

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 12 March 2026

Present - Cllrs: R Chitty (Chairman), J Morton, T Kenber,

Clerk S Hoggarth

168.25 Apologies for absence

Cllr Swaile, Cllr Caulfield

169.25 Minutes of the meetings

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

170.25 Declarations of interest and dispensation requests

None

171.25 Public speaking

None

172.25 Matters arising

None

173.25 Correspondence (for information only)

As sent

174.25 Highways

- a Footpaths and lighting all OK
- b Potholes on the S bends leaving the village towards Stowbridge have been fixed / marked for repair
- c Layby in Stow Road opposite the Old Forge prone to flooding, Clerk to report
- d Burnt Lane has surveyors markers along the length, hopefully to reduce height in the middle of the road, Clerk to monitor
- e Fen Road 2 has many potholes, Clerk to report
- f Overgrown hedges in village mentioned, Clerk to action

175.25 Councillors and Clerk reports

- a Clerk reported defib check had been carried out and report sent. Battery invoice received and authorised for payment, delivery estimated in a week
- b 4 Speedwatch sessions with 11 vehicles reported out of 501
- c Noticeboard options put to council, resolved to purchase for £349. Clerk to arrange fitting and removal of old board. PC signed contact for wall mounting on The Old Garage and Clerk to arrange for owners to sign.
- d Safety Camera Officer has attended once
- e Cllr Morton carried out a litter pick of the village with 2 x ½ bags collected
- f Cllr Kenber carried out a litter pick along Church Road with 1 bag collected

176.25 Biodiversity

- a Lots of birds starting to nest – Cllr Chitty reports a kestrel has set up her nightly roost on top of a bird box of nesting bluetits.

177.25 Village Survey

Clerk gave an update on surveys received and some of the most common comments, full report to be given next month

178.25 Paddocks

Clerk updated on paddock status and payments. Resolved to allow access to paddocks for Council Representative Mr P Heyes to conduct checks on behalf of the council

179.25 Document Reviews

- a Resolved to accept updated FOI publication scheme
- b Resolved to accept updated Asset Register
- c Resolved to accept updated Risk Assessment
- d Resolved to accept updated Cemetery Risk Assessment

180.25 Planning

- a No applications received
- b No application decisions

181.25 Finance

- a Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 28 February 2026
- b Resolved to pay schedule of payments

Ref 80/25	P Jones	SO	£672.00
Ref 81/25	Salary	SO	£547.96
Ref 82/25	HMRC	BP	£23.32
Ref 83/25	Npower	DD	£117.88
Ref 84/25	ICO Data Protection	DD	£47.00
Ref 85/25	Clerk Expenses	BP	£78.00
Ref 86/25	Eagre News	BP	£52.00
Ref 87/25	Community Heartbeat	BP	£318.00
Ref 88/25	Red Shoes	BP	£52.20
Ref 89/25	Service Charge	SO	£7.00

- c Resolved to appoint internal auditor, R Goreham
- e Resolved to accept Systems of Internal Control and signed by Chair and Clerk

182.25 Councillors' concerns and agenda items

None

183.25 Public Speaking

None

184.25 Date of next meeting

9th April 2025 6.30pm at Magdalen Village Hall
Annual Parish Meeting will be held before this at 6pm

Meeting closed at 19.40

Signature Date