

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 16 August 2010
at Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion at 1930 hours

Present:

Cllrs Philip Flagg (Chairman), John Brawn, Michael Knights, Rod Searle, Mick Procter, Chris Johnson, Kate Leith, Vivienne Bradford, Stuart Jarrold, Sarah Foote (Clerk) and Cllr Guy McGregor (arrived 20.02 left 20.35)

1. Apologies

Cllr Victoria Williams, Cllr Ted O'Connor, District Councillor Elizabeth Gibson-Harries

2. Order of Business

Councillors were content with the order of business as set out in the agenda.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 July 2010 were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

5. Public forum

Meeting closed 19.35

Suffolk Police – PCSO Steven Long reported one very recent crime and asked Councillors if they had any information. At the last Priority Tasking meeting one issue decided upon was the speeding on Green Street B1118. This remains a priority for the next month. Six checks have been done in last two weeks.

Meeting reconvened 19.50

6. Planning applications and notifications

Planning Applications:

The following planning applications were considered:

Reference	Location	Proposal
1854/10	Land next to The Old Grapes, Cross Street	Erection of two storey dwelling and garage.
Permission granted in 2006 to build a dwelling on this plot. Amended plans have now been submitted for consideration. It was agreed to support this application with seven votes for and two against.		
2136/10	Michelin House, Heckfield Green	Erection of two no. first storey rear extensions one with Juliet balcony.
Property to be built out at rear over existing ground floor room with pitched roof and another area with flat roof in centre rear, therefore, resulting in larger bedroom (with balcony) and bathroom. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to support this application.		

Determinations:

Ref 1589/10 – Change of use and works (including erection of extension and boundary walls) to convert buildings to a single residential unit, Buildings at Abbey Farm, Abbey Hill – planning permission has been granted.

Ref 0724/10 – Land alongside A140, Ipswich Road, Eye, Erection of 2no. 130m wind turbines – planning permission has been granted.

Other Planning Matters:

It was questioned if the bricks being used to build the new bungalow at Church Close met planning permission regulations.

7. The Maynard Trust

It was felt a response should be made to the letter received on 24 May. It was resolved that the sub-

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committee would meet and draft a response which will be circulated to all Councillors for consideration prior to the next meeting. *Action: Maynard Trust Sub-committee; Cllrs O'Connor, Brawn and Searle.*

8. Reports from the Chairman and Clerk

Allotments – The Clerk reported one parishioner had expressed an interest following article in Village Voice and their details had been logged.

20.15 meeting closed for Cllr G McGregor now in attendance, to make his report (Item 5).

Suffolk County Council - Cllr McGregor gave Councillors an overview of the current matters he was being asked to consider under consultation; local enterprise partnerships, revised waste framework directives, police reform, healthcare e.g. GP consortiums, liberating the NHS, School funding, School Pupil Premium. He also gave Councillors his views on police reform and stated that things were moving very fast in central government.

Chair asked for guidance when considering next years' precept. How does it look from County Council out to the Parishes? Will it be business as usual for how the Council uses its budget? Are Parish Councils expected to cut by the "25%" being mentioned regionally and nationally? Cllr McGregor replied that was the decision of the Parish Council.

It was asked of McGregor if he knew if the chicken litter power station at Eye had it stopped operation?

20.32 Meeting reconvened

9. Correspondence

To note the following correspondence previously circulated for information.

- St Edmund's Pre- School, Hoxne letter of thanks 16.07.2010
- SCC Road Safety Engineering speeding in Green Street, Hoxne 26.07.2010
- MSDC Section 106 application guidance notes and form 26.07.2010
- SALC Closure and repair of Sizewell B 26.07.2010
- SALC The Local Councillor Issue 3 2010 02.08.2010
- CPRE Fieldwork magazine August 2010 edition 02.08.2010
- Diss Cornhall letter to request support 02.08.2010
- MSDC Parish Liaison Meeting 7 October 09.08.2010

Section 106 - It was noted that the original question asked of MSDC was how had money already been spent or allocated. This answer was not included in the correspondence received as above.

Action: Clerk to ask question of District Councillor again.

It was also noted that the Parish Council had received a letter of thanks from NHS East Anglian Ambulance Service on behalf of Eye First Responders to thank the Parish Council for their donation.

10. Financial Matters and payments due

Report: The Council's financial situation as at 16 August 2010 was presented to Councillors.

Community Account Balance £3673.85 (with three cheques uncashed: 100891 £36.75, 100893 £100.00 and 100887 £55.00). Business Premium Account Balance £5944.41.

Payments – it was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

- £341.87 Clerk's salary and expenses month ending 14 September 2010.
- £1900.00 Suffolk County Council Low Street/Oak Hill junction build out and association works
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- £839.96 Suffolk County Council Street Light maintenance and energy costs 1 April 2010 to 30 September 2010

11. Consultations

The following consultations were considered and it was agreed to respond as follows:

- Possible integration of Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council. Councillors were in favour of Scenario 3. *Action: Clerk to report back accordingly.*
- SALC – Council Tax Referendums
Cllr Bradford hoped to attend the meeting at SALC on 26 August. It was felt a response was necessary to this consultation and Cllr Bradford and Cllr Flagg would prepare a letter, and circulate, ahead of the SALC deadline of 10 September. *Action: All councillors should pass their comments for inclusion to Cllr Bradford by 2 September.*
- Suffolk County Council – Modernisation of the Registration Service in Suffolk
No comment.
- MSDC The Licensing Act 2003: Triennial review of Mid Suffolk's 'Statement of Licensing Policy'
No comment.

12. Reports

Parish Plan: This week should see final amendments/finishing of contributions and should go to print with action points included.

Village Hall: Recent problems with insurance covering events in hall. Insurance policy, currently through Suffolk Acre, doesn't cover commercial money making events from a public liability point of view. Has caused all sorts of problems. Second year of three year contract with insurance provider – looking to see if this arrangement can be changed. Other local halls follow this order, but some further away don't. Currently the hall hirer is responsible for assuring stall holders at the Artisan Market provide their own public liability insurance. Hall committee have been asked to provide a representative on the Playingfield committee.

Playing Fields: Cllr Jarrod attended a meeting where fundraising ideas were discussed.

SALC: See consultations above.

Brakey Wood – Cllr Flagg thanked Cllr Johnson for the successful 10th anniversary event held yesterday. Cllr Johnson thanked all those who gave their time. Marquee kindly loaned by Waveney Trees had some damage to the poles caused by the wind. Cllr Flagg will contact Joan Garnham to ascertain damage and if Parish Council needs to make financial contribute. *Action: Chairman*

13. Matters of Report by individual Councillors

Cllr Procner Parishioner had complained about parking on Heckfield Green and possible damage to the Green. Further guidance to be taken from SALC ahead of talking to car owners.

Cllr Brawn – Had visited the completed affordable housing development and was very impressed with the quality, layout etc. Expressed concern about the open space adjacent to Wittons Lane and could cars start to park there.

14. Urgent matters and matters for information

None.

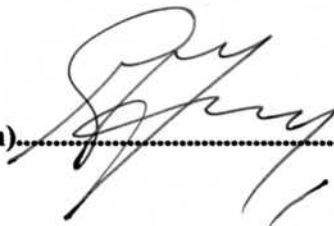
Cllr Brawn gave his apologies in advance for the meeting on 13 September 2010.

The meeting was closed at 21.23 hours.

Date of next meeting 13 September 2010.

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Sarah Foote (Clerk)

Absent