

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on Thursday 10 September 2015 at Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Village Hall

Present

Cllrs: J Anderson, R Chitty, R Bone, J Morton, P Hollox, E Fisher, P Smith (Chairman)

Clerk – Helen Carrier

Six members of the public

84/15 **Accept apologies for absence**

None

85/15 **Minutes of meeting held on 9 July 2015**

Having been circulated previously the minutes were duly signed without amendment by the Chairman as a correct record.

86/15 **Declarations of interest on agenda items**

No declarations.

87/15 **Public Speaking**

One member of the public informed the meeting that he has had a reply from Elizabeth Truss MP regarding the river dredging, albeit insufficient.

A member of public reported that the verge outside his property was in need of cutting – the Clerk will report to Highways.

88/15 **Co-option**

No candidates.

89/15 **Matters arising**

Two parishioners had contacted Cllr Morton asking for more care to be taken when collecting the grey food bins. The Clerk will contact BCKLWN to pass on this request.

90/15 **Correspondence** received – *for information only*

Noticeboard – Cllr Fisher asked if the village hall could use half of the noticeboard. The Clerk agreed that this was acceptable but parish council documents must take precedence over the village hall.

Abandoned land on Mill Road – a resident had written on behalf of other residents on Mill Road who were concerned that the field had been left and was now full of overgrown weeds. The Clerk will write to the registered owner to ask that the weeds be cut down.

Norfolk ALC Conference – café clusters booked and an Autumn Conference planned. Cllr Smith, Cllr Fisher and the parish clerk will attend the conference.

Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership

Scarecrow Festival – thank you for support letter read out.

Annual Cockup – letter from Graham Spicer, on behalf of the organising committee read out. The committee asked if they could offer official assistance and support for the 2016 event. Cllr Chitty pointed out that the parish council did support the event by entering a cart with three members of the council participating.

Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership - Cllr Smith had received a letter of invitation to a meeting. Cllr Smith will attend.

91/15 **Highways**

Pot holes in Church Road – the clerk will report this to the Highway Rangers.

- 92/15 Speedwatch**
Due to holidays there had no speed watch had taken place.
- 93/15 Defibrillator**
Cllr Chitty and Cllr Fisher will collect the paint and stickers from Mrs Goodwin so the phone box can be finished. The clerk will organise some training dates.
- 94/15 Street lighting**
LED Lighting
Westcotec had ordered the lights from the manufacturers and are awaiting a delivery date.
- 95/15 River Dredging**
The Chairman had received a briefing note from the Environment Agency and updated the meeting.
- 96/15 SNAP**
The Chairman updated the meeting on the meeting he attended at Downham Town Hall.
- 97/15 Review Village Hall Committee Accounts**
No comments.
- 98/15 Representatives Report**
a. Assets – Nothing to report. Cllr Fisher and Cllr Morton agreed to report on future asset reports.
b. Allotments – Councillors had made an inspection of the allotments before the meeting. All horses looked well and looked after. The allotments will be discussed in full at the next meeting. The first allotment is vacant so the Clerk will advertise the allotment for rent.
- 99/15 Planning**
No applications received.
- 100/15 Finance**
a. Accepted accounts to 30 September 2015.
b. Agree cheques to be signed and payments to be made.
c. Agree to make a donation of £100 for remembrance wreath. Clerk to order.
d. All agreed to update bank mandate to main contact as Helen Carrier.
- 101/15 Councillors concerns and agenda items for next meeting –information only**
Allotments
SNAP
Speedwatch
River Dredging
- 102/15 Public Speaking**
A member of raised his concerns on the river dredging. Council will keep this item on the agenda.
- 103/15 Confirm date of next meeting – Thursday 8 October 2015.**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman Date