

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 13 April 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

B Dent and A Rudd did not attend

1.23 Apologies for absence

None

2.23 Minutes of Meeting

Meetings held 9 and 30 March. Having been circulated previously, it was then agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3.23 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None

4.23 Public Speaking

None

5.23 Matters arising (for information only)

163/22f Trailer has been collected from paddocks

152/22 Elizabeth Truss MP is unable to meet with councillors as suggested by her due to her other commitments.

6.23 Correspondence (for information only)

- a Update on Energy Bills Discount Scheme
- b Notice of Uncontested Election. 5 nominations received. 4 vacancies to be advertised
- c B Dent unable to continue with duties as a councillor. Letter of thanks to be sent
- d A Rudd unable to continue with duties as a councillor. Letter of thanks to be sent
- e National Launch of life-saving public emergency alerts and test message
- f Police and Crime Commissioner Public Sessions dates
- g Downham Market, Watlington and Terrington Local Policing Team meeting 18 April
- h Leaflet from King's Lynn Town Guides

7.23 Highways

- a Clerk had reported high sided drain surrounds outside 37a Stow Road
- b Dyke at Burnt Lane/Stow Road junction very full. Situation to be monitored
- c Public footpaths still walkable. To be monitored
- d Long thin pot-holes by Archdale Barn Farmhouse to be monitored

8.23 Reports

- a SAM2 has been relocated . Thank you sent to E Fisher
- b Police speed checks have been carried out
- c Speed watch checks carried out with ?? vehicles reported. R Bone to attend co-ordinators meeting
- d 2 litter picks done. Large amount of rubbish to be removed from dyke when water is gone
- e Chippings to be spread by councillors and volunteers in woodland area. Most trees coming into leaf but some may be too badly damaged by winter weather. To be monitored
- f Village Hall (VH) have applied to Woodland Trust for trees to be planted in playing field. VH now has a Facebook page Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Village Hall (capital letters essential)

9.23 Church Road Phone Box

- a Public Liability Certificate still not received. In readiness, clerk had obtained verbal quote of £100 - £150 for hedge to be trimmed back, subject to householders approval.

Clerk and/or Chair to approach householder for permission to trim back hedge to allow access for the painter. Cllr Girdler to trim back hedge after permission given by householder

10.23 Paddocks

- a 2023 Rental for paddocks 40-52 paid on 9 February. Tenant informed that 2024 rental must be paid quarterly in 2023 with the first payment by 31 March 2023 after tenant requested this payment be delayed from February 2023. This has not been received

Agreed that letter be sent stating that unless quarterly payments are made on time, with this first quarter payment made by 20 April, tenant will not be considered for renting paddocks in 2024

- b Badgers have returned to plot 60. Natural England informed and asked to send application form for licence to relocate badgers

11.23 Bridge for Heroes

A request received to address PC for approx. 15 mins regarding work of Bridge for Heroes. Response to be sent that whilst PC would agree to a presentation, it is PC policy not to make donations. Also to say that we have a small council of 5 members and although it would be publicised it is not envisaged that it would be attended by many parishioners.

12.23 Planning

None

13.23 Finance

- a Norfolkalc have new service of updating PC websites for £140. In addition to £70 for basic administration of website.

Agreed that this should be subscribed to thus freeing councillors and clerk from responsibility of attending training and updating website. Clerk will, of course, continue to send documentation for inclusion on website

- b Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 31 March 2023

- b Resolved to pay schedule of payments

Ref 1/23	P Jones	March				SO	£459.60
Ref 2/23	HMRC					BP	£101.60
Ref 3/23	Salary					SO	£419.68
Ref 4/23	N Power	March				DDM	£48.80
Ref 5/23	Norfolkalc membership					BP	£467.35
Ref 6/23	Westcotec					DDM	£40.50
Ref 7/23	KLBC Cemetery rates					BP	£0.00
Ref 8/23	K L Internal Drainage					BP	£129.42
Ref 9/23	Cartridge People via clerk					BP	£149.80
Ref 10/23	Magdalen VH					BP	£270.00
Ref 11/23	Watlington Parish Council TROD					BP	£100.00

- d Resolved to accept end of year accounts for 2022-2023. These were then signed by Chair and RFO

- 14.23 Items for Next Agenda**
Governance update, paddock payment,
- 15.23 Public Speaking**
Troed badly worn at Watlington end
- 16.23 Date of Next Meetings**
11 May 2023 6.30pm at Magdalen Village Hall. This will be the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council
- 17.23** 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
- 18.23** Agreed that clerk be paid for extra hours worked
- Meeting closed at 19.45

Signature

Date