

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 6 December 2018 at St Edmund's Hall at 19.30 hours

Present

Cllrs Edward O'Connor (Chairman), Sarah Entwistle, Alan Garnham, Iain Gibson, Kevin Potter, Mick Procter, and Simon Wilby. Also in attendance County Councillor Guy McGregor, District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries (left at 20.43), Philip Isbell, Chief Planning Officer Mid Suffolk District Council (left 20.43) and 14 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Knights and Brawn and accepted by the Council. Cllr Rich's apologies were received after the meeting.

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

Suffolk County Council – Cllr McGregor reported on the County Council budget setting.

Mid Suffolk District Council – Cllr Gibson-Harries asked questions of the County Councillor on the provision of Citizens Advice bureau and the plans for the improvements to the A140 at Brome.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 6 November 2018 were agreed.

6. Matters arising from Minutes 6 November 2018

None.

7. Vacancy on the Parish Council

No expressions of interest had been received.

The meeting was then addressed by Mr Philip Isbell, Acting Chief Planning Officer, Growth and Sustainable Planning of Mid Suffolk District Council. Mr Isbell offered his apologies to the Parish Council for the length of time it had taken to answer the Council's questions regarding the grant of a certificate of lawfulness for Daganya Farm Workshops. Since April 2017 the Council had chased a response from Planning, Planning Enforcement and were finally advised to contact Legal and who responded that it was too late for any investigation. Mr Isbell then provided information on what a certificate of lawfulness enabled and who both fact and law were taken into account when granting such certificate. A Certificate of Lawfulness should be relied upon as it is a planning permission. He commented that is a grant has been exercised and the authority has been misled then it could be investigated and the Parish Council would have to decide if there had been a misrepresentation. Mr Isbell was asked about the weight given to Parish Councils' comments on applications and responded that he would always want Parish Council comments to be taken in to account. Finally, Mr Isbell was asked about five-year land supply in Mid Suffolk. He explained that if a Planning Authority did not have a five-year supply, then central government would deem them not to be up to date. Mid Suffolk did have a supply but the methodology to calculate had changed and following a Public enquiry it was confirmed that Mid Suffolk did not currently have a five year supply. Mr Isbell also referred to the 2018 National Planning Policy Framework as the guidance for the determination of applications. Ahead of the consideration of Planning Application DC/18/04694 Mr Isbell confirmed that affordable housing equated to one third of a development over seven dwellings.

20.19 Mr Isbell finished speaking

9. Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/18/04983	The Lodge, Reading Green	Erection of a three bay cart lodge
It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/18/05090	Three Ways Cottage, Reading Green	Erection of three bay cart lodge and store
It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/18/04694	Goldbrook Plants, Goldbrook	Erection of 20 dwellings, including seven social housing

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(following demolition of existing dwelling).

It was agreed to recommend support of this application four votes in favour and three against. Following the meeting and before approval of these minutes, eight Councillors requested that the application be re-considered (pursuant to Standing Order 7A). This would enable the Council to hear comments from parishioners as none, despite the opportunity, were forthcoming at this meeting and to receive a presentation from the developer.

b. The following planning determinations were noted

Ref	Location	Application	Decision
DC/18/04306	Downbridge Farm Barn, Abbey Hill	Erection of guest/holiday let accommodation incorporating garage and cart lodge.	Planning Permission Granted

c. There were no other planning matters.

10. Correspondence

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

Received	From	Subject
07.11.18	Eye Town Council	Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission consultation draft
05.11.18	Parishioner	Tree Planting/commemorative bench placement request

It was agreed to suggest a plaque be placed on the silver birches which were already on Low Street green.

12. Financial matters.

a. The financial statement was reported as a balance of £24,493 in the current account which included receipt of the second instalment of Precept and £5,669.73 in the deposit account.

b. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details	Chq No	Power
£510.16	S Foote	Clerk's salary December 2018	101402	LGA 1972 S112 (ii)
£128.00	R Williams	Street Caretaker salary December 2018	101421	LGA 1972 S111(i)
£12.60	HMRC	PAYE	101422	LGA 1972 S111 (i)
£15.75	S Foote	Clerk's expenses December 2018	101423	LGA 1972 S111 (i)

c. Initial consideration was given to the 2109/2020 budget with the Clerk supplying a draft budget and precept request calculations. This item would be considered again at the January meeting.

d. It was agreed to purchase a Leaf Blower at a cost of £246.00 including VAT. *Cheque No 101424. LGA 1972 S111(i)* and new VAS batteries at £90.00 each including VAT.

13. Reports

Brakey Wood and Footpaths – Cllr Procner reported that the markers were still missing at Footpaths 7 and 8 by Downbridge Farm and Cllr Garnham responded that he would try to locate them.

Hoxne Playingfield – no report.

St Edmund's Hall – Cllr Entwistle reported that discussions were still needed on the proposed hire charges to the Parish Council for use of the Hall for meetings. The Chairman responded that he would pursue this.

Vehicle Activated Sign – no report.

Village Sign - Village Sign people were going to prepare a further colour illustration which would show if their interpretation was correct. They were currently quoting a delivery time of 15 months but would endeavour to deliver before St Edmund's anniversary 20 November 2019.

14. Matters of report by individual Councillors

15. Urgent matters and matters for information. None.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 3 January 2019 at St Edmund's Hall. Meeting Closed: 21.10.