

HOXNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion on
Thursday 2 July 2026 at 19.30 hours

Present:

Cllrs Paul Ellis, Angus Herron, Richard Kruszewski, Marie Lagerford, Bryn Lerwill, Jason Middleton, Chris Parkin (Chair), Margaret Sillis. Also in attendance Ginny O'Hegarty, Parish Clerk/RFO, District Cllr Matthew Hicks (arrived 19:44). No members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received and accepted from Cllr Pasco Warner. County Cllr Sally Mittuch had also provided apologies.

2. **Declarations of Interests** None received.

3. Public Forum

County Cllr Mittuch had provided a written report in advance of the meeting.

District Cllr Hicks reported that:

- He had followed up with the Chief Planning Officer at BMSDC who advised that each listed property must be listed under its own merit and BMSDC will not give generic views regarding listed buildings as each property has its own issues.
- The Head of Strategic Planning would be happy to attend a Hoxne Parish Council meeting to provide an update on planning and how the district should look going forward.
- The Stradbroke swimming pool will be closed between 21 July and 11 August.
- Residents may apply for a heating oil payment subject to meeting certain eligibility criteria. This may be applied for through the Suffolk County Council website or, if residents need support with their application, they may contact Citizens Advice.

4. **The Minutes of the meetings held on 7 May 2026 and 4 June 2026** were approved and signed.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of 4 June 2026** meeting were noted:

- a. Zoning of the parish – completed
- b. Email sent to MP, County and District Councillors and nearby Parish Councils about the impact of large-scale solar and development schemes on local deer populations – responses awaited
- c. Letter of thanks sent to Hoxne Heritage Group

6. There had been **no applications to the two vacancies** on the Parish Council.

7. Planning

a. Council considered responses to planning applications received from Mid Suffolk District Council:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/26/02450	Red House Lodge, Redhouse Farm Road, Hoxne IP23 7NW	Application for erection of pig rearing building, concrete pad and construction of a new drainage lagoon. Comments deadline: 03/07/2026
Council agreed not to support the application. When the application was first sent for comment issues with water management (both with regards to surface water flood management and mains water requirements and the impact on the public right of way were not clear. Council shares the concerns raised by other statutory consultees and does not support the application. Particularly Council does not support any development that does not have a fully considered surface water management plan as we are working to mitigate the effects of flooding in the village.		
DC/26/02409	46 Low Street, Hoxne IP21 5AS	Notification of works to trees in a conservation area - Fell 1 French Famarix (T1), Fell 1 Sycamore (T2), Fell 1 Holly (T3) and reduce lateral branches of 1 Yew (T4) by 3ft. Comments deadline extended to: 03/07/2026
Council noted the notification of works to trees and agreed it was not qualified to comment.		

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DC/26/02285 and DC/26/02286	Moat House, Green Street, Hoxne IP21 5AZ	Householder Application and Application for Listed Building Consent - Installation of 20 photovoltaic panels on the south facing roof of an existing outbuilding. Comments deadline extended to: 03/07/2026
It was agreed to support these applications.		
DC/26/02661	Montana, Cross Street, Hoxne IP21 5AH	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Installation of other solar photovoltaics equipment on the roofs of non-domestic buildings.
It was agreed to support this application.		

b. Council noted the following planning decision:

Ref	Location	Application
DC/26/02292	Sawmill Barn, Eye Road, Hoxne, Eye Suffolk IP21 5BA	Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/19/05144 - Amendments to glazing on north west and south west elevations. Approved

- c. The Infrastructure Working Group will prepare and submit responses to the joint local plan scoping consultation on behalf of the Council.
- d. EcoPower Suffolk Solar Statutory Consultation open to 16 August 2026 – To consider issues for Hoxne:
 - i. Use of B1118
 - ii. Impact of funnelling deer into ever smaller spaces and the potential impacts
 - iii. Brome and Oakley Parish Council's response to non-statutory consultation (January 2026)

Council considered the above and agreed to write a letter in support of Brome and Oakley Parish Council citing the concerns of the parish of Hoxne including deer collision issues. Cllr Lagerberg will draft the letter in support.

