

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 12 January 2023
at Magdalen Village Hall, starting at 6.30pm**

Present - Cllrs: R Bone, R Chitty, C Girdler, P Heyes (Chairman), J Morton,

Clerk – S Goodwin

2 members of the public

156.22 Apologies for absence

Cllrs B Dent, A Rudd

157.22 Minutes of Meeting

Meetings held 8 and 30 December. Having been circulated previously, it was then agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting

158.22 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None

159.22 Public Speaking

Co-option procedure

160.22 Matters arising (for information only)

None.

161.22 Correspondence (for information only)

E-mails forwarded to councillors since last meeting

- a The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk: Local Plan Examination: hearings adjourned
- b Police Budget Consultation - Have Your Say Jan 23
- c Downham Market, Watlington and Terrington Priority Setting Meeting
- d Press release about cost of living for village/parish magazines and parish clerks in West Norfolk
- e Norfolk Parishes Website Updates, Banking Issues, Legal Services
- f Government Grants for Village Hall Improvements
- g Norfolk alc bulletins
- h Share your views on local health and care services in Norfolk and Waveney
- i Temporary Road Closure affecting High Road, 27 January for BT works
- j Press Release concerning help available for people struggling with everyday living

Correspondence reported at meeting

- k Suggestion from resident that seed swap be set up in Church Road Phone box

Matter to be on February agenda

- l Information on Chances Project to help those currently unemployed or unable to go to work
- m Additional bus service to run daily from Magdalen to Downham Market. Information sent to all village organisations for the news to be spread

162.22 Highways

- a Low lying dip in Stow Road repaired by Highways
- b Burnt Lane bridge and road surface repaired
- c Watlington PC have been in contact with Highways for some time concerning damage to TROD. Its proximity to railway station is delaying repairs. Matter being monitored by them
- d Letter to be sent to parishioner with repeatedly overflowing bin to replace broken bin so as to contain rubbish more effectively
- e Several litter picks done between Burnt Lane and Toll Bar Corner, resulting in 4.5 bags of rubbish in 2 days.
- f Village Hall Committee are planning trees to be planted at far end of field leaving room for a full sized football pitch. A proposed Art Group will be formed when the Village Hall Group Facebook page is up and running

163.22 Reports

- a SAM2 has been relocated . Thank you sent to E Fisher
- b 2 speedwatch checks have been carried out with 6 vehicles reported.
- c Defibrillator. Cllr Bone had sent monthly report. A strong letter of complaint was also sent concerning tone of letter sent to him concerning reporting of the defibrillator.
- d Several litter picks done between Burnt Lane and Toll Bar Corner, resulting in 4.5 bags of rubbish in 2 days.
- e Village Hall Committee are planning trees to be planted at far end of field leaving room for a full sized football pitch. An Art Group will be formed when the Village Hall Group Facebook page is up and running
- f Trailer is still on paddock track 1.

164.22 Phone Boxes

Kickboard fitted on Stow Road phone box by S Warren. Adverts placed online for painters for boxes in Spring. Several responses received but no prices as yet.

Matter will be on agenda when several quotes have been received

165.22 Paddocks

- a No payment received for plots 40-52. Tenant to be informed that payment must be in PC bank account by 8 February 2023 or PC will consider next steps to be taken at 9 February meeting.
- b 3 tenders for maintaining paddocks for 2023-2026 sent out. Only one response

It was agreed that this quotation of £1470 plus vat be accepted

166.22 Standing Order Amendment

Clarification for Standing Order 29b(2) was required as to whether PC would consider co-opting candidate within 6 months of when councillors will stand down

Agreed that Standing Order 29b(2) should now read On receipt of an expression of interest, the Clerk will send to the candidate a copy of the Council's Code of Conduct and a declaration form for return to verify that the individual is qualified to be a member of the council even if that date falls within 6 months of when that councillor would normally stand down

167.22 Planning

- a 22/00055/F Retrospective application for Change of Use of existing kennels for breeding of dogs. Peace Haven Fen Road Application Permitted
- b Copy of Watlington Neighbourhood Plan had been circulated to councillors before the meeting

Agreed that no comment to be made on Consultation on Watlington Neighbourhood Plan

168.22 Finance

a Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 31 December 2022

b *Resolved to pay schedule of payments*

Ref 70/22	N Power	November supply			DDM	20.74
Ref 74/22	P Jones	December			SO	459.60
Ref 75/22	HMRC				BP	85.20
Ref 76/22	Salary				SO	449.04
Ref 77/22	Westcotec				DDM	40.50
Ref 78/22	P Jones - topping and brambles treatment				BP	408.00
Ref 79/22	N Power	December supply			DDM	52.40

c Clerk had prepared a suggested budget and further budget suggestions were considered.

After consideration and amendment of some items it was agreed that the budget for 2023/2024 should be set at £24648

d Using the budget figure set in 168.22c, consideration was given to the required Precept for 2023/2024

It was agreed that the Precept should be set at £16500 for 2023/2024, with a further increase in 2024/2025

169.22 Public Speaking

Co-option procedures

170.22 Date of Next Meetings

9 February 2023 6.30pm at Magdalen Village Hall

171.22 *It was resolved to exclude Public and Press in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted concerning staffing*

172.22 Staffing

Matters concerning clerk and councillors were discussed. Concerns raised were answered.

Meeting closed at 20.00

Signature

Date