

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held at St Edmund's Hall on
Thursday 4 January 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. Three members of the public observed the meeting.

1. Apologies

None.

A minute's silence was observed to pay respect to the late Mr Alan Smith, former Chairman of the Parish Council who had recently passed away.

2. Declarations of Interests

Cllr Heron declared a pecuniary interest in planning applications DC/23/05430 and DC/23/05431 and would leave the meeting when these applications were considered.

3. Public Forum

A member of the public addressed the council on the recent opinion of the Planning Enforcement over disappointment and next course of action.

4. The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2023 were approved and signed by the chairperson.

5. Matters arising from minutes of 7 December 2023 – none.

6. Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/23/05693	Land East of Abbey Hill	Erection of low brick retaining wall to access drive of Plots 2 and 3 to avoid re-grading of bank and loss of ash tree (retention of)

It was agreed to recommend refusal of this application as presented as the materials and design of the wall are not in keeping with the historic setting of grade listed monument. However, the council would be willing to consider a wall of a more sympathetic style in order to preserve the Ash tree.

DC/23/05430	The Thatched Barn, Eye Road	Construction of 15No. 'no dig' ground mounted PV panels to rear garden and laying underground cabling to garage storing battery system.
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19.45 Cllr Herron left the meeting. It was agreed to recommend approval of this application.

DC/23/05431	The Thatched Barn, Eye Road	Laying underground cabling connecting to garage storing battery system in conjunction with construction of solar panels in rear garden – Listed Building Consent
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It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application. 19.47 Cllr Herron returned to the meeting.

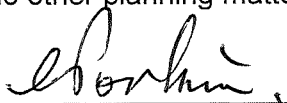
b. The following planning determinations were noted:

DC/23/04973	24 Low Street	Erection of front boundary wall including steps and herringbone brick paving - Listed Building Consent Granted
DC/23/04695	24 Low Street	Erection of front boundary wall including steps and herringbone brick paving – Planning Permission Granted
DC/23/05508	Gissings Farm, South Green Road	Erection of agricultural building - formal approval of the details of the proposed development is not required and development can be carried out exactly in accordance with plans.

c. Planning enforcement:

i. Nine Oaks – it was understood that the planning enforcement case was now closed as the measurements taken in relation to the breach were minimal and would not be expedient to pursue. It was agreed to ask the Planning Enforcement Officer for the detailed measurements before the Parish Council could consider this matter further.

d. There were no other planning matters.



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7. Storm Babet – Flood damage

a. There was no update available on the County Council statutory investigation.

8. Highways

a. The joint submission from six parishes in response to the 7.5t limit Experimental Traffic Regulation Order in Eye was noted.

b. To consider submission of a request to Suffolk County Council for a 20mph speed limit for Green Street (B1118) - It was firstly noted that the request does not qualify on all the main criteria set in the Suffolk County Council speed limit policy. It was hoped that exceptional circumstances could be proven through the volume and size of vehicles now using this road. It was agreed that the Parish Council supports this reduction in speed limited but wanted reassurances from the County Councillor, and the Highways Engineer, on the viability of this application, the cost and how it could be funded. It was noted CIL funding could possibly be used for signage.

It was noted that the speed data recorders were due to be laid at various locations from 27 February to 14 March 2024. The data collected from these could be used to add weight to the submission for the 20 mph. Data was not going to be gathered from build out on Green Street to junction with Low Street. It was agreed in principle for the Parish Council to fund this further SDR at a cost of £150.00.

c. The feasibility of a Community Speed Watch scheme, purchase of necessary equipment and ongoing costs were considered in detail. It was noted that three volunteers had come forward and the minimum requirement was for six. Suitable sites for the operation of the CSW were considered. It was agreed not to currently progress due to lack of suitable and safe locations, shortage of volunteers and the cost of the equipment.

9. Hoxne Volunteer Group

Appointment of a Board member – one of the board members had expressed an interest in being co-opted to the Parish Council and, subject to the necessary declarations, could act as the Parish Council's representative on the Board.

10. Asset Management

a. Repairs to Low Street Shelter – there was still a need to procure a metal worker to make the brackets to replace the existing at the base of the shelter seating. This was currently holding up any repairs being carried out on the shelter.

b. There was no update on the legal position of land transfers.

11. Finance and Governance

a. The budget for the 2024/25 financial year was considered and agreed. It was also agreed to raise a precept of £14,700.

b. The council's current financial position was noted as £32,960 including CIL.

c. Items of CIL expenditure would be further considered at the next meeting.

d. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details	Power
£ 635.80	S Foote	Clerk salary January 2024	LGA 1972 S112
£164.08	HMRC	PAYE	LGA 1972 S112
£154.45	S Foote	Clerk's expenses January 2024	LGA 1972 S111

It was further agreed to make a financial contribution of £50 per household for those residents who had provided electricity for the Christmas lighting on Low Street Green.

12. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

07.12.23	Babergh Mid Suffolk Councils	Litter and Dog Waste Emptying Service - Annual Price Increase
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13. Urgent matters and matters for information

None.

14. Date of next meeting – Thursday 1 February 2024 at St Edmund's Hall, Hoxne.

Meeting closed: 20.58

