

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 5 July 2018 at
Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion at 19.30 hours

Present

Cllrs Edward O'Connor, John Brawn, Sarah Entwistle, Alan Garnham, Iain Gibson, Kevin Potter, Mick Prochner, Steve Rich and Simon Wilby. Also in attendance District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries (left 20.10), Sarah Foote (Clerk) and five members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Knights and accepted by the Council.

2. Order of Business

Councillors were content with the order of business.

Councillors were reminded of the requirement to update their Registers of Interests as Appropriate. All those present were reminded of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Act 2014 and that the meeting may be filmed or recorded by any member of the public

3. Declarations of Interests

Cllr Garnham declared a pecuniary interest in planning application DC/18/02653 Old Chapel, Cross Street

4. PUBLIC FORUM

a. Suffolk County Council – County Councillor Guy McGregor was not in attendance.

Mid Suffolk District Council – District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries reported on her work on the Health Scrutiny Board and the merger of Ipswich and Colchester Hospitals. Cllr Gibson-Harries confirmed that funding would be available from her locality budget for the proposed village sign. A discussion took place about the under-utilisation of Hartismere Hospital and Cllr Gibson-Harries thought that 'beds' would not return to the site

b. A member of the public spoke on Planning Application DC/18/02620 (Downbridge Farm Barn) and stated that the foundations had already been built but not to approved plans, therefore, the new application was an 'adapt to fit'.

Cllr Jarrold (as applicant for DC/18/02620 (Downbridge Farm Barn)) then thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to speak and confirmed that the June minutes were an accurate record of what he said at the that meeting and how everything the Parish Council had previously objected to he had responded. The application was not as before, there was no overlooking, as per the comments individuals had made on the planning portal. He presented a photo which demonstrated that no overlooking would result from the revised application. Cllr Brawn stated that the photo was not accurate and the building was a monstrosity. The Clerk advised Cllr Brawn that he had expressed pre-determination and was of a pre-disposed nature and would not be able to vote.

Cllr Gibson confirmed that the Volume increase was 12% and floor increase of 20% compared to the original plan.

David Barker as planning agent for three houses at Nine Oaks on Green Street then spoke. He had withdrawn the application due to further discussion with County Council Highways. The Parish Council had supported the revised plans which were withdrawn. Mr Barker then asked for comments on the possible development of the Paddock adjacent to the Playingfield and asked if the Parish Council had any comments on what should be on the site. It was suggested smaller three bedroom houses, an allotment area and increased entrance to the Playingfield.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2018 were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes of 7 June 2018.

The hedge around Heckfield Green had been cut.

7. Co-option to the Parish Council

There had been no applications for the remaining vacancy on the Parish Council.

8. Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Decision
DC/18/02653	The Old Chapel, Cross Street	Ash Trees – remove three split stems and shape. Fell one.
19.57 Cllr Garnham left the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to recommend SUPPORT for this application. 19.59 returned to the meeting.		
DC/18/02620	Downbridge Farm Barn, Abbey Hill	Erection of a cartlodge with garaging and guest/holiday

After considerable debate and acknowledgement that this application had been modified from the previously refused application (00294), the Council were in agreement that the proposed development, due to its scale, would still have an adverse impact on the character of the area. The large size of the cartlodge was not appropriate as an ancillary dwelling to Downbridge Farm Barn and therefore represented a new

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dwelling in the countryside. There was a previously approved application which should be delivered on the site. This was agreed eight votes in favour, with one abstention (Cllr J Brawn).

DC/18/02875	Land between the Laurels and Antipathy Cottage, Cross Street	Erection of one dwelling and creation of access
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It was unanimously agreed to recommend support for this application.

b. The following Planning Determinations were noted:

Ref	Location and details	Decision
DC/18/01816	Birch Farm – erection of agricultural barn	Planning Permission granted.

c. Planning enforcement – concern was expressed to the noise being generated at the Daganya Farm Workshops site and how the original conditions were not being complied with. The Clerk explained to the District Councillor that for over a year she had not received, despite numerous attempts to chase, a response from MSDC Planning Enforcement. Cllr Gibson-Harries would pursue.

9. Village Sign

- a. Designs - This item was deferred pending a meeting of the working group. *Action: Agenda next meeting.*
- b. Costs – Agreement of this item was deferred but it was noted that the sign would cost £4,775 plus £300 for materials for the plinth.
- c. Planning Permission – advertisement consent would be required at a cost of £425.00.
- d. Cllr Gibson-Harries confirmed that Locality Funding could be available for this project. *Action: Clerk to submit funding request.*

10. Donation request

A request from Fressingfield Scout Group for financial support towards the building of a new HQ (Building on Community Foundations Appeal) was considered. It was unanimously agreed to make a donation of £200. *Cheque No 101401. Power: LGA 1972 Section 137.*

11. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence, previously circulated for information, were noted:

Received	From	Subject
19.06.18	Suffolk County Council	Footpath Cutting schedule
27.06.18	Mid Suffolk District Council	Statement of Community Involvement consultation

12. Financial matters

a. **Financial Statement.** The Clerk reported the bank balances as Current Account £22,641, Deposit Account £5,667.

b. **Payments:** It was agreed to make the following payments.

Amount	Payee	Details	Chq	Power
£581.35	Mrs S Foote	Clerk's salary July 2018	101396	LGA 1972 s112 (ii)
£47.40	HMRC	PAYE	101397	LGA 1972 s112 (ii)
£15.75	Mrs S Foote	Clerk's expenses July 2018	101398	LGA 1972 s111 (i)
£100.00	Trevor Brown CPFA	Internal Audit year ending 31 March 2018	101399	LGA 1972 s111 (i)
£13.50	Anglia Book Keeping	Payroll months 1, 2 and 3	101400	LGA 1972 s112 (ii)

13. Reports

Brakey Wood and Footpaths – no report.

Hoxne Playingfield – Cllr Potter reported on the termination of the Football Club, however, there was hope that the Veteran team would continue. Cllr Potter had carried out his inspection of the play equipment as part of the management committee's rota.

St Edmund's Hall – Cllr Entwistle would attend the July meeting.

Vehicle Activated Sign – Cllrs Prochner and Rich would move the VAS, however, volunteers were needed to assist with the running of the scheme.

14. Matters of report by individual Councillors

Cllr Gibson - had attended the Policing Locality meeting and presented Councillors with the information he had received. Priorities are cross border issues with vulnerable people, drugs, and prostitution.

Cllr Entwistle – reported potholes along the edge of Low Street Green. Cllr Entwistle would report this online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/highways

15. Urgent matters and matters for information.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 2 August 2018 at the Playingfield Pavilion.

The meeting was closed at 20.40.