

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on
Thursday 3 October 2019 at Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion at 19.30 hours

Present:

Cllrs Edward O'Connor (Chairman), Juliette Easey, Katherine Farthing, Alan Garnham, Iain Gibson, Rob Marsh-Fieley and Simon Wilby, and District Councillor Matthew Hicks (arrived left 19.38)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs G O'Connor, Rich, Potter, and Tebbs and accepted by the Council.

2. Order of Business

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 that the most visited free attraction in the east of England is Needham Lakes and a high quality, environmentally friendly visitor building is being planned to support this. Joint Local Plan submissions had closed and would be considered. Visit to the energy for waste centre at Great Blakenham were possible and Cllr Hicks encouraged Councillors to book on-line to visit. In respect of concerns about large scale production poultry units and district council policy, Cllr Hicks advised Councils to write to Arthur Chevonnia (Chief Executive of MSDC).

5. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 5 September 2019 and 5 September 2019 (Housing Needs Working Group) were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising from Minutes of 5 September 2019 and 5 September (Housing Needs Working Group)

2024/10 - Further information had just been received from the Playingfield Management Association in response to their grant request and this would be further considered at the November meeting.

2025/13 - A meeting with Crown Milling (Cranswick) had taken place with Cllrs E O'Connor, K Farthing and I Gibson in attendance and several points were covered; milling capacity, transport movements and limitation of movements to avoid disturbance in the local villages.

2020/4 - Suffolk Highways had responded to the complaint regarding the condition of the newly resurfaced B1118, confirming they had carried out an inspection and Reasonable surface on B1118 at Waveney Lodge.

7. Planning

a. To note any planning determinations received.

DC/19 Thistles, Nuttery Vale. Erection of Garage. Planning Permission granted.

b. To note notification of Planning Appeal under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- Outline Planning Application. Land Fronting Nuttery Vale, Hoxne, IP21 5BB,

c. There were no other planning matters

8. Low Street Shelter

a. Repairs had been undertaken to the seat and an invoice of £183.99 would be settled.

b. Risk assessment inspections to all Parish Council assets (Heckfield Green noticeboard, Low Street noticeboard, Cross Street well, steps to St Edmund's monument and Low Street shelter) would be required. It was agreed to ask Cllr Potter to undertake this.

9. Housing Need Survey

a. The Minutes of Housing Need Working Group were noted.

b. The sample Housing Needs Survey was considered along with the letter from the Parish Council which would accompany the survey.

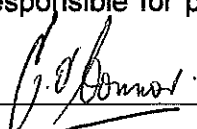
c. It was agreed to proceed with the Housing Needs Survey in February 2020 and the costs of this would be met through the recently awarded Community Housing Fund grant and paid direct to Community Action Suffolk from Mid Suffolk District Council. The survey would be delivered with the Village Voice February/March edition.

10. Village Sign

It was agreed that the sign would be unveiled at 12 noon on Wednesday 20 November. A talk would be given on the design behind the sign, primary school children and local residents would be invited to attend the unveiling. Refreshments would be provided and a budget of £250 was agreed.

11. Brakey Wood 20th anniversary celebration

The date of 2 August 2020 had been provisionally suggested for the above event to take place. The Clerk would ascertain if the Woodland Trust, as landowners were happy to consent to the event taking place and the Parish Council would be responsible for providing some funding and the insurance for the event. Once



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permission was confirmed, a Working Group would be formed to bring the event to fruition.

12. Bus Service

The Council were deeply disappointed to learn that local services in particular the 482 route would cease operation through the village. A letter of objection would be sent to Suffolk County Council. Councillors were keen to explore if some funding could be put towards a limited service from the village that would at least provide a link to Diss and/or Eye once a week for shopping needs.

13. Consultations

- Local Government Boundary Commission for England – division of boundaries for Suffolk was noted.
- Babergh/Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan – the Parish Council response had been submitted and is appended to the minutes.

14. Correspondence

The following correspondence previously circulated for information was noted:

Date	From	Subject
24.09.2019	Mid Suffolk District Council	Error in Dog and Bin Emptying invoicing
10.09.2019	Mid Suffolk District Council	Publication of annual five-year housing land supply position

15. Finance

- The Council's financial statement was noted as £27,667 in the current account and £5,678 in the business saver account.

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 October 2019	101473	LGA 1972 S112
£110.20	HMRC	PAYE	101474	LGA 1972 S111
£15.75	Mrs S Foote	Clerk's expenses	101475	LGA 1972 S111
£305.76	Community Action Suffolk	Annual Insurance Premium	101476	LGA 1972 S111/ S114/S140(1)
£183.99	J Koralambe	Repairs to Low Street shelter bench	101477	LGA 1972 S111

15. Reports

The following reports were received:

Brakey Wood and Footpaths – Cllr Farthing reported that footpath behind Daganya Farm is blocked with brambles. Cllr Garnham offered to take a look.

Hoxne Playingfield – no report available.

St Edmund's Hall – Cllr Wilby reported the last film night was successful with improved hearing looping function.

Suffolk Association of Local Councils – no report available.

Vehicle Activated Sign – no report available.

16. Matters of report by individual Councillors

Cllr Wilby commented on the adequacy of the street lighting between the village hall and the Swan PH and it was agreed to firstly check if the light on the corner of Goldbrook was working to capacity and explore if an additional light could be installed.

Cllr Gibson queried the location of the bin and it was suggested to place it on the southerly edge of the green one ft away from the kerb.

17. Urgent matters and matters for information

None. Date of next meeting. Thursday 7 November 2019 at St Edmunds Hall.

The meeting was closed at 20.50

