

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 5 September 2019 at Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion at 19.30 hours

Present:

Cllrs Edward O'Connor (Chairman), Juliette Easey, Katherine Farthing, Alan Garnham, Iain Gibson, Gillian O'Connor, Kevin Potter, Paula Tebbs and Simon Wilby, one member of the public and District Councillor Matthew Hicks (left 19.35) and County Councillor Guy McGregor (left 20.30).

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rich and Marsh-Fieley and accepted by the Council.

2. Order of Business

The Clerk reported that all Register of Interest were now completed. 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. Councillors were reminded of the requirement to update their register of interests as necessary.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Mid Suffolk District Council - Cllr Hicks reported the Local Plan consultation was progressing with engagement events still available to attend. Gateway 14 – a 54 acre site at junction 50 the A14, a new business and logistics park for warehousing and logistics operations, had been acquired by MSDC. MSDC had declared a climate emergency and acknowledged it wanted to be carbon neutral by 2030; tree planting, wildlife corridors, and other options would be explored.

Suffolk County Council - Cllr McGregor reported; on home to school transport policy and the conflict with Academy schools being entitled to form their own admissions policy and the county council remains the authority responsible for school transport. This policy would need to be revised and particularly post-16 transport provision. Sizewell C consultation response was being formed by the County Council. MSDC has set up a task force to look at the impact of development from possible intensive poultry rearing units in the area.

Cllr Gibson asked about bus services changes; currently three times per day Fram/Eye/Diss coming through Hoxne which was due to stop in October. A new contract was being looked at for High Suffolk and a procedure was being gone through. County Council would look at better access to railway station in Diss and better connectivity.

A member of the public commented that they were interested in the Neighbourhood Development Plan and what percentage of any new builds would be affordable housing.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 1 August 2019 and 15 August (Planning Committee) were agreed and signed by the Chairman

6. Matters arising from Minutes of 1 August 2019 and 15 August (Planning Committee)

None.

7. Planning

a. There were no planning determinations to note.

b. Other planning matters

8. Neighbourhood Development Plan

It was noted that the consultation period to designate the area for the Hoxne Neighbourhood Development Plan had begun. Statutory notices had been displayed in the village and on the website.

9. Low Street Shelter

Quotations for the repair of the shelter, including the seating, would be considered in closed session due to commercial sensitivity.

10. Grant Application

No further information had been received to support the request from the Hoxne Playingfield Association.

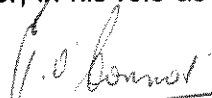
11. St Edmund's Memorial

a. A quotation for the repair of railings around St Edmund's monument was considered. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with these works at the cost of £480.00. It was noted that the landowner would be requested to consent to these works.

b. A Quotation for the supply of posts and fixing for the replacement sign at Goldbrook Bridge had been sourced at a cost of £180 + VAT. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with this purchase.

c. Events to mark St Edmund's Day on 20 November – the sign would be erected at Goldbrook Bridge. A ceremony would be organised to open the village sign possibly at 12 noon on Wednesday 20 November.

County Councillor McGregor, in his role as Church Warden, confirmed that an Evensong service would also



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be held on Wednesday 20 November and Friday 22 November there would be a concert at the Church with the Church Christmas Fair the next day (Saturday).

The Village Sign Working Group had confirmed that the location of the village sign had been agreed. Cllr Potter would organise the underground surveying and report back.

12. Consultations

Babergh/Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan – A draft response as prepared by the Clerk was considered. The final version would now be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council and appended to the minutes of this meeting.

13. Correspondence

The following correspondence previously circulated for information was noted:

Date	From	Subject
27.08.19	Crown Milling	Operations at Town Farm It was agreed that Cllrs Farthing, Edward O'Connor, and Gibson would attend a meeting.
22.08.19	Police and Crime Commissioner	Drop-in session at Eye Town Hall 4.30 and 7pm on Thursday 19 September
13.08.19	Mid Suffolk District Council	Forthcoming CIL Bid round (no 4) 1st October -31st October. New CIL Regulations coming into force on the 1st September 2019. Abolition of CIL Regulation 123 Lists

14. Finance

a. The Council's financial statement was noted as £25,855 in the current account and £5,678 in the business saver account.

b. Councillors were presented with a six monthly spend against budget report. A bank reconciliation to 1 September 2019 was also presented. This was verified against the bank statement and signed by Cllr Gibson.

c. **Payments:** it was agreed to make the following payments as detailed:

Amount	Payee	Details	Chq No	Power
£441.00	Mrs S Foote	Clerk's salary September 2019	101468	LGA 1972 S112
£324.00	R Williams	Street Clean salary September 2019	101469	LGA 1972 S111
£326.20	HMRC	PAYE	101470	LGA 1972 S111
£15.75	Mrs S Foote	Clerk's expenses	101471	LGA 1972 S111

15. Reports

The following reports were received:

Brakey Wood and Footpaths – Cllr Farthing reported that footpath signs were missing at several locations and these would be reported to Suffolk Rights of Way via the reporting tool.

Hoxne Playingfield – Cllr Potter did not have anything to report.

St Edmund's Hall – Cllr Wilby reported that the area behind the hall had been cleared and a fence would be erected between the hall and 65 Goldbrook.

Suffolk Association of Local Councils – the Mid Suffolk Area Meeting was being held tonight. The latest copy of the Local Councillor magazine would be circulated.

Vehicle Activated Sign – no report.

Village Sign Working Group – as reported above.

16. Matters of report by individual Councillors

The Council were content for the Chairman to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Service on 10 November. There would be a display of Christmas Trees in the Church just before Christmas and any organisation could provide and decorate one. It was agreed the Parish Council would have a tree and Cllr Gill O'Connor and Cllr Easey would pursue.

Brakey Wood – date needed to be agreed for the event before the Parish Council could give further consideration to event management matters such as provision of toilets, insurance and risk assessment.

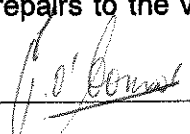
17. Urgent matters and matters for information

None. Date of next meeting. Thursday 3 October 2019. Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion.

Pursuant to the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 the meeting was closed to the public to consider competitive quotations.

9. Low Street Shelter - continued

Quotations for the repair of the shelter, including the seating, were considered. Councillors expressed a preference for English Oak and the prospective contractor would be asked to confirm/revise their quotations accordingly. Emergency repairs to the value of £185.00 were approved if deemed necessary. If these were



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not carried out, notices would need to be displayed during the weekend of the Harvest Breakfast to advise that the seating was not safe.

The meeting was closed at 20.45