The Clerk was requested to contact SALC with a view to engaging with one of the individuals appointed to assist parishes in coming together on power and pylons and invite them to a meeting with Hoxne and other parishes either in person or online.

8. Highways

- a. Update on **Eye Road and B1118 / Green Street projects**. The contractors had completed the line painting on Eye Road. The surface dressing on the B1118 is scheduled to take place towards the end of July.
- b. Update regarding **proposed 20mph Speed Limit**. The legal instruction is being drafted to send to Suffolk Legal for them to advertise the order.
- c. Updates regarding:
 - (1) Request to SCC to fund the changing of an uneven road surface sign to a warning triangle advising of the possibility of agricultural vehicles ahead - The Community Liaison Engineer is working on this.
 - (2) Letter to the farmer requesting a 'Beware of Traffic' sign be erected - The farmer has reviewed several possible options to improve safety and will endeavour to install a barrier across the entrance.

9. Flood Management

- a. Flood resilience support for listed property owners will be added to the website.
- b. An update regarding natural flood management scheme is awaited.
- c. Council agreed to purchase a 3ft temporary flood depth gauge board at a cost of £102.15 +VAT. The location of the existing 6ft flood depth gauge board will be discussed at the August meeting. Cllrs Parkin and Ellis volunteered to store the boards until needed.

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10. Asset Management

- a. Council confirmed an application for hedging for the orchard had been submitted as part of BMSDC's meadow management project.
- b. Council approved a quote in the amount of £100 for repairs to the telephone box on Denham Road and approved the purchase of additional red paint.

11. Finance and Governance

- a. Council's financial position as at 30 June 2026 was reported as £26,252.65, including receipt of £991.17 for equipment purchased under the Community Self Help Scheme.
- b. Council ratified the following payments made between meetings:

Payee & Details	Amount	Power
Nest Pension	£25.51	LGA 1972 s112
Bank Service Charge	£7.00	LGA 1972, s111

- c. Council approved the following payments:

Payee & Details	Amount	Power
Clerk's Salary	£446.31	LGA 1972 s112
Street Caretaker's Salary	£218.40	LGA 1972 s111
HMRC - PAYE/NIC	£197.53	LGA 1972 s112
Clerk's Expenses	£34.48	LGA 1972, s111
Street Caretaker's Expenses	£25.74	LGA 1972, s111
T Brown - Internal Audit Fee	£300.00	LGA 1972, s111

- d. Council approved the purchase of a pair of steel capped work boots for the street caretaker at a cost of £49.00.
- e. Council reviewed the spend against budget to 30 June 2026 and noted the spend was on track to that forecasted.
- f. Council approved a funding request from the Hoxne Garden & Social Club for the Parish Council to cover the hire of the village hall for the Hoxne Garden & Produce Show at a cost of £90.00.

12. Correspondence

Council noted receipt of the following correspondence:

Received	From	Subject
02/06/2026	SALC	Notification that Hoxne Parish Council's competition entry had won a storytelling chair for St Edmund's Primary School
12/06/2026	SALC	Nominations for Community Awards open until 12 July www.suffolkcommunityawards.co.uk
16/06/2026	Mickleton Against Inappropriate Development (MAID)	Request to support a Campaign Against Inappropriate Development by signing a petition requesting the Government to pause housebuilding targets on rural communities without the infrastructure to go with them https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/762214

13. Urgent matters and matters for information – Cllr Kruszewski will advise the dates when the PCSO will be visiting Hoxne and holding monthly meetings at the café.
14. Date and location of next meeting – Thursday 6 August 2026 at Hoxne Playingfield Pavilion.
15. Pursuant to the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 the meeting was closed to the public and press to discuss a confidential employment matter.
16. Meeting closed 21:02

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