

BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 April 2026 at Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Roger Broughton, Stephanie Dennis, Charles Doe, Martin Liddell, Tom Pace, John Parry and Ian Stockham. District Councillor Tim Weller. No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Demangeat 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.

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

3. Public Forum

District Councillor Tim Weller gave a verbal commentary to his written report including an explanation of the geographical areas following central government's decision of local government reorganisation and opportunities for funding for Neighbourhood Plans, provisions for young people and comments on planning application DC/26/01396. Cllr Weller was asked to come back to the Parish Council to confirm if there was any funding for housing needs surveys.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

a. The minutes of the meeting of 9 March 2026 were approved.

b. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 9 March 2026 – none.

5. Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered. It was agreed that Councillors would receive details of planning applications as soon as received instead of waiting for publication of agenda.

Reference	Location	Details
DC/26/01413	National Grid Yaxley 400kV Substation, Leys Lane, Yaxley	The Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order 2015: Application pursuant to requirement 16(2) to amend working hours to include Saturday - Sunday (07:00 - 19:00) from 01st May 2026 to 30th April 2027 (weekend extended hours)
It was unanimously agreed there was no reason to object to the application.		
DC/26/01396	Land Adjacent Roy Humphreys Prestige Cars, Thrandeston	Use of land for Vehicle Wash and associated drainage works (retention of)
It was agreed to support the statutory consultee comments from Essex and Suffolk Water in relation to the need to demonstrate that the proposal would operate sustainably and without adverse impact on water resources in this highly constrained location.		
DC/26/01198	Cottrells, 52 Low Street, Oakley	Application for Listed Building Consent - Installation of a 12 panel domestic solar pv system to the rear/north facing roof pitches
It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/26/01197	Cottrells, 52 Low Street, Oakley	Installation of a 12 panel domestic solar PV system to the rear/north facing roof pitches

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It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

b. There were no planning determinations to note.

c. Proposed Housing Development in Brome and Oakley up to 2037 – a paper had been circulated with details pertinent to submitting comments to MSDC on potential future housing development. It had been suggested by MSDC Head of Strategic Planning, when they addressed the last Parish Council meeting, that a pre-emptive paper could be submitted. The contents of this paper were agreed as: Asking for clarification on how the sites which had been put forward in the recent call for sites would be assessed for suitability and to include comments on why the Parish Council were concerned for the suitability of some of the sites for housing development, and, if the settlement boundaries remain the same. Details on settlement hierarchy would be provided to Councillors for information. Cllr Liddell asked for a draft of the intended correspondence to be shared with councillors before being sent to MSDC.

d. Other planning matters – none.

6. Community Speed Watch

Cllr Stockham reported disappointment that both the number of volunteers and inclement weather had meant the scheme had not operated as many times as hoped. Cllr Stockham had tasked himself with preparing a rota with the aim of operating once a week and liaise with volunteers. Cllr Stockham was asked to provide some information at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting and provide an update report to the next Parish Council meeting.

7. Finance and Governance

a. The current financial position was noted as £6,546.27 in current account (which included the first instalment of precept) and £4,119.42 in the business account.

b. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details
£255.69	Sarah Foote	Clerk's salary April 2026
£171.16	HMRC	PAYE

8. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
25.03.2026	Mid Suffolk District Council, Chief Executive Arthur Charvonia	Message to town and parish clerks
27.03.2026	Councillor Matthew Hicks, Leader of Suffolk County Council,	A message from to town and parish councils
30.03.2026	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Local Government Reorganisation
31.03.2026	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish Newsletter April 2026
31.03.2026	Suffolk County Council	Bus Service

It was noted that whilst the 482 was going to be reinstated, it would not be passing through the villages of Brome and Oakley. Disappointed had been expressed to the County Council on this decision and lack of service provision in rural villages.

01.04.2026	Mid Suffolk District Council	NSIP and large-scale energy developments update
07.04.2026	Mid Suffolk District Council	NSIP drop in surgery Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting When: 14 May 2026 11:00–12:00

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It was agreed Cllr Parry would attend this event.

9. Urgent Matters and matters for report
None.

10. Date of next meeting – Monday 18 May 2026. Cllr Doe offered his apologies in advance for this meeting.

Meeting closed: 20.55

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