

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held at St Edmund's Hall on
Thursday 1 February 2024 at 19.30 hours

Present:

Cllrs Caroline Abbott, Chris Parkin (Chairman), Paul Ellis (Vice Chairman), Alan Garnham, Angus Herron, Richard Kruszewski and Bryn Lerwill. Also in attendance and Sarah Foote, Parish Clerk. Seven members of the public observed the meeting.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

3. Public Forum

A member of the public requested that the Parish Council keep up pressure on speed enforcement. A member of the public asked for an update on the adoption of the NDP. The Clerk confirmed that Regulation 16 was complete and the Plan was with the District Council and pending referendum.

District Councillor Hicks gave a report on behalf of County Councillor Gould and reported that the council had set a budget of £750m with cuts to the Arts being made to provide additional funding to social care. Cllr Hicks referred to the One Network website for updates on highways issues and the gritting programme. Cllr Hicks would push the application both for the 20 mph and an extension of the 30 mph and offered a working party meeting to explore the process further. It was agreed the Working Group would include councillors and members of the Green Street Community Group.

- 4. The minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2024 were approved and signed by the chairperson.
- 5. Matters arising from minutes of 4 January 2024 – none.
- 6. Co-option – Mr Jason Middleton spoke to his application and it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Middleton to the Parish Council. Mr Middleton duly signed a declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

7. Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/23/05731	St Edmund's Primary School, Heckfield Green,	Removal of old heating system and replace with air source heat pump (ASHP) sited externally

It was agreed to recommend support of the application subject to the residents' concerns materialising increased noise levels being mitigated against.

DC/24/00020	Home Farm, South Green Road	Application for Listed Building Consent - Re-roofing, re-rendering, brick repairs (plinth & chimney), replacement doors, windows and rainwater goods as per plans and Heritage Statement
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It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

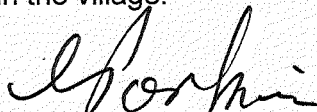
b. The following planning determinations were noted:

DC/23/05026	65 Goldbrook	Erection of extension to annex to create an additional bedroom for family member – Planning Permission Granted
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c. There were no other planning matters.

8. Highways

- a. To consider submission of a request to Suffolk County Council for a 20mph speed limit for Green Street (B1118) – the application for this, and other speed limit changes, would be progressed by the Working Group as quoted earlier in these minutes. In principle, the council were in agreement to expend the £12,000 on the legal order, which would be required to make the speed limit changes, but this would be subject to public consultation and inclusion of all the proposed speed limit changes across the village in the order.
- b. Suffolk County Council Bus Service Improvement Plan comments in relation to the Parish Council response to the recent survey were noted. There was no funding from the BSIP to fund additional community bus services (such as the Borderhoppa). It was agreed that the Borderhoppa services needs to be better promoted more in the village.



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c. The agreement in principle made at the last Parish Council meeting for the Parish Council to fund a further speed data recorder survey on Green Street close to the junction with Low Street, at a cost of £150.00 was ratified.

9. Hoxne Volunteer Group

Appointment of a Board member – it was agreed to appoint Cllr Middleton as the Parish Council's representative on the Hoxne Community General Stores Limited" (Registered under Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014).

10. Asset Management

a. Repairs to Low Street Shelter – were being progressed by a resident.

b. Update on the legal position of land transfers, the Parish Council's solicitor had provided the following update:

Land at Abbey Hill – awaiting communication from the developer's solicitor

Bequest – land searches had been completed and a full report was being compiled.

c. Village Spring Clean – Cllr Garnham will collect filled bags from around the village and return to the village hall for collection and disposal by the District Council. Refreshments will be organised Cllrs Ellis, Lerwill and Parkin. The Clerk would order additional bin bags and litter pick sticks and promote the event.

11. Finance and Governance

a. The council's current financial position was noted as £32,277. including £14,255 of CIL. Cllr Kruszewski verified this amount with the bank statement presented.

b. CIL expenditure - Items such as further village entrance signs, implementation of speed limit changes (signs or legal fees), a bench for St Edmund's monument site or works to the monument were all put forward for consideration. It was agreed not to allocate funds from the CIL reserve for any additional projects until further details of the viability of the speed limits changes are received and overall traffic management in the village had been considered and agreed.

d. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details	Power
£636.00	S Foote	Clerk salary February 2024	LGA 1972 s112
£163.88	HMRC	PAYE	LGA 1972 s112
£20.75	S Foote	Clerk's expenses February 2024	LGA 1972 s111
£124.94	121 Computers	Printer	LGA 1972 s111
£36.00	Diss Signmakers	Telephone Kiosk signs	LGA 1972 s111
£150.00	Langton Brook	Neighbourhood Plan consultancy - Hoxne Post Office Stores	Localism Act 2011
£2996.62	Glasdon Ltd	Village Gateway Signs (£2497.18 from CIL)	LGA 1972 s111
£140.00	Hoxne Recreation Ground Trust	Hire of Hoxne Pavilion	LGA 1972 s111
£150.00	Alan Garnham	Reimbursement of expenses relating to Christmas Event.	LGA 1972 s111

12. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
03.01.24	Suffolk County Council	Greenest County awards
05.01.24	Babergh Mid Suffolk District Councils	Call for sites
18.01.24	Babergh Mid Suffolk District Councils	Spring Litter Picks

13. Urgent matters and matters for information

None.

14. Date of next meeting – Thursday 7 March 2024 at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne.

Meeting closed: 20.40.

