

BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 10 August 2026 at Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Roger Broughton, Stephanie Dennis, Charles Doe, Martin Liddell, Tom Pace and John Parry. Also in attendance District Councillor Tim Weller and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Demanget 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

District Councillor Weller provided commentary to his report which would be circulated to members.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

- The minutes of the meeting of 20 July 2026 were approved.
- Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 20 July – none.

5. EcoPower Solar Farm development

A draft response to the EcoPower Statutory consultation had been provided to all councillors and shared with the county and district council. The NSIPs officer at the County Council had commended to Parish Council for the detail of its response. Final amendments were considered and the Clerk would make these and share with the Chairman for final approval and submission to EcoPower Suffolk. A final copy of the submission will be circulated to all councillors for information.

At 20.14 County Councillor Paul Bains arrived and provided a report to the Council detailing the wild fires at Dunwich and other matters. Cllr Dennis asked about the proposal for a minimum universal bus service which had been rejected by the County Council. It was explained that whilst a good idea, was not feasible to offer such a blanket service and the preferred option was to provide on a case by case basis.

Cllr Parry asked about locations for water hydrants for fire service, this question was asked at the last meeting, and asked if confirmation could now be promptly provided for the Parish Council to comment on fire risk in the EcoPower statutory consultation response. Report ended at 20.19.

6. Suffolk Water Recycling, Transfer and Storage Project

It was noted that land in Brome had been identified as the preferred site for the reservoir. The land was 'zoned' for employment in the District Council Local Plan and had been suggested for housing development. Other sites could have been considered locally but not chosen. It was understood that the district council were submitting an objection to the proposal.

It was agreed to submit comment to Essex and Suffolk Water that whilst the Parish Council recognised the need for water supply, this particular land was designated for employment use as well as being identified as a site for future housing and that the reservoir could go on other land more suitable for this and land that was not suitable for either employment or housing.

7. Planning

- The following planning determinations was noted:

Reference	Location	Details
DC/26/02422	Crawfords Barn, Rectory Road, Brome	Erection of 2 proposed single storey extensions – Planning Permission granted.

- The Parish Council's response to the Mid Suffolk District Council Local Plan Scoping consultation was noted.

Signed M. Liddell Vice Chairperson [Signature] Clerk
Date 14.9.26

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c. No other planning matters

8. Finance and Governance

a. The current financial position was noted as £1827.64 in current account and £4,131.16 in the business account and a bank reconciliation was presented to the Council.

c. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details
£255.69	Sarah Foote	Clerk's salary August 2026
£171.76	HMRC	PAYE

9. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
31.07.2026	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish Update August 2026.
01.08.2026	Mid Suffolk District Council	NSIP and Large Scale Energy Development Tracker

10. Urgent Matters and matters for report

None

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 14 September 2026. Cllr Broughton and Cllr Pace provided their apologies in advance of this meeting.

Meeting closed: 20.32

Signed *M. Chaddell* Chairperson *[Signature]* Clerk
Date *14.9.26*