

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 12 September 24

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

1 member of public

71.24 Apologies for Absence

None

72.24 Minutes of the Meetings

Meeting held on 11 July. Having been circulated previously, it was then agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting

73.24 Declarations of interest and dispensation requests

None

74.24 Public Speaking

None

75.24 Matters arising

Bank interest rate change

76.24 Correspondence

As sent

77.24 Highways

- ai Noted an increase of dog poo left on riverbank paths
- aii Weeds growing at kerb join along junction of Mill Road and Stow Road, Clerk to report
- aiii Grit bin on junction of Mill Road and Stow road to be returned, Clerk to chase
- aiv Bridge along Burnt Lane breaking up, Clerk to report at a later date after agriculture traffic has eased
- av Road leaving village towards Stowbridge after derestriction sign heavily subsided. Clerk to report
- avi Hedges on S-Bend of Stow Road overgrown. Clerk to report
- avii Concerns of very large vehicles passing through village over the weight limit.
- b Parish Partnership deadline is December, Council considering potential projects

78.24 Councillors and Clerk reports

- a Cllr Morton carried out litter pick along length of village collecting 2 half bags
- b Safety Camera officer carried out 5 speed gun sessions
- c Noted increase of ragwort in multiple locations
- d Cllr Heyes has cut across ditch on Fen Road public footpath and spoken to farmer regarding tractors driving safely through village
- e Defibrillator checked and report sent
- f 6 Speedwatch sessions carried out with 20 vehicles reported out of 764

79.24 Biodiversity

- a Grey Dagger. Lime Hawk and Dot moths spotted, along with the previously thought to be extinct Norfolk Sout Moth. Tortoiseshell, heaths and speckled wood butterflies down but browns doing well. Swallows and Housemartins doing well but Spotted Woodpecker numbers reduced. Bats doing well.
- b Tree Preservation order for oak donated by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother has been requested and is being investigated by County Council. Parish Council to consider costs for a plaque and one-off shaping costs

80.24 Church Clock

Maintenance company have offered a reduced rate for a 3 year contract which the council have resolved to accept

81.24 Footpath/TROD

The proposed extension to the footpath from the cut through on Stow Road to Mill Road around the bend has been put to the Highways department for consideration and costing

82.24 Paddocks

- a An increase in ragwort has been reported which will be passed to our maintenance contractor
- b Contracts for next year to be reviewed by Council
- c Badger tunnels reported, Council to investigate costing for licence and alternative options

83.24 Planning

- a 24/01019/F Railway Cottage 94 Stow Road Wiggshall St Mary Magdalen King's Lynn Norfolk PE34 3BB permitted by Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk
- b Application decisions – none received

84.24 Finance

- a Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 31 August 2024
- b Resolved to pay schedule of payments

Ref 34/24	P Jones	SO	£672.00
Ref 35/24	Salary	SO	£511.56
Ref 36/24	Npower	DD	£84.54
Ref 37/24	TT Jones	BP	£48.96
Ref 38/24	APV Computers	BP	£535.00

- c Resolving banking access for new Councillor

85.24 Councillors' concerns and agenda items

Dog poo issues
Paddock contracts

86.24 Public Speaking

Advised that the previous weight restriction obtained for the village took 3 ½ years and hard to prove if loading/offloading is not occurring within the limits. Dog warden used to patrol the village until an altercation. First year not finding remains of sparrowhawk feeding. Mentioned acoustics very bad in hall for hearing everyone.

87.24 Date of next meeting

10 October 2024, 6.30 at Magdalen Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20.00

Signature

Date