

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 4 January 2010
at Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion at 1930 hours

Present:

Cllrs Philip Flagg (Chairman), John Brawn, Michael Knights, Rod Searle, Ted O'Connor, Michael Procter, Victoria Williams, Kate Leith, Stuart Jarrold, Vivienne Bradford.

1. Apologies

Sarah Foote (Clerk) (ill health)

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 7 December 2009 were amended, agreed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

5. Public forum

No one present.

6. Planning applications and notifications

Determinations:

The following determinations had been received

Ref: 3511/09 – Woodlands, 50 Low Street – Reduce 6 No. Sycamore trees by 50%. Remove the front stems to 1 No. Sycamore tree. Remove 1 No. Eucalyptus tree and reduce 7 No. Silver Birch trees by 30% – permission granted

Ref: 3164/09 – Land to the rear of Claret House, Nuttery Vale – erection of four dwellings and garages – permission refused.

Planning Applications:

The following planning applications were considered:

Reference	Location	Proposal
3570/09	Bramble Cottage, Nuttery Vale	Erection of extension to the front and a porch to the side of the property

After considerable discussion it was proposed and agreed to recommend refusal on the grounds of size, scale and bulk (six votes for, one against and two abstentions).

Other Planning Matters:

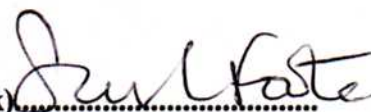
Three Ponds, Chickering Road – the residents had been in touch via email to say that contractors would be on site next Monday to carry out works previously agreed by David Mitchell (Tree Officer MSDC) and the Parish Council were invited to be present.

7. The Maynard Trust

A meeting had taken place between Parish Councillors Knights, Searle and O'Connor and Maynard Trust members John Ball, Simon Pretty and Felicity Golding on 15 December. The Maynard Trust understood Parish Council concerns and agreed to produce a new constitution and to show it to the Parish Council before submission to the Charity Commission. The matter should be brought up at Parish Council meetings at regular intervals until the matter is finally resolved.

8. Affordable Housing – Witton's Lane land acquisition

Cllr Flagg has spoken to the Solicitors and there is now general agreement that there should be a fence between the amenity land and Witton Lane. It is understood that Orwell Housing will pay for the landscaping and the planting. **Action: Chairman**



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9. Brakey Wood

With regards to the volunteers working in the woods, it is a requirement that there is liaison with the Woodland Trust to arrange future maintenance programmes. Cllr Williams offered and it was agreed that she act as the Co-ordinator.

10. Reports from the Chairman

With regards to the salt/sand pile at the top of Church Hill; two residents had offered to spread the sand when required, but wished for clarification on issues of liability. It was agreed this was a Highways matter and the Clerk would follow up accordingly and inform the residents of the outcome. **Action: Clerk**

11. Correspondence

To note the following correspondence previously circulated for information.

- SALC Suffolk Structural Review/Boundary committee proposals 08.12.2009
- SCC Mobile Library Timetables 2010 – 2011 08.12.2009
- SCC Suffolk's environment monitoring report 2008/09 summary 14.12.2009
- MSDC Cultural and community 'What's On' Jan/Feb 2010 14.12.2009
- MSDC Cultural and community Section 106 Developer Contributions 14.12.2009
- MSDC Cultural and community Home Grown arts opportunities 14.12.2009
- MSDC Tourist Information Christmas Tree Festival 14.12.2009
- SALC The Local Councillor Issue 4 2009 14.12.2009
- MSDC Parish Precepts 2010 – 2011 confirmation of band D equivalents 14.12.2009
- *The Boundary Committee Structural Review of Suffolk – Advice to Secretary of State 23.12.09
- Suffolk View Winter 2009 23.12.09
- SCC Speed of Vehicles in Nuttery Vale results of SID 29.12.09

*It was agreed to support the proposal for one Unitary Authority in Suffolk and for the Clerk to write to the Boundary Committee accordingly. **Action: Clerk**

12. Financial Matters and payments due

Report: The Council's financial situation as at 4 January 2010 was presented to Councillors. Community Account Balance £1847.36. Business Premium Account Balance: £8,192.51.

Payments – it was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

- £228.37 Clerk's salary and expenses month ending 14 January 2010.

Budget

The proposals for the 2010/2011 budget were unanimously agreed. The Precept was accordingly agreed and set at £10,000. The Section 137/donation payments for 2010/2011 were also agreed to be paid as follows: £250 St Edmund's Pre-school, £100 St Edmund's Primary School, £150 Citizens' Advice Bureau, £200 St Peter and St Pauls' Church, £150 East Anglian Air Ambulance, £100 Waveney Valley First Responders, £500 2010 Hoxne Musical Festival.

13. Consultations

None.

14. Reports

Parish Plan: Mr A Smith wished to present the plan to the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Parish Plan Committee should invite the Parish Council to a meeting to be held at the Playingfield Pavilion on Monday 25 January at 7.30 pm.

Village Hall: New tables for the lounge area had been purchased. The Hall Chairperson had enquired if funds were available to help with the refurbishment of the kitchen area. Details of the MSDC Section 106 were forwarded to the Hall Treasurer.

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Playing Fields: No report.

SALC: No report.

15. Matters of Report by individual Councillors

None.

16. Urgent matters and matters for information

Apologies for the 1 February meeting were given in advance by Cllr Bradford.

The meeting was closed at 21.32 hours.

