

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 15 January 2026

Present - Cllrs: R Chitty (Chairman), J Morton, T Kenber, C Swaile, D Caulfield (after Co-opt)

Clerk S Hoggarth

133.25 Apologies for absence

None

134.25 Minutes of the meetings

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

135.25 Declarations of interest and dispensation requests

None

136.25 Co-Opt of New Councillor(s)

Dermot Caulfield was proposed by Cllr Morton, Seconded by Cllr Chitty and unanimously voted in

137.25 Public Speaking

None

138.25 Matters arising

None

139.25 Correspondence (for information only)

As sent

140.25 Highways

- a Large pothole at entrance to Prophets Alley reported to HA although as a private road unsure if they will action
- b Burnt Lane is breaking up along length, Clerk to report worst of the potholes and general condition. Noted also the bridge is cracking again
- c The pothole fix by the layby on Stow Road is flattening out
- d Junction of Stow Road and Church road breaking up, Clerk to report

141.25 Councillors and Clerk reports

- a Clerk advises there is no grit in the Mill Road Stow Road junction potentially due to people removing the grit for personal use. As the council will not refill the bin outside its schedule this could result in dangerous road condition in freezing conditions. Council to post in Eagle News. A new shovel has been purchased for the Fen Road bin.
- b Clerk advised on procedure for speed limit reductions in the village and it was agreed that it is unfortunately unfeasible
- c Clerk reported defib check had been carried out, new battery ordered and report sent
- d Potential new notice board location discussed, Clerk to contact relevant parties
- e 3 Speedwatch sessions with 9 vehicles reported out of 264
- f Cllr Morton carried out a littler pick of the village with 2 x ¾ bags collected
- g Cllr Chitty carried out a littler pick on Fen Road with ½ bag collected
- h SAM2 has been relocated to Lynn Road

142.25 Biodiversity

- a Redshank waders seen in ditches, blackbirds, chaff and golden finches, and geese seen. Male white moths also spied

143.25 Paddocks

Clerk updated on payments and status of the paddocks including cave-ins of possible old sets resulting in a hazard for one of the tenants. Clerk to investigate how to resolve.

144.25 Village Survey

A village survey was proposed to amass ideas for projects, improvements and general feedback from the residents

145.25 Planning

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

146.25 Finance

- a Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 31 December 2025
- b Resolved to pay schedule of payments

Ref 67/25	P Jones	SO	£672.00
Ref 68/25	Salary	SO	£547.96
Ref 69/25	Npower	DD	£143.23
Ref 70/25	Service Charge	SO	£6.00
Ref 71/25	Viking	BP	£107.98
Ref 72/25	TT Jones	BP	£52.56
Ref 73/25	Clerk expenses Sep - Dec	BP	£110.99
Ref 74/25	HMRC	BP	£23.32

- c Resolved banking access for T Kenber
- d Clerk had prepared a suggested budget and further budget suggestions were considered. After consideration it was agreed that the budget for 2026/2027 should be set at £26892.24
- e Used budget from 146.25d, consideration was given to the required precept for 2026/2027 and was maintained at £17,500

147.25 Councillors' concerns and agenda items

None

148.25 Public Speaking

None

149.25 Date of next meeting

12 February 2026 6.30pm at Magdalen Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20:00

Signature

Date