

BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 12 February 2024
Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

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

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

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

Cllr Prior declared a pecuniary interest in planning application DC/24/00515 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.

4. Minutes of the last meetings

- a. The minutes of the meeting of 8 January 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairperson
- b. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 8 January 2024 – the clerk reported that interest was still being confirmed for Community Speed Watch but had received confirmation from Suffolk Police that there would be no cost to the Parish Council for the supply of the necessary equipment including the speed radar gun. Cllr Stockham offered to co-ordinate any possible scheme.

5. Planning

- a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/24/00515	Land to the North of The Street, Brome And Oakley, Part In the Parishes of Yaxley, Eye and Hoxne	Request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - Construction of a reservoir and associated pipeline.

20.02 Cllr Prior left the meeting. It was agreed to submit a response requesting the following considerations:

1. That this application and DC/24/00513 Scoping Opinion - Phase 2 processing factory (circa 31,000m²) and a new mill building, are considered together and the cumulative impact is assessed in the scoping.
2. The size of the reservoir is not of concern to the Parish Council, however, the abstraction rates from the River Waveney are, particularly in summer when the river is at a lower level. A thorough scoping of the use of water, the quality of water being returned and the environmental impact is requested.
3. Consideration of pollutants being used on agricultural land being transferred to the river water is of concern and should be assessed.
4. The impact of the reservoir being built on agricultural land but not taking into account the impact on agriculture.
5. Consideration to an extension of the reverse osmosis system should be given as an alternative to the construction of the new reservoir.
6. The impact of local, rural, roads as the pipeline is installed.
7. The scoping opinion consultation list is not adequate nor is the time line. All parishes within the Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan area, particularly those parishes the River Waveney runs through, should be consulted and the time line for this scoping consultation is not adequate given the size and complexity of

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20.16 Cllr Prior returned to the meeting.

DC/24/00513	Eye Airfield Business Park (Cranswick) Eye in the Parish of Yaxley	Request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - Phase 2 processing factory (circa 31,000m2) and a new mill building
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It was agreed to submit a response requesting the following considerations:

1. Firstly that the Parish Council is made a statutory consultee for this application and any relating. The proposed factory borders the parish boundary yet Brome and Oakley Parish Council had not been consulted on this application.
2. That this application and DC/24/00515 Scoping Opinion - construction of a reservoir and associated pipeline are considered together and the cumulative impact is assessed in the scoping.
3. Volume of traffic is a major concern to the residents of Brome and Oakley. Not only HGV movements which will severely impact the local road network particularly given the experimental traffic order for the centre of Eye but also staff vehicle movements to and from the factory.
4. Surface water management, lighting pollution and odour reduction must all be considered as environmental impacts the scoping must assess.
5. The public footpath to the north and east of the factory appears to have been moved without formal consultation and legal process. How will the existing footpath be reinstated and retained as a public right of way.
6. The scoping opinion consultation list is not adequate nor is the time line. All parishes within the Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan area should be consulted and the time line for this scoping consultation is not adequate given the size and complexity of this large project.

b. The following planning determination was noted:

DC/23/05474	Meadowside, 3 Upper Street, Brome	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 - Planning Permission Granted.
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c. Other planning matters – Progress Power Community Benefit. Cllr Parry provided further details on how the community benefit scheme may work and payments that could be payable to local parish councils. It was agreed that Cllr Parry would attend the initial meeting on 20 March.

6. Bird Box making event – Cllr Prior confirmed the event would happen on Saturday 2 March at the Village Hall as part of the coffee morning 10 – 12. All materials provided but wear appropriate clothing for painting. Children encouraged to come along and make a bird box which would then be placed at various locations in the villages. Budget confirmed as £300 but could be increased if material costs had risen.

7. Hoxne Community General Stores Ltd – it was agreed to submit a letter of support for the initiative and state that parishioners use the service and continue to rely on it for vital post office and provisions.

8. Finance and Governance

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- 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 the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details
£1077.24	Sarah Foote	Clerk's salary January/February/March 2024
£399.01	HMRC	PAYE
£600.00	Brome and Oakley Parochial Church Council	Grant for maintenance of churchyards – approved 13 November 2023
£75.64	Huws Gray	Village Hall project (CIL)
£503.54	CTS DIY and Building Supplies	Village Hall project (CIL)
£110.47	Screwfix (Trade UK)	Village Hall project (CIL)

9. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
18.01.2024	Babergh Mid Suffolk Councils	Spring Litter Picks 2024
It was agreed to request some bin bags and litter pick sticks and possibly organise a litter pick before or after a Community Lunch. Cllr Pace noted the current volunteer work in the villages and would consult with the volunteers for their opinion on how any additional litter picking could be organised.		
31.01.2024	Debenham Parish Council	Response to Eye Temporary Traffic Regulation Order
01.02.2024	Babergh Mid Suffolk Councils	Town and Parish Update February 2024

10. Urgent Matters and matters for report – none.

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 11 March 2024.

Meeting closed: 20.45

Signed Jim De Bruin Chairperson Sarah Foote Clerk
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