

# BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 June 2025 at Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Roger Broughton, Charles Doe, Kelly Keeley, Tom Pace, John Parry, Mark Prior, Ian Stockham and District Councillor Tim Weller. No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence – apologies were received from Cllrs Demanget and accepted.
2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests from members on any item to be discussed and requests for dispensations

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

It was noted that Cllrs Broughton and Keeley had been granted a dispensation to participate and vote in items relating to EcoPower Solar Farm.

Public Forum

Meeting closed at 19.32

Cllr Prior arrived.

Mid Suffolk District Council, Councillor Tim Weller provided commentary to a written report he had supplied in advance of the meeting.

Public Forum closed at 19.41 and the Parish Council meeting resumed.

#### 4. Minutes of the last meeting

- a. The minutes of the meeting of 19 May 2025 (with minor amendment to name of outside body at agenda item 5.i) and 28 May 2025 were approved.
- b. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 19 May 2025 and 28 May 2025 – it was noted that the noticeboard in Lower Oakley still to be erected.

#### 5. Planning

- a. The following planning determination was noted :

Ref	Location	Application
DC/25/02223	Land east of Buck Lane, Oakley	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Erection, Extension or Alteration of a Building for Agricultural or Forestry use The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 6 - Erection of general agricultural store/barn

It had been determined that formal approval of the details of the proposed development is not required.

- b. Other planning matters – it was noted an officer from Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Policy would attend the next meeting.

#### 6. EcoPower Suffolk Solar Farm development

19.47 Cllr Prior left the meeting due to a pecuniary interest in this item

- a. non-statutory consultation – it was noted further representation had been sent to EcoPower following the Parish Council meeting of 28 May 2025. It was noted that Cllr Demanget had thanked all those involved in preparing and submitting the representation.

- b. Community Liaison Group – It was agreed Cllrs Parry and Broughton would be the Parish Council's representatives to this group and further details of meeting format and dates were awaited.

19.52 Cllr Prior returned to the meeting.

Signed ..... Chairperson ..... Clerk

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## 7. Finance and Governance

- a. The Internal Audit Report for year ending 31 March 2025 was noted.
- b. The Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 were accepted
- c. 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 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- d. The Community Infrastructure Return for the year ending 31 March 2025 was noted.
- e. The current financial position was noted as £6,480.00 in current account and £4,069.99 in business account.
- f. It was agreed to make the following payments.

Amount	Payee	Details
£247.66	Sarah Foote	Clerk's salary June 2025
£8.70	Sarah Foote	Clerk's expenses June 2025

- g. It was agreed to appoint Cllr Pace as the Council's internal controller
- h. Receipt of £486.50 from the Community Council as part payment towards the new noticeboard in Lower Oakley was noted.
- j. Councillor Representative on Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan Management Group – the Chairman explained the commitment was one evening every three months to manage the implementation of the plan particularly with housing needs being increased. No Councillor came forward to take on this role. Mr Martin Liddell would continue on the group as a non-councillor representative and if Cllr Broughton could make any meeting dates he would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

## 8. Community Speed Watch

Cllr Stockham gave a brief overview of the scheme in that seven volunteers had been fully trained and a further three volunteers had offered to join the operation of the scheme but needed to be trained. So far, the scheme had operated on four occasions. Cllr Stockham would provide more detail at the next meeting including how many offences had been recorded.

## 9. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
02.06.2025	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish Update June 2025
02.06.2025	Mid Suffolk District Council	NSIP and large-scale energy developments update June 2025
28.05.2025	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Local Nature Recovery consultation <i>Cllr Prior would be making entries into the interactive map in conjunction with a resident.</i>
28.05.2025	Mid Suffolk District Council	District wide Community Governance Review
28.05.2025	Mid Suffolk District Council	Proposed Revised Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedules
23.05.2025	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	May Update – Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects
20.05.2025	Mid Suffolk District Council	Proposed Licensing Policy <i>It was suggested that Cllr Stockham, as licensee for the</i>

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		<i>village hall, looks at this document.</i>
16.05.2025	Mid Suffolk District Council	Local Government Reorganisation - survey
12.05.2025	Suffolk County Council	Local Government Reorganisation – Residents' summary
12.05.2025	Mid Suffolk District Council	Local Listed Building Consultation Notification Works to windows in listed buildings

### 10. Urgent Matters and matters for report

The Chairman asked for all members present to confirm that they were receiving emails to their Parish Council email address and how often members were checking their emails. Most confirmed they were checking their emails daily but those that were not would try to check more often. The Chairman also stated that there would always be a presumption that councillors would attend meetings, as per the legal summons, unless they provided their apologies in writing to the Clerk.

### 11. Date of next meeting – Monday 14 July 2025.

Meeting closed: 20.47

Signed  Chairperson  Clerk

Date 14.7.2025