

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

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

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

Clerk S Hoggarth

2 members of the public

52.25 Apologies for absence

None

53.25 Minutes of the meetings

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

54.25 Declarations of interest and dispensation requests

None

55.25 Public speaking

Issue raised of the very bad road surface conditions on Burnt Lane 2 resulting in refuse vehicles not collecting from the properties there. Concerns about the state of the bridge on Burnt Lane, including bad surface and large ridges causing vehicles to bottom out

56.25 Matters arising

None

57.25 Correspondence

As sent

Cllr Heyes advised on de-evolution meeting information received

58.25 Highways

- ai Cllr Heyes cut across ditch on Fen Road / Burnt Lane. Farmer has cut footpaths. Parishioners have cut footpaths from Foldgate down to the main road
- aii Cllr Chitty advised on extent of damage to Burnt Lane 2 and the bridge. Clerk to report and escalate as required
- aiii Stow Road has been marked where tarmac has lifted, hopefully to be fixed soon
- aiv Fly-tipped tyre has been moved from ditch to field
- av Dip leaving the village towards Stowbridge getting worse, along with the Vine Hill junction in bad condition. Clerk to re-report.
- avi Lighting and footpaths all ok
- avii Clerk advises there is no additional Parish Partnership update, but expects schedule of works to be sent shortly.

59.25 Councillors and Clerk reports

- a Cllr Heyes carried out a litter pick along Fen Road and Mill Road and cut ditch side in Fen Road / Mill Road
- b Cllr Morton carried out a litter pick along the length of village collecting 2 x ½ bags
- c Clerk reports missing sign at Prophets Alley logged with Borough Council. No update on the EA works to the flood wall. Grit bin invoice sent to contractor awaiting reply
- d Defibrillator ok and report sent. Pads replaced.
- e 4 Speedwatch sessions with 8 vehicles reported out of 587

60.25 Biodiversity

Cllr Chitty reports sightings of young kestrels, white throat warblers. An increase of ladybirds but sadly no tortoise shell butterflies seen – although sightings of peacocks, red admirals, meadow browns, skippers, speckled woods and commas along with the hummingbird hawk moth.

61.25 Paddocks
Cllr Heyes reports path to the wild wood very overgrown, Clerk to speak to maintenance contractor. Signs of inorganic material being burnt, Clerk to address with tenants.

62.25 Cemetery
a Annual inspection was carried out on 10th July and reports all OK
b Fees Reviewed and unanimously resolved to keep the same as 2024/2025

63.25 Planning
a No applications received
b No application decisions

64.25 Finance
a Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 30 June 2025
b Resolved to pay schedule of payments

Ref 23/25	P Jones	June	SO	£672.00
Ref 24/25	Salary		SO	£534.24
Ref 26/25	HMRC		BP	£17.59
Ref 27/25	Service Charge		BP	£6.00
Ref 28/25	NALC website Fees		BP	£272.47

65.25 Councillors’ concerns and agenda items
Highways condition in Burnt Lane

66.25 Public Speaking
None

67.25 Date of next meeting
11 September 2025 6.30pm and Magdalen Village Hall

Meeting closed at 19.20

Signature Date