

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 11 July 2024

Present - Cllrs: R Chitty, P Heyes (Chairman), J Morton, C Swaile (after co-opt)
Clerk S Hoggarth

1 member of public

54.24 Receive apologies for absence

None

55.24 Minutes of the meetings

Meeting held on 13 June. Having been circulated previously, it was then agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting

56.24 Declarations of interest and dispensation requests

None

57.24 Co-Opt of New Councillor(s)

Catherine Swaile was proposed by P Heyes and unanimously voted in

58.24 Public Speaking

None

59.24 Matters arising (for information only)

None

60.24 Correspondence

None

61.24 Highways

ai Noted Junction of Mill Road, Foldgate and Fen Road foliage hanging into road. Clerk to action

a ii Cllr Heyes has cut ditch before Fen Road and Burnt Lane and the farmer has cut the footpaths

a iii Laurel Hedges at the end of Mill Road have been partly cut

a iv Old School still very overgrown with brambles overhanging, Clerk reports these should be cut back soon

av Path between Stow Road and Mill Road slightly overgrown but mainly wildflowers

b Potential Parish Partnership projects discussed, Clerk to get costings from Highways Agency regarding a footpath/trod on the corner of Stow Road leading to the footpath to Mill Road.

62.24 Councillors and Clerk reports

a SAM2 moved to outside 88 Stow Road

b Safety Camera Officer carried out 4 speed gun sessions reporting 18, 22, 25 and 5 vehicles

c Cllr Morton carried out a litter pick along Stow Road

d Cllr Heyes attended the Speedwatch Annual Meeting

e Clerk to request maintenance contractor to cut the 2nd paddock path and allotment areas

f Clerk reports defibrillator checked and is OK and report sent

g Clerk reports 2 Speedwatch sessions carried out with 4 vehicles reported out of 258

h Thanks were given to VH Chairman Neil for cleaning bus shelter

63.24 Biodiversity

a Cllr Chitty reported on the lack of butterflies – including skippers, but has observed peacock caterpillars, meadowbrown and ringlet butterflies. He has requested the farmer to leave the ash stump on Burnt Lane as a habitat for longhorn beetles.

b Obtaining a Tree Preservation Order for oak donated by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was discussed, Cllr Chitty advised the VH committee have been notified and are happy for the order but the PC will need to pay any arborist cost. The vote was three for and one abstaining. Clerk to submit request.

64.24 Church Clock

- a Maintenance was successfully carried out to reset the time and free the stuck hammer
- b Automatic winding or down gearing discussed as possible future options, continue to monitor

65.24 Cemetery

- a Annual inspection was carried out on Wednesday 19th June with all being reported as OK, the groundman is filling in any erosion holes to prevent trips. Plot availability is still adequate
- b The fees were reviewed and it was voted unanimously in agreement to remain the same as 2023. Clerk to update notice board accordingly

66.24 Planning

- a No applications received
- b Permitted application decision received from Borough Council for 24/00732/F The Old Rectory proposed single storey extension to existing dwelling

67.24 Finance

- a Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 30 June 2024
- b Resolved to pay schedule of payments

Ref 24/24	P Jones	SO	£672.00
Ref 25/24	Salary	SO	£511.56
Ref 26/24	Npower	DD	£80.99
Ref 27/24	Smith of Derby - Clock Maintenance	BP	£210.00
Ref 28/24	Red Shoes	BP	£48.60
Ref 29/24	Clerk Expenses	BP	£104.00

- c Resolved to obtain laptop for councillor use
- d Noted June bank payments leaving in July

68.24 Councillors' concerns and agenda items

Parish Partnership

69.24 Public Speaking

None

- 70.24** Date of next meeting
12 September 2024, 6.30pm at Magdalen Village Hall

Meeting closed at 19.25

Signature Date