

BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 8 June 2026 at Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Roger Broughton, Stephanie Dennis, Isobel Demangeat, Martin Liddell, Tom Pace and John Parry. County Councillor Paul Bains and District Councillor Tim Weller were also in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Doe and accepted by the Council.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests from members on any item to be discussed and requests for dispensations

Cllrs Broughton, Dennis, and Liddell had been granted a dispensation to participate in matters relating to the EcoPower application.

Public Forum

County Councillor Paul Bains was welcomed to his first Parish Council meeting. Cllr Bains had provided a written report which had been circulated to councillors and took questions on his report.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

a. The minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2026 were approved.

b. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2026 – It was noted that no election had been called following the resignation of Ian Stockham. The Parish Council were now able to co-opt to the vacancy.

19.56 District Councillor Weller arrived and gave a verbal report on behalf of Mid Suffolk District Council which included details of the new waste collection arrangements and how food waste was being dealt with.

5. Vehicle Activated Sign Co-ordinator – this item was deferred to the next meeting.

6. Planning

a. The following planning determination was noted:

Reference	Location	Details
DC/26/01512	Renvale Technology Park, Eye Road, Brome	Installation of a roof mounted Solar PV System with 230 x 450w modules – planning permission had been granted.

b. Mid Suffolk District Council Settlement Boundaries – councillors were presented with a visual of the existing settlement boundaries for Brome and Oakley. It was suggested that the boundaries remained as is, and as in the adopted Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan, and were not changed through Local Plan consultation. It was agreed to communicate this to Mid Suffolk District Council ahead of their review.

c. Other planning matters – Planning Application DC/26/00523 had been received and it was agreed this would be dealt with under delegated authority.

7. EcoPower Solar Farm development

a. It was noted the next community liaison meeting would take place on 11 June.

b. There currently no matters to consider ahead of the statutory consultation and it was hoped that more information would be forthcoming at the meeting on 11 June. The SALC guidance on how to respond to NSIP applications would be recirculated to all councillors.

8. Highways

a. To consider 20 mph schemes – It was confirmed there was some funding available from Cllr Bains Highways budget, however, this was limited and had to cover all the ward parishes.

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It was noted that cars parked on the roads naturally slowed traffic in areas which could be possible for 20 mph. Without enforcement it was thought 20 mph would be unviable and the matter would not be pursued further.

b. The future operation of Community Speed Watch – Ian Stockham had asked to continue co-ordinating the Community Speedwatch Scheme. It was agreed to ask Mr Stockham to confirm when he would be operating the scheme and who the volunteers were.

9. Finance and Governance

The decision to appoint Cllr Pace as Internal Controller for the 2026/27 financial year was ratified.

a. The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026 were accepted.

b. Section One (Annual Governance Statement) and Section Two (Accounting Statement) and of the Local Councils' Annual Governance and Accountability Return for year ending 31 March 2026 were considered and agreed by the Council.

c. The Certificate of Exemption for the year ending March 2026 was approved.

d. The Community Infrastructure Levy Return for the year ending 31 March 2026 was agreed.

e. It was agreed to adopt the IT Policy as presented.

f. The current financial position was noted as £3,524.08 in current account and £4,131.16 in the business account and a bank reconciliation was presented to the Council.

g. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details
£255.69	Sarah Foote	Clerk's salary June 2026
£17.68	Sarah Foote	Clerk's expenses June 2026
£171.76	HMRC	PAYE

10. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
02.06.2026	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish Update June 2026.
02.06.2026	Mid Suffolk District Council	NSIP and large-scale energy developments update June 2026
26.05.2026	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Preparing for NSIP Statutory Consultations
26.05.2026	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	AGM 9 July

11. Urgent Matters and matters for report

None

12. Date of next meeting – Monday 20 July 2026 and not as previously advertised.

Meeting closed: 20.59.

Signed Chairperson Clerk

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