

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above named Parish Council held on 9 April 2026

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

Clerk S Hoggarth

1.26 Receive **apologies** for absence
None

2.26 Minutes of the meetings

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

3.26 Declarations of interest and dispensation requests
None

4.26 Public Speaking
None

5.26 Matters arising
None

6.26 Correspondence
As sent

7.26 Highways

- a Received correspondence from the Norfolk Ramblers requesting footpath audit, however all rights of way listed on Ordinance Survey and frequent inspections carried out by councillors and members of the parish. Any issues with rights of way to be reported to the Clerk.
- b The fallen road sign at Toll Bar has been reported with highways actioning
- c The sinkhole near 128 Stow Road is getting worse again, to be monitored
- d Broken water drain covers at 12 Stow Road, Clerk to report to HA
- e All lighting and footpaths OK

8.26 Councillors and Clerk reports

- a Clerk updated on Norfolk Devolution, confirming the government has selected the three unitary council model.
- b The new notice board has been ordered and installation has been organised along with the removal of the old board near the Fish and Chip shop.
- c The Clerk had also been asked to clarify on a previous issue of speeding in the village and specifically the damage to property on Church Road caused by the frequency and size of agricultural traffic
- d 4 Speedwatch sessions with 12 vehicles reported out of 456
- e Defib checked, all OK and report sent. Pads are due to expire 30 April, replacement pad purchase agreed
- f Safety Camera Officer has attended once
- g Cllr Morton carried out a litter pick of the village with 2 x ½ bags collected
- h Cllr Kenber reported on progress of Church restoration for the purpose of clock maintenance to be carried out. Currently our contractors are unable to access due to safety concerns.
- i Reported tree works carried out at Woods Barn was done with correct licence

9.26 IT Policy Review

Resolved to accept IT policy with yearly review

10.26 Paddock/Allotments

- a Clerk reported on paddock payments.
- b Council Representative advises all tracks and allotment areas OK

11.26 Biodiversity

- a Group of reed buntings spotted, suspected pairs which is good as very low in numbers previously. Butterflies spotted include Holly Blue, Green Veined Whites, Brimstone and a few Peacocks although no Tortoiseshells seen. Badgers are breeding with at least 5 active sets. Rabbits, foxes and hedgehogs also thriving. Iridescent beetles and ladybirds also in large numbers. Reduction in toads and tadpoles, possibly due to increase in nitrogen from field run off

12.26 Village Survey

Clerk presented the raw data from the survey. Relevant feedback, ideas and how to present the results to be discussed at the next meeting.

13.26 Planning

- a No applications received
- b No application decisions

14.26 Finance

- a Resolved to accept monthly accounts to 31 March 2026
- b Resolved to accept End of Year Accounts 2025/2026
- c Resolved to pay schedule of payments

Ref 1/26	P Jones	SO	£672.00
Ref 2/26	Salary	SO	£551.16
Ref 3/26	HMRC	BP	£20.12
Ref 4/26	Npower	DD	£108.61
Ref 5/26	KL Internal Drainage Board	DD	£156.47
Ref 6/26	Dog Bin emptying (26/27)*	BP	tbc
Ref 7/26	BCKLWN Cemetary Rates	BP	£0.00
Ref 8/26	TT Jones		£52.56
Ref 9/26	Service Charge	SO	£7.00
Ref 10/26	NoticeBoard Company**	BP	£430.80

*Invoice not received at time of meeting. Council pre-approved up to £2000

** Invoice not received at time of meeting, Council pre-approved

15.26 Councillors' concerns and agenda items

Survey results and possible additional items for Eagre News

16.26 Public Speaking

None

17.26 Date of next meeting

14 May 2025 6.30pm at Magdalen Village Hall

This will be the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council

Meeting closed at 20.10

Signature Date