

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 14 November 2024

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

106.24 Receive apologies for absence

None

107.24 Minutes of the meetings

Meeting held on 10 October. Having been circulated previously, it was then agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting

108.24 Declarations of interest and dispensation requests

None

109.24 Co-Opt of New Councillor(s)

No candidates present

110.24 Public Speaking

None

111.24 Matters arising (for information only)

112.24 Correspondence (for information only)

113.24 Highways

- ai A broken BT cover on the footpath opposite the methodist church had broken, this was reported and has now been replaced
- aii The street sign on Church Road has been reported as black letters have worn away making it difficult to read.
- aiii The Fen Road extension to the Bridleway is breaking up again, Clerk to report
- aiv Pot hole on the approach to Church Road from Stow Road still not fixed, Clerk to re-report
- av Large road depression leaving village towards Stow Bridge has been reported
- b An article was placed in the Eagle news detailing Dog Waste bin locations

114.24 Parish Partnership

Agreed to apply for funding for the new footpath on Stow Road, forms distributed to gather support signatures from villagers.

115.24 Receive Councillors and Clerk reports

- a Cllr Heyes updated on the issues from the last meeting, reported overgrown drain to IDB, farmer has cut one of the footpaths with the other to do, the council has decided not to pursue the TPO and the remembrance wreath was placed on the memorial on Remembrance Sunday
- b Safety Camera Officer carried out 2 speed gun sessions reporting 3 and 4 vehicles
- c SAM2 moved to Mill Lane
- d Cllr Morton carried out a litter pick along length of village collecting 2 half bags. It was noted the increase in litter and fly tipping. Clerk to report
- e Clerk reports defibrillator checked and is OK and report sent
- f Clerk reports 5 Speedwatch sessions carried out with 11 vehicles reported out of 570

116.24 Biodiversity

- a Cllr Chitty reported on the large numbers of pink footed geese flying over recently, also pied wagtails and starlings in vast numbers. Foxes have been spotted. Cllr Heyes also updated on the hedgehog he had found in the day and taken to a rescue.

117.24 Paddocks

Update to contract agreed and outstanding payments for 2025 discussed. Clerk to action

118.24 Annual Review

- a Resolved acceptance of Financial Regulations were approved pending the amendment of limits which were discussed and agreed.

b Resolved to keep Allotment/paddock fees the same for 2026 with a small increase in drainage fees

119.24 Planning

- a No applications received
- b No application decisions

120.24 Finance

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

Ref 45/24	P Jones	SO	£672.00
Ref 46/24	Salary	SO	£511.56
Ref 47/24	Npower	DD	£97.81
Ref 48/24	Red Shoes Admin Fee	BP	£48.60

- c Resolving banking access for new Councillor
- d Appointed Robin Goreham as Internal Auditor for 2024-2025

121.24 Councillors' concerns and agenda items

None

122.24 Public Speaking

None

- 123.24** Date of next meeting
12 December 2024 6.30pm at Magdalen Village Hall

- 124.24** Resolved to exclude public and press in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted concerning staffing.
Clerk pay discussed and resolved to amend in line with Government increases.

Meeting closed at 19.25

Signature Date