

# BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

## 1. Apologies for absence

None.

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

Cllr Prior declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 5biii and would leave the meeting when matters relating to this interest were discussed.

## Public Forum

County Councillor Fleming was present and gave a commentary on the report she had provided before the meeting. Cllr Fleming noted there was much happening in the parishes and offered any assistance. Cllr Fleming confirmed that the County Council object to the Norwich to Tilbury pylon NSIP and thought the cost benefit analysis had not been done thoroughly and were asking for under sea and under ground as opposed to the planned pylons.

## 4. Minutes of the last meeting

a. The minutes of the meeting of 13 October 2025 were approved.

b. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 13 October 2025 – the dog litter bin close to Church Farm, Brome had been reported to the District Council to be emptied regularly.

## 5. Planning

a. There were no planning determinations to note.

b. To consider making a response to the following consultations:

i. Babergh Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Call for Sites - the sites put forward to date were noted. It was agreed to consider the Call for Sites more fully when the deadline for submission had passed and it was hoped a full picture would be provided by the District Council for consideration by the Parish Council and as such no response would be made at this stage. It was noted one site was the location for the SWRTS as at agenda item 5iii.

ii. Babergh Mid Suffolk Five year land supply position statement was noted.

iii. Essex and Suffolk Water Winter Consultation 2025 on the Suffolk Water Recycling, Transfer and Storage (SWRTS) project - 19.52 Cllr Prior left the meeting. It was noted that there had also been plans for a reservoir in relation to the development of the Cranswick on Eye Airfield and, as far as council, were aware these plans to date had not been progressed. This reservoir was intended to relieve water supply issues in the Hartismere area. One of the proposed sites for the reservoir was just north of the Four Oaks Caravan park and the same location as had been identified for housing in the Call for Sites at agenda item 5.i above. It was noted there were several options for pipe lines. There was an information event in Eye on Wednesday 12 November and some councillors would be attending, It was agreed to submit a response to the non-statutory consultation stating that whilst there were no immediate concerns from the Parish Council it was requested that consideration be given to using the new reservoir as a leisure resource for the community and that it not be covered. Further details were also requested on the likely impact to the community in the construction stage, such as; how long the construction period will be, what roads will be used and what the traffic routes will be, where will construction workers be provided for, and how will safety of cycling to school routes be ensured. 20.12 Cllr Prior returned to the meeting,

iv. Norwich to Tilbury Development Consent Order – it was agreed to register as an interested party and submit the following statement. Brome and Oakley Parish Council object to the scheme in its entirety as the Council believes there are alternatives and as such, firmly support the Suffolk County Council's view that underground and under sea is a better option than the proposed overhead pylons.

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

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c. Other planning matters – none.

## 6. Community Speed Watch

Cllr Stockham reported that there were now nine volunteers and the scheme had operated three times during the last week and at each session between 70 and 80 cars were monitored with an average of 10% being over the speed limit. All the data had been submitted to Suffolk Police. The Councillors passed on thanks for the team of volunteers for the voluntary work they were doing in the community,

## 7. Finance and Governance

a. The spend against budget report for April to September 2025 was noted. Cllr Pace had also completed the internal control checks for the period April to September 2025.

b. The current financial position was noted as £5,269.02 in current account and £4,097.07 in the business account.

c. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details
£511.38	Sarah Foote	Clerk's salary November and December 2025
£406.08	HMRC	PAYE
£8.70	Sarah Foote	Clerk's expenses November 2025
£66.00	Community Action Suffolk	Website hosting

d. The following donation requests were considered:

- i. Headway Suffolk
- ii Suffolk Accident Rescue Service
- iii Citizens Advice Bureau

It was unanimously agreed to make a donation of £150.00 to each of the above organisations.

e. Mid Suffolk District Council Community Governance Review – after discussion on the status of the combined parishes of Brome and Oakley and the number of seats on the Parish Council for each village, it was agreed it was not necessary to make a submission to this review process.

## 8. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

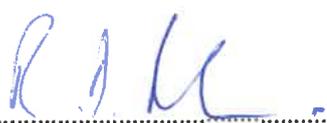
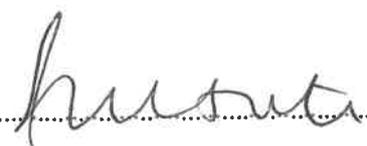
Date	From	Subject
03.11.2025	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish Update
03.11.2025	Mid Suffolk District Council	NSIP and large scale energy tracker
29.10.2025	Suffolk Association of Local Council	Update on Devolution and Local Government Reform

## 9. Urgent Matters and matters for report

None.

## 10. Date of next meeting – Monday 12 January 2026

Meeting closed: 20.48.

Signed .....  ..... Chairperson .....  ..... Clerk  
Date ..... 8.12.2025 .....