

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held at St Edmund's Hall on
Thursday 4 April 2024 at 19.30 hours

Present:

Cllrs Chris Parkin (Chairman), Caroline Abbott, Alan Garnham, Angus Herron, Richard Kruszewski, Marie Lagerbeg, Bryn Lerwill and Jason Middleton. Also in attendance Sarah Foote, Parish Clerk and District and County Councillor Hicks. Five members of the public observed the meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ellis and accepted by the Council. Cllrs Maureen Potter and Paul Potter were absent.

2. Declarations of Interests

Cllr Garnham declared a pecuniary interest in planning application DC/24/01094

3. Public Forum

District Councillor Hicks gave a report on behalf of Suffolk County Council. Cllr Hicks had met with the Highways Technician to consider the recently collected data and this would now be reviewed by the working group. County Council matters were reported; devolution deal with residents being encouraged to look at the Suffolk County Council website for further details, opting in for school transport for high schools, funding for Electric Vehicle charging points. Cllr Hicks highlighted a forthcoming application for 750 acre solar farm near Wickham Skeith (NSI application). The loss of agricultural land was noted as a concern.

Mid Suffolk District Council had made a pledge for energy efficiency for their council housing. There had been an increase of people needing early intervention to prevent becoming homeless.

Cllr Hicks was asked for an update on the release of the data collected as a result of the Eye ETRO. This was anticipated to be released by the end of April.

4. The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2024 were approved and signed by the chairperson.

5. Matters arising from minutes of 7 March 2024 – none.

6. Planning

a. The following planning applications were considered:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/24/00962	Fairstead Farmhouse West End, Eye Road,	Application for Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations to provide new access to second floor attic and creation of new ensuite bathroom at second floor: Insertion of 3No rooflights and replacement of 1No first floor window.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

DC/24/01094	Charnwood House, Cross Street	Notification of Works to a Tree in a Conservation Area - Remove to stump of approx. 2m 1No. Cedar tree due to root damage to brick/block work.
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19.37 Cllr Garnham left the meeting. It was unanimously agreed there was no reason to object to these works. 19.39 Cllr Garnham returned to the meeting.

b. The following planning determinations were noted:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/23/05731	St Edmunds Primary School, Heckfield Green	Removal of old heating system and replace with air source heat pump (ASHP) sited externally. Planning Permission Granted.

c. There were no other planning matters.

7. Highways

a. Speed Limit changes – the data had been received from the recording strips and radar, this would be analysed and further consideration given at a Speed Limit working group meeting which Cllr Hicks would also attend.

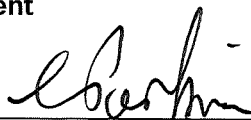
Cllr Garnham noted the problems that had occurred when the road in Goldbrook had been closed and HGVs had travelled along Nuttery Vale and Chickering Road.

Cllr Lagerberg provided an update from the Police and Crime Commissioner visit to Hoxne and speed enforcement measures.

8. Asset Management

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Signed :



Chairman.

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- a. Repairs to Low Street Shelter – there had been no update from the resident who had offered to progress this.
- b. Construction of a memorial seat on Low Street Green - Cllr Garnham provided example designs and explained the seat could be manufactured in different woods and prices varied from £1 - £2,000. Oak was the preferred option for the wood. The price, and funding, would be explored further and consideration would be given to how to progress a budget for this project.
- c. Legal report and documentation in relation to land transfer – this would be dealt with in confidential session.
- d. The Asset Register for the year ending 31 March 2024 was accepted.
- e. Street Caretaker – an update would be given in confidential session.

10. Finance and Governance

- a. The council's current financial position was noted as £21,622 including £14,255 of CIL.
- b. It was agreed to make the following payments:

Amount	Payee	Details	Power
£ 635.80	S Foote	Clerk salary March 2024	LGA 1972 s112
£164.08	HMRC	PAYE	LGA 1972 s112
£15.75	S Foote	Clerk's expenses March 2024	LGA 1972 s111
£676.52	Mid Suffolk District Council	Annual payment for Garage Rental	LGA 1972 s111

- c. It was noted the following payments had been made under delegated authority

Amount	Payee	Details
£923.02	Start Safety	Highways equipment and PPE – costs to be reimbursed by Suffolk County Council Community Self Help Scheme
£1176.60	Suffolk County Council	Street Lighting maintenance and energy to 31 March 2024 – payment made to meet year end requirements

11. Annual Parish Meeting – would take place at St Edmund's Hall on Friday 26 April 2024. The format of the previous two years would be repeated with a showcase of village organisations on display ahead of the meeting proper.

12. Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

Date	From	Subject
28.02.24	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	The Local Councillor Magazine
29.02.24	Mid Suffolk District Council	Town and Parish Update

13. Urgent matters and matters for information

Cllr Middleton reported on the pledges that had been received towards the purchase of the Post Office Stores.

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14. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 1 May 2024 at Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion.

Pursuant to the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 the meeting was closed to the public and press to consider confidential items:

8c – The possible bequest of land was considered. It was agreed to seek further legal opinion if any covenants would be applied to the land and clarification on vehicle access and land ownership..

8e – It was reported that the Street Caretaker would return to work on 1 July and the Parish Council were content with this time line.

Meeting closed: 20.57

