

BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 10 February 2025 at Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Isobel Demangeat, Tom Pace, John Parry, Mark Prior and Ian Stockham

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

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

3. Public Forum

Ed King from River Waveney Trust provided a presentation of his new role funded by the Environment Agency to seek out opportunities for natural flood management schemes. The intention was to particularly reach communities particularly in Dove catchment. Mr King wanted to hear about experiences of flooding in last five years and seek out landowners and communities where there could be natural flood management schemes that can sit aside traditional hard flood defences. Natural flood management includes river restoration by meandering the course of the river, particularly on long straight stretch.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

- a. The minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2025 were approved.
- b. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2025 – none.

5. Planning

- a. The following planning determination was noted:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/24/04616	2 Waveney View, Low Street	Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch – Planning Permission Granted

- b. As requested by the Planning Authority, Parish Council considered Sustainable Travel Schemes as a requirement of the grant of planning permission DC/22/00416 (erection of petrol and electric charging facility with associated shop; roadside restaurant with drive through facility; E(g) (formerly B1) and B8 starter units; HGV lorry parking facility for rest area and drivers' facilities as a phased development - Land Adjacent North Roundabout A140 Ipswich Road). It was agreed to submit the following **comments**:

- The existing cycle path into Eye, from Brome, ends at the household waste recycling centre. There is currently no provision for children to cycle safely from Brome to Eye for school or other activity. The same comment would apply at there is no safe pedestrian route to access the local service available in Eye from Brome.



- There is currently provision to walk from Stuston to Diss but this does not include a cycle path. The connectivity from Stuston to Diss could be increased if the path was dual use to include a cycling.

- Regarding line 12 of the Local Cycling Walking and Infrastructure Plan it suggests that there is public transport from Hoxne which Oakley could connect to. It is incorrect. Hoxne has had no public transport provision for quite sometime now. It is suggested that the funds assigned to this project could be used elsewhere.

- c. To receive an update on the grant of planning permission for residential occupation contrary to the Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan. District Councillor Weller had been asked to advise on this matter but was not at the meeting or had responded otherwise.

- d. No other planning matters.

6. Community Speedwatch Scheme – Cllr Stockham hoped that more volunteers would come forward for the scheme. It was confirmed that the Parish Council's insurance policy was now in place to cover the operation of the scheme and Cllr Stockham had provided the necessary risk assessment and site location documents.

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7. Allotment Land

- a. It was noted that the current grazing licence for part of the allotment land was due to expire. It was agreed to offer a further licence for two years on the same terms.
- b. The renewal of the allotment tenancy for plot number one at a cost of £25.00 per annum was noted.

8. Finance and Governance

- a. The current financial position was noted as £6,357.37 in current account and £4,055 in business account.
- b. It was agreed to make the following payments.

Amount	Payee	Details
£224.06	Sarah Foote	Clerk salary February 2025
£8.70	Sarah Foote	Clerk's expenses February 2025
£164.80	HMRC	PAYE

- c. It was agreed to make a payment from Parish Community Infrastructure Levy towards the costs of providing insulation in the ceiling at the Village Hall at a total estimated project cost of £900.

9. Correspondence



The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
05.02.2025	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Suffolk Devolution Update
03.02.2025	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish Update February 2025
03.02.2025	River Waveney Trust	Newsletter
03.02.2025	Mid Suffolk District Council	NSIP and large-scale energy developments update February 2025

10. Urgent Matters and matters for report

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 10 March 2025. Apologies provided in advance from Cllr Demanget. Annual Parish Meeting is on Monday 24 March 2025.

Meeting closed: 20.33.

Signed  Chairperson  Clerk
Date 10-3-2025