

BROME and OAKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Brome and Oakley Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on **Monday 13 November 2017** in Brome and Oakley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Ursula Halton (Chairman), Charles Doe, Tom Pace, John Parry and Mark Prior. Also in attendance Parish Clerk, District Councillor David Burn (left 20.35) and four members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Doe and Hardaker and accepted by the Council.

2. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests from members on any item to be discussed and requests for dispensations. There were no declarations.

3. Councillors were reminded of the requirement to individually update their Register of Interests as appropriate.

4. The minutes of the meetings held on 9 October 2017 were approved.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of 9 October 2017 meeting – Church Farm – Cllr Burn commented that the applications were still to be determined.

MSDC Joint Local Plan – the Working Party had submitted comments on the consultation portal which the Clerk would download and append to the minutes.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public raised concerns about the speed of the traffic entering and existing the B1118 at Low Road Oakley and in particular the safety when entering and existing Dross Lane. They asked for the Parish Council's support to a holistic approach to make it clear that you were entering a village such as village entry schemes – signage, gateways, change of road surface. This would be considered by the Parish Council at agenda item 8.

A parishioner was concerned that the planning conditions relating to an extension to Apple Tree Cottage, Rectory Road, Brome were not being adhered to and had contacted Planning Enforcement

District Councillor Burn reported the move to Endeavour House was nearing completion. Cllr Burn then urged applications to his Locality Fund. Cllr Burn also reported that he would attend a SCC Transport Development Management Team meeting regarding upgrading junctions on A140 and how the County Council had accessed funding for these works.

7. Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/17/	Four Oaks Park, Brome	Change of use of land for the stationing 12 holiday units as extension to Four Elms Park.
It was unanimously agreed to recommend support for this application.		
DC/17/	Ivy House, Oakley	Repairs and alteration as detailed in heritage statement and schedule of works
It was unanimously agreed to recommend support for this application		

b. The determination of planning applications 1307/17, DC/17/03887, DC/17/03920 - Poultry Units and Unit Manager's Dwelling, Church Farm, Biomass Unit, Nicks Lane Brome had been discussed as above and were yet to be determined.

c. The following planning determination was noted:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/17/04658	25 Rectory Road, Brome	Erection of a two bay, single story timber framed cartlodge. Planning Permission granted.

d. There were no other planning matters.

8. Highways

Further to the discussion during the public forum, it was agreed to contact Suffolk Highways to arrange a site meeting to discuss what traffic calming/village gateway measures could be appropriate to the B1118 in Oakley. The Council were mindful that this category 'B' road was a designated lorry route with little pavement and only part 30 mph limited and would ask for consideration for village entry schemes to define that you were entering a village, community speed watch, improved signage and road surface

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treatments. The Parish Council would consider funding support to any initiatives recommended by Suffolk Highways at the budget planning meeting in January. A parishioner asked the Council to also be mindful of the B117 in Brome and how the planned changes to the A140 could exacerbate the need to speed calming measures in Brome which also experienced high volumes of speeding traffic. *Action: Clerk to contact County Councillor Fleming and Suffolk Highways.*

9. Allotments

Cllr Parry reported that a parishioner had expressed interest in taking over the vacant plots. Pending the decision of the parishioner, maintenance of the vacant plots would then be considered. It was agreed to ask a contractor to provide a cost of the removal of the Blackthorn at the northern edge of the allotments.

10. Finance

a. The Council's financial statement was noted as £10,646 (including the second instalment of Precept) in the community account and £3,934 in the business premium account.

b. c. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details	Chq No
£60.00 incl VAT	Community Action Suffolk	One Suffolk website hosting	100387

12. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence received since the last meeting were noted:

Date received	From	Subject
19.10.17	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Precept Consultation, SALC Response to Precept Consultation, Councillor Disqualification, Right Homes, Right Places Consultation response.

13. Reports

a. Brome and Oakley Village Hall – Cllr Parry reported that the Treasurer had attended a conference on Village Halls and funding.

b. Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan – no report as Councillors had not been available to attend meetings. The next meeting would take place on 20 November to consider the Plan for the Plan.

c. Telephone Kiosk - Cllrs Prior, Doe and Hardaker would upright the kiosk. *Action: Cllrs Prior, Doe and Hardaker.*

d. Drax Power – Cllr Halton had attended a meeting with National Grid representatives in attendance. An archaeological dig was underway. Illustrations of what the sub-station at Yaxley may look like including pylons, gantries, had viewed and Cllr Halton expressed opinion that it was not pleasing on the eye.

14. Urgent Matters

None.

15. Date of next meeting and agenda items

Date of next meeting: Monday 8 January 2018.

20.53. Meeting Closed

Signed Chairman Clerk

Date