

BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillors Charles Doe, Tom Pace, John Parry and Ian Stockham. Also in attendance the Clerk and District Councillor Weller.

1. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted by the Council from Cllrs Broughton, Prior and Demanget. Cllr Keeley was absent. Apologies had been received from County Councillor Fleming. It was agreed Cllr Parry would chair the meeting.
2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests from members on any item to be discussed and requests for dispensations

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

3. Public Forum

Cllr Weller provided commentary to his report including details of a proposed national significant infrastructure solar farm to the west of Stoke Ash. Cllr Weller was asked to investigate why planning application DC/23/05859 had been granted permission despite being contrary to Neighbourhood Development Plan policy.

4. Minutes of the last meetings

- a. The minutes of the meeting of 11 March 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairperson
- b. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 11 March 2024 – none.

5. Planning

- a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/24/01374	Brome Grange, Eye Road, Brome	Application for Works to Trees Subject to Tree Preservation Order MS0/T1 – Push back 1 No. Oak (T1) by 20% from building and overhanging from road Remove epicormic growth from trunk to approx. 8ft from ground. Fell 1 No. Ash (T2) and remove Elm saplings (T3) near Ash tree.

It was agreed there was no wish to object to these works.


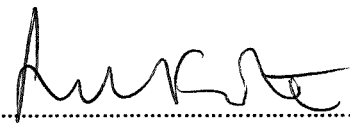
- b. There were no planning determinations to note.

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 – Planning Permission Granted.

6. Community Speed Watch Scheme – Cllr Stockham reported he had established 12 volunteers who were willing to participate in a CSW Scheme. Cllr Stockham was thanked for his work to date and would continue to progress the scheme, firstly determining appropriate sites and liaising with Suffolk Police.

7. Finance and Governance

- a. The current financial position was noted as £8,473.73 in the current account (which included the first instalment of Precept (£4,000)) and £4,010 in the business saver account.

Signed  Chairperson  Clerk

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b. It was unanimously agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details
£303.25	Sarah Foote	Clerk's salary April 2024
£75.80	HMRC	PAYE
£68.34	Community Heartbeat Trust	Defib Pads
£8.70	Sarah Foote	Clerk's expenses April 2024
£40.00	Information Commissioner	Data Controller registration
£18.49	Screw Fix (Trade UK)	Village Hall project (CIL)
£500.00	D Bradley – Plumbing and Heating	Village Hall project (CIL)
	To note the following payment has been made:	
£430.00	N Fulcher – Plastering	Village Hall project (CIL)

c. The introduction of .gov email addresses for council and councillors and the costs – this item was deferred to the next meeting in order for more members to consider.

d. The Asset Register for year ending 31 March 2024 was approved.

8. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
23.03.2024	Babergh Mid Suffolk Councils	NSIP and large-scale energy developments update March 2024
20.03.2024	Babergh Mid Suffolk Councils	District CIL Bid Round 13
20.03.2024	Suffolk Local History Council	Village Recorder
01.04.2024	Babergh Mid Suffolk Councils	Town and Parish Update April 2024

9. Urgent Matters and matters for report

It was agreed to make a payment of £200 to the B17 Pathfinder Memorial Group to fund further printing of a booklet.

10. Date of next meeting – Monday 13 May 2024.

Meeting closed: 20.15

Signed Jim De Ru Chairperson A. Foote Clerk

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