

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 10 April 2025

Present - Cllrs: R Chitty, P Heyes (Chairman), J Morton, C Swaile, T Kenber

Clerk S Hoggarth

1 member of the public

1.25 Apologies for absence

None

2.25 Minutes of the meetings

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

3.25 Declarations of interest and dispensation requests

None

4.25 Public speaking

Highway repairs were mentioned on Lynn Road and lack of repairs outside the parish

5.25 Matters arising

None

6.25 Correspondence

As sent

7.25 Highways

- ai Highways have been filling in holes along the end of Foldgate Lane, although not on Fen Road. Clerk to re-report the dip on Stow Road heading towards Stowbridge
- aii No lighting issues
- aiii Embankment has been cut by EA
- b Parish Partnership application for the new footpath on Stow Road has been approved, paperwork returned and awaiting start date. Cllr Morton reports there has been approval of the scheme among members of the parish

8.25 Councillors and Clerk reports

- a Cllr Morton carried out a litter pick along length of village. Noted one of the tyres had been moved
- b Cllr Heyes noted the amount of sugar beet in the ditches still
- c Camera Safety officer had carried out 3 sessions with 5 vehicles reported
- d SAM2 has been moved to outside the new builds (91) Stow Road
Clerk reports the following
 - ei 4 speedwatch sessions with 16 vehicles reported out of 519,
 - eii Defibrillator checked and report sent.
 - eiii Village sign when entering from Tollbar corner had been cleaned by a local business, the council extend their thanks.
 - eiv Precept remittance received for the first half of the payment.
 - ev Damaged flood wall work to be scheduled for the next few months.
 - evi No N-Power invoices received for March or April, Clerk is chasing for updates.
 - evii Preliminary quotes for a new notice board given, discussion on if a new location is needed and what plans the fish and chip shop has for expansion and if this will impact location

- eviii Cost from King's Lynn Council for the emptying of the Dog Waste Bins has greatly increased and is now being charged in advance – cost for 24/25 was £2.35 plus VAT per bin per week increasing to £4.225 plus VAT for 25/26. Cllr Heyes to write to local councillor. Clerk to investigate possible alternative companies

9.25 Paddock/Allotments

- a Non organic waste still to be removed from paddocks and clerk to remind tenants that only organic matter may be burned on the land

10.25 Biodiversity

- a Spring butterflies have been spotted including Commas and Brimstone. Lots of ladybirds, Reed Buntings and 2 pairs of kites. Also muntjac, hedgehogs and foxes

11.25 Planning

a Applications received

- ai *25/00549/F Change of use to part of garage to beauty therapy use (retrospective) at 91C Stow Road Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen KINGS LYNN Norfolk PE34 3DJ*

The Parish Council does not approve of retrospective planning permissions; however we do support local businesses and would want to ensure all business rates are being paid, suitable off-road parking is provided, the business meets all safety requirements - especially fire exits as the nature of the business includes inflammable materials, and still adheres to all the original planning conditions for the build.

- aii *25/00534/F VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 24/00732/F: Proposed rear single storey extension to existing dwelling at The Old Rectory 15 Church Road Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen King's Lynn Norfolk PE34 3DG*

As per the initial application the Parish Council is in support of the application

- aiii *25/00505/F VARIATION OF CONDITION 1,2 AND 5 OF PLANNING CONSENT 24/00238/F: VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 1 AND 6 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 23/00140/F: Previous variation of Reserved Matters application, construction of 9 dwellings at Land S of 85 Stow Road Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen KINGS LYNN Norfolk PE34 3BB*

The Parish Council are not in support of the application for the reasons given by the Highways Development Officer regarding safety and visibility issues of the proposed change of access

b Application decisions

None received

12.25 Finance

- a Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 31 March 2025
b Resolved to accept End of Year Accounts 2024/2025
c Resolved to pay schedule of payments

Ref 1/25	P Jones	SO	£672.00
Ref 2/25	Salary	SO	£534.24
Ref 3/25	Npower	DD	TBC*
Ref 4/25	Service Charge	SO	£6.00
Ref 5/25	KLIDB	DD	£149.01
Ref 6/25	HMRC	BP	£17.59
Ref 7/25	Dog Bin emptying (25/26)	BP	£1,845.48

* As mentioned in Clerk report, invoice not received.

13.25 Councillors' concerns and agenda items

Clerk appraisal to be conducted at end of next meeting

14.25 Public Speaking

Hazardous waste (gas canisters) were brought up and if there is a recycling value to them, and the ditch to the East side of Lynn Road is overgrown, to be discussed with IDB / local farmer

15.25 Date of next meeting.

8 May 2025 6.30pm at Magdalen Village Hall, this will be the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council

Meeting closed at 20.15

Signature

Date