor David Burn (arrived 19.40) and three members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests from members on any item to be discussed and requests for dispensations. There were no declarations.

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

4. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the meetings of 12 October 2015 were agreed as a true record by those present.

5. Matters arising from minutes of 12 October 2015

Phone Box – Cllr Prior put forward the idea of relocating the phone kiosk to inside the Village Hall car park making it more accessible, and safer for future possible uses. It was agreed Cllr Parry would consult with the Village Hall committee on this suggestion. *Action: Cllr Parry and Agenda for next meeting.*

**6. PUBLIC FORUM**

Members of the public commented on the planned extension to the Oaksmere and were concerned for the scale and design of the proposed extension to a building which is of historic value to the village

7. Planning

a) The following planning applications were considered:

3113/15	The Oaksmere Hotel, Rectory Road, Brome	Reinstatement of three sections of garden wall, including alterations to wall.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend SUPPORT for this application.		
3114/15	The Oaksmere Hotel, Rectory Road, Brome	Reinstatement of three sections of garden wall, including alterations to wall –Listed Building Consent
It was unanimously agreed to recommend SUPPORT for this application.		
3108/15	The Oaksmere Hotel, Rectory Road, Brome	Retrospective consent for removal of curtilage listed outbuilding to west of listed wall.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend SUPPORT for this application.		
3377/15	The Oaksmere Hotel, Rectory Road, Brome	Erection of rear extension, including orangery. Internal and external alterations including works to ceiling within dining room. Insertion of stud wall.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend REFUSAL of this application. The Council concluded that the proposed extension would dominate the original building by virtue of its size, scale and design and would distract from the architectural and historic character of the original building. The Council were also concerned that the size of the extension, and the subsequent increase in trade, would undoubtedly increase traffic to and from the Hotel and the noise generated within the Hotel grounds.		
3378/15	The Oaksmere Hotel, Rectory Road, Brome	Erection of rear extension, including orangery. Internal and external alterations including works to ceiling within dining room. Insertion of stud wall – Listed Building Consent
It was unanimously agreed to recommend REFUSAL for this application.		

b) The following planning determinations were noted:

3091/15	The Oaksmere Hotel, Rectory Road, Brome	Erection of Eco Cold Store; Glasshouse; Pergola; With Planting Beds and Pathways within listed garden wall. Installation of Smoker Flue from kitchen of the Coach House.
Planning Permission had been granted		
3128/15	The Oaksmere Hotel, Rectory Road, Brome	Erection of flue
Listed Building Consent had been granted		

Signed .....

Chairman

..... Clerk

Date ..... 11.10.2015 .....

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c) No other planning matters.

## 8. Co-option to Parish Council

It was agreed to defer this matter to the January meeting. *Action: Agenda for next meeting.*

## 9. Highways

The provision of Vehicle Activated Signs within Brome and Oakley as per the Suffolk County Council Highways recommendation and Memorandum of Understanding was considered. The county Council had identified potential sites along Brome Street and it was agreed to ask the Highways Engineers to place an SDR on the two most easterly sites in order to ascertain if speeding is an issue along this stretch of road. *Action: Clerk to contact Highways.* Upon receipt of this information, the Parish Council would determine the viability of the purchase of the vehicle activated sign.

## 10. Finance

a. The Council's financial statement of Community Account at £9,048 and Business Premium at £3,931 was noted. There were no payments to consider.

## 12. Reports

a) Brome and Oakley Village Hall – Cllr Parry reported that the new central heating would be commissioned in the next week.

b) Suffolk Association of Local Councils – no report.

## 13. Correspondence

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

Date received	From	Subject
22.10.15	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Parish Councils: the case for the Right of Appeal in the Planning Process
22.10.15	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	LAIS 1383 Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill.
14.10.15	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	AGM and Annual Report
13.10.15	Suffolk County Council	Gritting Heaps/Bins 2015

It was agreed to ask for an additional heap of grit to be placed outside Oakley House on the C157 Upper Oakley. *Action: Clerk.*

## 14. Consultations

None.

## 15. Urgent Matters

None.

20.12. 16. The Meeting was closed to the press and public to discuss confidential matters relating to the Brome Community Recycling Centre. District Councillor David Burn was asked by the Chairman to remain in the meeting. The future viability of the operation was discussed along with possible sources of funding.

## 17. Date of next meeting and agenda items

Date of next meeting: Monday 11 January 2016.

## 20.35 Meeting Closed

Signed ..... Chairman ..... Clerk  
 Date 11/1/2016 .....