

BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 October 2023 at Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Roger Broughton, Isobel Demanget (Chairman), Charles Doe, Kelly Keeley, Tom Pace, John Parry, Mark Prior and Ian Stockham. Also in attendance the Clerk and District Councillor Tim Weller.

1. Apologies for absence – Apologies were noted from County Councillor Fleming.
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 had provided a report in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Weller had provided a report in advance of the meeting to which he provided a commentary. Cllr Weller had visited the Brome Recycling Centre and would report back to the Parish Council after further liaison with the operator and officers at the District Council.

4. Minutes of the last meetings

- a. The minutes of the meeting of 11 September 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairperson
- b. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 11 September 2023:

It was understood that the mobile library would now visit Brome and be parked at the village car park. Cllr Parry reported that he was progressing the bank mandate change and that the late Ursula Halton would be removed as a signatory from the bank account.

5. Planning

- a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/23/04124	The Homestead Barn, The Street, Brome	Erection of replacement dwelling

It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application

DC/23/04316	Rose Farm, Upper Street, Oakley	Retention of change use of 3 no. agricultural buildings to general industrial/storage or distribution (B2/B8)
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It was unanimously agreed to recommend refusal due to the rural location not being suitable for industrial use. Land was designated in the parish for such use and Local Plan Policy E10 states that applications for new industrial and commercial development in the countryside would not be permitted unless an overriding need to be located away from towns and villages can be demonstrated. There was no evidence of such a need in this location. The Planning Inspectorate's Appeal Decision Ref: APP/W3520/W/22/3304859 should be referred to for supporting information.

- b. There were no planning determinations to note – it was noted that Planning Inspectorate Appeal Reference APP/W3520/W/22/3304859 made against Mid Suffolk District Council's refusal of an outline application for the erection of 4 commercial units (B2) and three dwellings had been dismissed. Brome Grange.
- c. Other planning matters – the Clerk reported the application for the B-17 memorial in the grounds of the Oaksmere still had not been determined and MSDC Planning had asked for further details of the materials to be used.

6. Diss and District Neighbourhood Development Plan

The recent referendum had seen an 18% turnout of which 85% voted in favour of the Plan. A date would need to be set for adoption of the Plan.

7. Asset Management

Signed Chairperson Clerk

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a. Photographs had been supplied of the suggested location for the defibrillator at the Devils hand Basin and confirmation of installation was awaited

b. Village Hall refurbishment project - Cllr Parry reported that of the original £3780 approved budget request, £2911 had been spent. There was a commitment to plumbing work to be paid for from the remaining £800. The next stage would be the front gable and external wall and an application would be made to the Parish Council for CIL funds to support this work.

8. B-17 Memorial unveiling – It was agreed that the Chairman would represent the Parish Council at the commemoration on 10 November and the Parish Council would fund a poppy wreath to be laid at the memorial.

9. Finance and Governance

a. The current financial position was noted as £14,143.53 in the current account and £3,971 in the business saver account.

b. It was noted £2329.70 had been received as the VAT reclaim for the year ending 31 March 2023.

10. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
01.09.2023	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish newsletter – October
12.09.2023	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Getting to Grips for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects Information Event – 18 October 2023
12.09.2023	Stradbroke Parish Council	Initial submission to the consultation by Suffolk County Council on the TTRO in Eye
19.09.2023	Mid Suffolk District Council	Suffolk Recycles Autumn newsletter
20.09.2023	Mid Suffolk District Council	Publication of the Inspectors' Report on the Examination of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan
20.09.2023	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish Liaison meeting – 19 October
20.09.2023	Suffolk County Council	Public views sought over improvements on A140
25.09.2023	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	SALC Conference 29 November 2023
27.09.2023	Mid Suffolk District Council	Dementia Friends

11. Urgent Matters and matters for report – none.

12. Date of next meeting – Monday 13 November 2023.

Meeting closed: 20.36

Signed

John H. Parry
13/11/23

Chairperson

[Signature]

Clerk

Date