

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 10 October 24

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

3 members of public
Cllr Brian Long (BC)

88.24 Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Swaile. Apologies accepted.

89.24 Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting held on 12 September. Having been circulated previously, it was then agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting

90.24 Declarations of interest and dispensation requests

None

91.24 Public Speaking

Complaint of speeding along end of Foldgate Lane, Clerk to speak to users of road for paddock access

Safety concern to access the church clock when winding, advised this is not under PC jurisdiction.

Request to use term “dog waste” over “dog poo”

92.24 Matters Arising

None

93.24 Correspondence

As sent

94.24 Highways

- ai Very large potholes at the end of Foldgate Lane, Cllr Chitty to speak to parishioner who previously helped repair
- aii Large potholes reported previously on Stow Road were marked but never fixed, Clerk to re-report and copy Cllr Long
- aiii Road and bridge on Fen Road very cracked, wait until after harvest finished to report
- aiv Cllr Heyes noted the strategic drain has not been cleared and will report to the IDB
- av Clerk update on previous reported issues, weeds lining footpath between Stow Road and Mill Road will be cut by highways, weeds growing between road and curb on the corner of Mill Road will not be actioned.
- b Concerns about the increase of dog waste on the riverbanks and footpaths in the village. Discussion regarding if it is worth purchasing another dog waste bin or if additional signs are needed. Map of current locations to be placed in the Eagle News and situation monitored.

95.24 Councillors and Clerk reports

- a Cllr Morton carried out a litter pick along length of Stow Road and collected 1 ½ bags of rubbish.
- b Camera Safety Officer carried out 5 speed gun sessions with 8 vehicles reported
- c Defibrillator checked and report sent
- d 3 Speedwatch sessions carried out with 3 vehicles reported out of 484
- e Cllr Heyes has spoken to the farmer regarding the cutting of the footpaths
- f Cllr Long advises he is no longer the Chair of the Planning Committee but is now Chair for Care in the Community. Many local schemes are coming to fruition with the Borough Council now running Alive West Norfolk. Regarding Police and Crime there is a training school for drone surveillance to assist police in rural areas. He is also happy to act as an escalation point on any stalled matters.

96.24 Biodiversity

- a Late brood of Housemartins still feeding, swallows spotted on the allotments. Sadly a tawny owl was found dead but another has been spotted alive and well. Dark Arches and Mother of Pearl moths seen. Badgers have been very active
- b After further discussion and concerns raised, it was resolved to not pursue a Tree Preservation Order for the oak in the VH carpark.

97.24 Church Clock

Clerk to continue researching loans and grants for automated winding but not to pursue further at this time.

98.24 Footpath/TROD

- a Magdalen – Stow Road it was resolved to apply for a footpath over a trod. Clerk to prepare Parish Partnership application when it opens in December
- b Watlington – Station Road it was resolved that due to limited funds and the project in the village it is unfeasible to contribute to these costs at the current time

99.24 Paddocks

It was resolved to amend the tenancy agreements with an addition regarding wildlife. Clerk to also write to tenants regarding speeding complaints raised by parishioner

100.24 Remembrance Day Wreath

Cllr Heyes offered to place the wreath this year and it was unanimously agreed upon

101.24 Planning

- a Consider applications received - none
- b Application decisions - none

102.24 Finance

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

Ref 40/24	P Jones	SO	£672.00
Ref 41/24	Salary	SO	£511.56
Ref 42/24	Npower	DD	£90.22
Ref 43/24	S Hoggarth - Remembrance Wreath	BP	£100.00

- c Resolving banking access for new Councillor

103.24 Councillors' concerns and agenda items

None

104.24 Public Speaking

Suggestion of moving tree if not obtaining TPO

105.24 Date of next meeting

14 November 2024, 6.30 at Magdalen Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20.05

Signature

Date