

BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 8 January 2024 Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Roger Broughton, Isobel Demanget (Chairperson), Charles Doe, Kelly Keeley, Tom Pace, John Parry and Mark Prior. Also in attendance the Clerk, County Councillor Fleming and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted by the Council from Cllrs Stockham.
2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests from members on any item to be discussed and requests for dispensations

Cllrs Broughton, Prior, Pace and Parry declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Hall. Cllr Prior declared a pecuniary interest in planning application DC23/05474 and would leave the meeting when this item was discussed.

3. Public Forum

County Councillor Fleming spoke to her report which had been previously circulated to members. District Councillor Weller spoke to his report which had been previously circulated to members. One member of the public was present.

A member of the public explained that Nicks Lane was firstly a pedestrian footpath, of rough surface, and not suitable for the development of residential dwellings. The additional traffic created from 15 lettings was not suitable for a lane first constructed in 1942. They objected to the development due an intensive farm (livestock and crops) running adjacent to the proposed development and the need for agricultural vehicles to use the lane.

4. Minutes of the last meetings

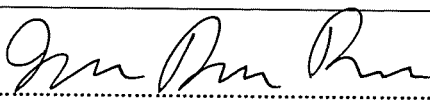
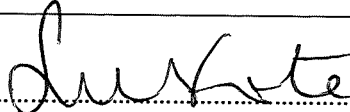
- a. The minutes of the meeting of 13 November 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairperson
- b. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 13 November 2023

5. Planning

- a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/23/05859	Oak Lodge, Nicks Lane, Brome	Application under S73 for the Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of DC/21/01973 dated 24/01/2022 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Change of Use of land for the stationing of 15No holiday lodges to Vary Condition 3 (Time Restriction on Holiday Dwellings) To allow 12-month holiday occupation of the lodges in order to allow all-year occupation which will improve the viability of the business. Delete the second sentence of the condition which states no person/s shall occupy any of the unit/s during the month of February each year.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application. The original application contained a condition that approval of any development at this site would only be permitted for 11 months per year and this condition should be maintained. The made Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan does not permit permanent housing development at this location.		
DC/23/05474	Meadowside, 3 Upper Street, Oakley	Demolition of existing garage and erection of new three bay cartlodge with first floor ancillary accommodation (annexe) (Resubmission of Application DC/22/04559) including the provision of solar panels to the roof.

20.02 Cllr Prior left the meeting. It was agreed to recommend approval of the application. 20.04 Cllr Prior returned to the meeting.

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Parishes in the DDNP area have been asked to provide comments to Diss Town Council on the following applications:		
2023/3574	Electricity Sub-station Park Road, Diss	Installation of a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar panels; access tracks; string inverters; transformers; electrical connection compound; storage containers; underground cables and conduits; perimeter fence; temporary construction compound; and associated infrastructure and planting scheme. (Part of cabling in South Norfolk District only)
It was agreed to inform Diss Town Council that whilst the Parish Council were not against the development they were concerned at the route that would be taken and disruption that this would cause.		
2023/3587	Land South of Park Road, Diss	Erection of nine new dwellings and garages, creation of new riverside walk link, ecology enhancement land and amenity land
It was agreed to inform Diss Town Council that the location for the proposal could be subject to surface flooding, there was no provision for any affordable housing, and therefore the Parish Council could not offer support for this application.		

b. The following recommendations made under delegated authority during the December recess were noted:

DC/23/04758	Brome Cottage, 30 Eye Road, Brome	Erection of porch to garden elevation – Listed Building Consent
It was agreed to recommend approval of the application		
DC/23/04757	Brome Cottage, 30 Eye Road, Brome	Erection of porch to garden elevation

c. The following planning determinations were noted:

DC/22/06113	Warren Hill Farm, Warren Hills, Oakley	Erection of farm shop and cafe - Planning Permission Granted
DC/23/04756	Brome Cottage, 30 Eye Road, Brome	Replace windows – Listed Building Consent granted

d. Other planning matters – It was noted that application DC/23/04316 - Retention of change use of 3no agricultural buildings to general industrial/storage or distribution (B2/B8) Rose Farm, Upper Street, Oakley has been withdrawn.

8. Highways

a. The joint Parish Councils' submission to Suffolk County Council regarding the 7.5t limit ETRO in Eye was noted.

b. Community Speed Watch scheme – it was agreed to establish if there were six volunteers within the community who were willing to run the scheme, if one being able to act as co-ordinator and to confirm the costs of the equipment required.

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c. The results from APNR placement on Low Road in Oakley in August 2023 were noted.

9. Finance and Governance

a. The current financial position was noted as £10,616 in the current account and £3,971 in the business saver account.

b. It was unanimously agreed to make a payment of up to £1800 for the renovation and insulation of the Village Hall gable wall.

c. The budget for 2024/25 was agreed and it was agreed to raise a precept of £8,000.

10. Correspondence

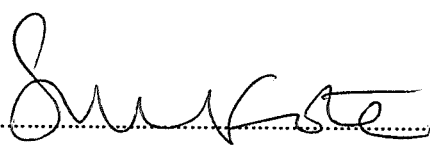
The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
04.01.2024	Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils	Call for Sites 2024
09.12.2023	National Grid	Norwich to Tilbury project update
07.12.2023	Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils	Litter and Dog Waste Emptying Service - Annual Price Increase
21.11.2023	Hoxne Green Street Community Group	Eye Experimental Traffic Order

11. Urgent Matters and matters for report – Cllr Prior asked for the bird boxes session to be an agenda item at the next meeting and felt that the event would probably happen by the end of March.

12. Date of next meeting – Monday 12 February 2024.

Meeting closed: 20.47

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