

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 2 August 2018 at Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion at 19.30 hours

Present

Cllrs Edward O'Connor (Chairman), John Brawn, Sarah Entwistle, Alan Garnham, Iain Gibson (Vice Chairman), Michael Knights, Mick Procter, Steve Rich, and Simon Wilby. Also in attendance the Clerk and County Councillor Guy McGregor.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Potter and accepted by the Council. Apologies were also noted from the District Councillor.

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. It was noted that agenda item 9 would be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

3. Declarations of Interests

None.

4. Public Forum

5. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 5 July 2018 were agreed with one typographical amendment.

6. Matters arising from Minutes of 5 July 2018 - None.

7. Co-option to the Parish Council – no applications had been received.

At this stage of the meeting Cllr McGregor arrived and reported on his concerns for the County Council budget and rising fives and post 16 transport. He confirmed that Eye Library would be moving and reopening in its new location in December. Questions were asked of Cllr McGregor on the quality of the surface dressing for the planned resurfacing of parts of the B1118 and he responded that concerns should be expressed to the portfolio holder for Highways, Cllr Mary Evans.

8. Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/18/03310	Land to the east of Mulberry Cottage, Green Street	Outline Planning Application (access to be considered) erection of one dwelling

The Council were in agreement that there were no significant changes to the application since the original application (DC/17/3399) was submitted. Therefore, the recommendation of the Parish Council remained the same and that was that the application should be refused. The reasons being; the development was outside of the village settlement boundary (CS 1 and CS2), on a green field site (paragraph 111 and 112), the impact on the historic setting of the neighbouring grade II listed cottage (HP1 and CS5) and undesirable precedent for development on agricultural land could be set. The proposed development did not represent sustainable development and the adverse impacts outweigh the benefit of the proposed dwelling. The Parish Council would again request that this application was heard by the Planning Committee.

DC/18/03203	3 Depperhaugh Cottages, Chickering Road	Erection of first floor rear extension
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It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

DC/18/03348	Grasmere, Abbey Hill	Erection of first floor extension and cartlodge
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It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

b. The following planning determinations were noted:

Ref	Location	Details
DC/18/02207	Land at Nuttery Vale – 4 Market Dwellings	Planning Permission Refused. Reasons being; development in the country side and adverse impact on unique landscape, unsuitable highway, business use on site, unsustainable location.

c. The possible unlawful determination of application 1234/17, Daganya Farm Workshops. Finally, after a year of chasing, a response had been received from MSDC Planning Enforcement. The response instructed the Parish Council that the matter should have been pursued by the Legal Team at MSDC and not Planning Enforcement. It was agreed that the Clerk would pursue this with Mid Suffolk expressing disappointment that a year after making the enquiry an adequate response still had not been received.

9. Village Sign

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- a. To note and agree colour designs for Village Sign. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- b. To note and agree the final costs for design, production and erection of the sign. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- c. To consider an application for planning permission to erect the sign on Low Street Green. This item was deferred to the next meeting. The Village Sign Working Group would meet at 7.30 pm on Thursday 16 August.
- 10. Street Caretaker** – the provision of street cleaning in the village was considered following the failure, to date, to recruit to the vacancy. Flexibility for the hours and pay rate were discussed and the Council remained in favour of employing someone based in the village. It was hoped that the newly published advertisement in the Village Voice would attract interest and Cllr Brawn would pursue an initial interest he had been made aware of.

11. Correspondence

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

Received	From	Subject
21.07.18	Hoxne School Association	Second defibrillator in Hoxne
A letter was noted enquiring about a second defib for the village, perhaps to be located at the Primary School. It was agreed the Clerk would respond detailing the history behind the first defib, to encourage the initiative and supply a grant award application for completion by the school as appropriate.		
18.07.18	Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner	New plan for the future of community policing
16.07.18	Fressingfield Parish Council	PCSO for High Suffolk
The Chairman had attended a meeting hosted by Fressingfield to explore the concept of parishes sharing and funding a PCSO. The approximate cost per parish would be £7,000 per year and this would include the employment of a PCSO (via Suffolk Police) and a vehicle. The Councillors considered this idea and several comments were raised. It was agreed to consider this as a full agenda item when further information was received from Fressingfield and Suffolk Police.		
11.07.18	Mid Suffolk District Council	Housing Land Supply
It was noted that MSDC had now achieved a five year land supply.		

12. Financial matters.

- a. The Clerk reported bank balances as current account £21,108 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 August 2018	101372	LGA 1972 S112 (ii)
£10.60.	HMRC	PAYE	100374	LGA 1972 S111 (i)
£15.75	Mrs S Foote	Clerks expenses	100375	LGA 1972 S111 (i)
£75.00	Hoxne Playingfield	Meeting Room Hire	100376	LGA 1972 S111 (i)

13. Reports

Brakey Wood and Footpaths – the County Council Rights of Way had supplied the complete cutting list (two cuts per year) and asked for comments on how this could be modified in the future. It was agreed Cllr Procner would assess and respond via the Clerk.

Hoxne Playingfield – no report available.

St Edmund's Hall – no report available.

Vehicle Activated Sign – the sign was now located in Goldbrook. Comments from a parishioner in response to a request for volunteers to operate the VAS scheme were noted. To date no volunteers had come forward.

14. Matters of report by individual Councillors

Cllr Knights asked for Councillors to make themselves aware of some fencing that the Parish Council was storing and consider the future use/storage of said items.

Cllr Garnham asked if the VAS could be sited in Low Street. It was confirmed that the County Council would have to undertake a safety audit and it was agreed the Clerk would request this.

Cllr Entwistle reported litter being left at the weir although it was noted that the new litter bin at the top of Watermill Lane was being well used.

15. Urgent matters and matters for information.

None.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 6 September 2018 at Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion

The meeting was closed at 21.10.

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