

BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 10 July 2023 at Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Roger Broughton, Isobel Demanget (Chairperson), Tom Pace, John Parry, Mark Prior and Ian Stockham. Also in attendance the Clerk and District Councillor Tim Weller and County Councillor Jessica Fleming.

1. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllrs Keeley and Doe.
2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests from members on any item to be discussed and requests for dispensations

Cllrs Broughton, Pace, Parry and Prior declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Hall.

3. Public Forum

Cllr Fleming commented on the repainting of the road markings at the road junctions of the B1118 and hoped that Suffolk Highways would do this work when they deliver the traffic calming scheme. The scheme could now proceed as the Parish Council and Cllr Fleming were content with their respective financial contributions. Cllr Fleming and Councillors discussed the forthcoming National Grid second non-statutory consultation on Norwich to Tilbury (formerly known as East Anglia GREEN). It was understood that SALC had offered to collate representations against national infrastructure projects. The Parish Council's informal opinion was that 'off shore' options should be considered.

Cllr Weller had provided a report in advance of the meeting. Cllr Weller commented that the Planning Committee would meet monthly and at various locations throughout the district. Light pollution at eye airfield being investigated for environmental impact. Grants were available for new projects and community development work. Pride in Place priority funding, banded on the population of the village, will be available from August and could possibly be used to purchase the new dog waste bin.

4. Minutes of the last meetings

- a. The minutes of the meeting of 12 June 2023 were approved and would be signed at the next meeting.
- b. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 12 June 2023 – Cllr Parry had followed up outstanding matters relating to the bank mandate and it had been confirmed by Barclays that the chairman did not need to be a bank signatory. Cllrs Doe, Prior, and Parry would remain bank signatories. Cllr Doe would be asked to confirm his access to electronic banking.

5. Planning

- a. There were no planning determinations to note.
- b. There were no other planning matters.

6. Diss and District Neighbourhood Development Plan

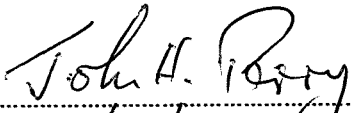
- a. Cllr Broughton reported that the referendum had been organised.
- b. The date of the referendum was noted as 28 September 2023.

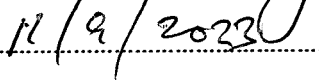
7. Asset Management

- a. Defibrillator in Brome (west) – it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the purchase and placement of a defibrillator at the Devils Handbasin which would be accessible 24/7. The cost for this would be approximately £2200.00 and would be part funded by District Council Locality Funding already received towards this project.
- b. Risk Management and operation of vehicle activated sign – deferred to next meeting including the option of purchasing a second sign. It was agreed that Cllr Stockham would assist with the operation of the VAS.
- c. Management of allotment plots – previous concerns about contamination at the allotments had been explored and digging of the ground had found no contamination.
- d. Bird Box initiative – Cllr Prior reported that he intended to run the event towards the end of the school holidays or during autumn half term.

8. Finance and Governance

- a. The current financial position was noted as £18,101 in the current account and £3,971 in the business saver account.

Signed  Chairperson  Clerk

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b. It was agreed to make the following payments.

Amount	Payee	Details
£899.05	S Foote	Clerk's salary July/August/September 2023
£290.42	HMRC	PAYE
£130.44	S Foote	Clerk's expenses
£300.00	N Fulcher	Plastering – Village Hall Wall (CIL)
£5875.00	Suffolk Highways	Contribution to traffic calming measures in Oakley
£58.76	Huws Gray	Village Hall project (CIL)
£24.98	Trade UK (Screwfix)	Village Hall project (CIL)

9. Correspondence

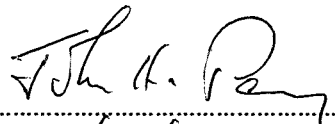
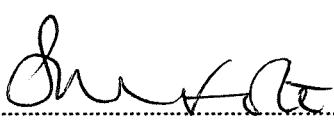
The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
05.7.2023	Babergh Mid Suffolk Councils	Hybrid Facility for Mid Suffolk Planning Committee Meetings
03.7.2023	Babergh Mid Suffolk Councils	Town and Parish Update July 2023
01.7.2023	Babergh Mid Suffolk Councils	NSIP and large-scale energy developments update July 2023
28.6.2023	Suffolk County Council	ANPR Rota July - October 2023
28.6.2023	National Grid	Second non-statutory consultation on Norwich to Tilbury (formerly known as East Anglia GREEN) proposing to build approximately 183 km of transmission infrastructure from Norwich to Tilbury as part of The Great Grid Upgrade.
28.6.2023	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	The Local Councillor Magazine

10. Urgent Matters and matters for report – none.

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 11 September 2023. It was requested that an update of the operation of the Brome Recycling centre be an agenda item for the next meeting. Cllr Broughton gave his apologies in advance of the next meeting.

Meeting closed: 20.42

Signed  Chairperson  Clerk

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