

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on

Wednesday 10 January 2018 at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne at 19.30 hours

Present

Cllrs Edward O'Connor (Chairman), Iain Gibson, Kevin Potter, Mick Procter, Steve Rich, Rod Searle and Richard Whiting. Also in attendance the Clerk, District Councillor Gibson-Harries, (arrived 19.55 left 20.29). and four members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Brawn and Cllr Knights and accepted by the Council. Cllr Knights arrived and joined the meeting at 20.39.

2. 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

None.

4. Public Forum

The Clerk gave a summary of the report that Suffolk County Councillor McGregor had supplied which detailed the home to school transport consultation.

Mid Suffolk District Council – Cllr Gibson-Harries reported the move to Endeavour House had been completed. The possible future merger of Mid Suffolk and Babergh would only be progressed via a favourable result of a referendum by Babergh. Hartismere Hospital was being called again to the Health Scrutiny Board within the next four or five weeks. Planning enforcement severely under staff and behind with cases. A member of the public expressed concern for planning application DC/17/06066; being out of the existing settlement boundary, two storey affecting amenities (rear gardens) of existing properties, and access on to the busy B1118.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 7 December 2017 were agreed (with one typographical amendment).

6. Matters arising from Minutes of 7 December 2017

Signage at Traffic Calming Scheme – the Clerk reported the difficulties in liaising with the County Council to have the signs re-erected on Green Street.

The Chairman had met with the Community Engineer (Tony Buckingham) to consider the road between Hoxne and Oakley and namely the bend adjacent to Waveney Lodge. A road surface test had been carried out and confirmed that the road surface was worn out and could be cause for the recent spate of accidents and resurfacing should take place this summer. At this stage no replacement signage had been agreed. Cllr Whiting asked, now that the slippery surface had been confirmed, if warning signs could be placed in the interim. *Action: Clerk/Chairman to contact Tony Buckingham.*

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7. Co-option to the Parish Council – one applicant expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and it was hoped to be able to progress this application at the February meeting.

8. Planning

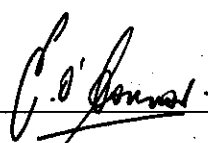
a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/17/06066	Land to the rear of Riverwalk, Green Street	Erection of three dwellings and creation of vehicular access and parking area to 1 and 2 Elm House Cottages, Green Street

After detailed consideration, it was proposed to recommend refusal on the grounds that the proposed development was outside the settlement boundary. This proposal was not carried (two votes in favour, three against and three abstentions).

It was then proposed to recommend refusal based on inappropriate access and danger to the traffic on the B1118 (refer to Highways Authority comments) and that the proposed development was outside the settlement boundary. This proposal was agreed five votes in favour, three abstentions. A request would be submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council that this application should be heard by the Planning Committee.

DC/17/06172	44 Heckfield Green	Erection of single storey front extension. Externally fix wood fibre insulation to all existing external walls, finished lime render. New aluminium windows throughout.
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It was unanimously agreed to recommend refusal as inappropriate to extend the footprint of the house to the front and that any extension should be in keeping with the current street scene and this design of the proposed is not.

DC/17/06100 The Cottage, Cross Street Erection of single storey side extension and two storey rear extension

It was unanimously agreed to recommend support in that the boundary of the rear extension should not exceed rear edge of neighbouring property.

b. The following planning determinations were noted:

Ref	Location	Details
DC/17/05248	Carpenters Walk, Church Hill	Construction of play house on raised platform – planning permission granted with conditions relating to removal after five years.
DC/17/05221	Bridge House, Low Street	No wish to object to tree works

c. The possible unlawful determination of application 1234/17, Daganya Farm Workshops had been referred to Planning Enforcement and to date no response had been received.

d. The determination of the application for four new dwellings at Abbey Terrace the intention was that a group of parishioners would submit a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman (which the Parish Council was not able to do).

e. There were no other planning matters.

9. Precept Request for 2018/29019

It was agreed (six votes in favour, two against) to submit a precept request (as considered at the December meeting) of £15,386. The precept request form was duly completed and signed by the Chairman, two Councillors and the Clerk.

10. Reports from the Chairman and Clerk

No reports.

11. Correspondence

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

Received	From	Subject
31.12.17	Parishioner	Comments in relation to planning application DC/17/06066
22.12.17	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	General Data Protection Regulations
11.12.17	Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils	'new Council for the heart of Suffolk'

12. Financial matters.

a. The Clerk reported bank balances as current account £20,486 and business account as £5,663.

b. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details	Chq No	Power
£386.68	Mrs S Foote	Clerk's salary January 2018	101369	LGA 1972 S112 (ii)
£182.20	Mr J Lambert	Street Caretaker salary January 2018	101370	LGA 1972 S111 (i)
£10.60	HMRC	PAYE	101371	LGA 1972 S111 (i)

13. Reports

Brakey Wood and Footpaths – Cllr Procner reported the path to South Green had been part cleared.

Hoxne Playingfield – no report available.

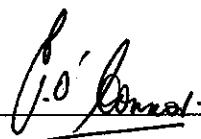
Suffolk Association of Local Councils – next area meeting would be held in March. The Clerk had offered for Hoxne to host the June meeting at the Playingfield Pavilion.

St Edmund's Hall – no report.

Vehicle Activated Sign – Cllr Whiting reported difficulties in placing the VAS by the traffic calming build out to monitor the effect of the scheme. The VAS was currently on Abbey Hill and would soon be located at the traffic calming build out.

A brief discussion then took place about the possibility of replacing the signage at Goldbrook Bridge.

Village Sign Working Group – artwork had been circulated for comments. It was hoped a recommendation to proceed would be tabled at the next meeting.



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16. Matters of report by individual Councillors

The Clerk was asked to report a number of highways related matters via the Suffolk County Council Highways online reporting tool; Potholes – outside The Hollies, Wittons Lane, and between Red Lion Close and Hoxne Service Station. Loose gravel outside the school (Clink Hill and Denham junction turning). The Noticeboard in Heckfield Green was to be removed as it had broken in recent high wind and now presented a danger.

The Council wished to express its thanks to all who had organised the Christmas lights on Low Street Green. A brief discussion took place around the use of Low Street Green and seasonal uses.

17. Urgent matters and matters for information.

None.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 1 February 2018 at Edmund's Hall, Hoxne.

The meeting was closed at 21.42

