

Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council
held on Monday 11th September 2023 at 7pm
at All Saints Parish Hall, Beach Road, Scratby.

In attendance: Councillors: Nathan (Chair), Wendt (Vice Chair), Calnon, Borough and Parish Councillor Freeman, Gingell, Holley, Ingram and Shrimplin. Together with seven members of the public.

The Chair welcomed Councillors, Borough and County Councillors and parishioners.

1.To consider apologies for absence:

Borough and Parish Councillor Justin Rundle.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors are invited to declare a previously undisclosed interest relating to items on the agenda: Councillor Freeman – Planning.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting

3.1 To approve the minutes of the Council on 12th July 2023. Proposed Councillor Holley. Seconded Councillor Freeman. Approved.

3.2 Matters arising that are not included in this Agenda. None.

4. Chair's update: Councillor Nathan thanked everyone involved in the two fetes held in the villages. The circus was successful and five free tickets were given to a local family. Festival of football had at least 800/900 people attending on each day. There was slight damage to the grass, which will be repaired and comments were received regarding parking issues. Councillors attended the Development Control meeting at the Borough Council along with parishioners. Councillors Nathan and Freeman spoke at this meeting. A letter will be sent to the Planning Department at GYBC regarding issues raised. Councillor Nathan had been contacted by the Mercury regarding Coastwatch and his comments had been printed in the newspaper. Letters have been sent out to households regarding overhanging hedges. The flower show was a great success. California toilets had been kept open during the summer with no vandalism. Councillor Nathan requested more

volunteers next year as he has been opening and closing the toilets each day.

Vice Chair's update: Councillor Wendt said that new signs had been erected at the cliff top as one had gone missing and new opening signs on Scratby toilets. Councillor Wendt met with a new group started 11.09.23 at Ormesby Village Centre called Stay and Play. This is run by volunteers and is for families with children aged 0-5 years. It will run every Monday from 9:30 – 11:30. Their first session had 29 families attend and was a great success. Although initially funded by the Early Childhood Community Fund, they are looking for more funding for healthy snacks and sensory equipment to name a few ideas they have at the moment. Storage is also a problem for all their equipment. Councillor Wendt asked the Council if there may be funds to assist this new project should our budget allow. Councillor Freeman said that he could allocate money from his ward budget and Councillor Gingell said that he would be more than happy to donate. These figures to be confirmed and agreed with the group concerned.

The Chair will move to suspend the council meeting: Proposed Councillor Nathan. Seconded Councillor Ingram.

5. Public Participation

5.1 An opportunity for the public to address the council -10 minutes

Subject to standing Order 3g a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes:

A parishioner spoke about the 'nasty comments on Facebook' of which she thought Admin was a Borough Councillor. The Chair advised that the parish council do not have any control over Facebook. The parishioner also mentioned about drones circulating over back gardens in the Scratby area. Action from Council: Councillor Freeman to speak with NCC councillor James Bensley. Councillor Holley will speak with P.C. Chris Martin. Parish Council to write to Environmental Health at GYBC. Councillor Ingram will ask the company he works for, for some advice.

A parishioner asked if the slope at California could be cleared. Councillor Nathan stated that it's on our contractor's schedule.

5.2. To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors -10 minutes
Borough Councillor Freeman had sent a report to all Councillors.

No report was received from Borough Councillor Rundle.
No report was received from NCC James Bensley.

The Chair will reconvene the meeting

6. Financial Matters Payments and Administration

The Chair stated that the RFO was on annual leave. He then reported:

6.1 Bank accounts current balances: Approx £49,000.

6.2 Approval of schedule of income and expenditure for September 2023 Appendix 1

6.3 Approve bank transfer from savings account to current account to meet the above: £1,900.

Items 6.1/6.2/6.3 Proposed Councillor Ingram. Seconded Councillor Freeman. Approved.

6.4 Charity Official Investment Fund (COIF) to go to F & GP.

6.5 To approve expenditure of £125.00 each (Total £250.00) from Ormesby in Bloom and Scratby in Bloom budget for flower beds and planters: Proposed Councillor Holley. Seconded Councillor Ingram. Approved.

6.6 To approve expenditure for the cutting of the hedge at the allotments from the grass cutting/hedges budget: Proposed Councillor Nathan. Seconded Councillor Freeman. Approved.

6.7 To approve expenditure of £270.00 for Christmas trees from the Christmas trees budget: Proposed Councillor Calnon. Seconded Councillor Shrimplin. Approved.

6.8 To approve expenditure up to a maximum of £200.00 for new sets of Christmas tree lights from the general maintenance budget: Proposed Councillor Calnon. Seconded Councillor Shrimplin. Approved.

6.9 To approve expenditure of £600.00 to purchase a new matching laptop and separate hard drive for the Parish Clerk from the Clerk's expenses mileage and home office budget: Proposed Councillor Gingell. Seconded Councillor Ingram. Approved.

7. Planning:

3 Greenacres - Mr A Walker - Removal of sycamore tree adj to north, south, east and west of 3 Greenacres due to roots threatening property foundations and leaves blocking air source pump. TPO No 1 2016: No objection.

To note: Tree Preservation (TPO) Order No: 19 of 2023 Tree on land at 48 North Road, Ormesby St Margaret.

8. Personnel Committee Report and update

8.1 To approve Disciplinary Policy: Proposed Councillor Ingram. Seconded Councillor Freeman. Approved, dated and signed by Councillor Calnon and Councillor Wendt.

8.2 To update re: employing a parish clerk: The closing date was 10.09.23. There are three applicants. The Personnel Committee will be meeting this week.

8.2 Co-option of Councillor for Ormesby Ward – the person withdrew due to work commitments.

9. Burial Ground Report and update

The Chair thanked councillor Gingell for his work on digitising the burial ground records.

Councillor Gingell has sent risk assessments to the parish clerk

9.1 To approve purchasing of 3 benches: It was agreed to purchase 4 benches on behalf of the church. Proposed Councillor Shrimplin. Seconded Councillor Gingell.

10. Section 106/Section 111 Open Spaces Improvements

Invitation to submit for funding - GYBC Planning department: This item was brought to the Agenda by Councillor Rundle who was not in attendance. To be deferred to October parish council meeting.

11. Defibrillators

11.1 To Approve Heart to Heart as an ongoing partner organisation to manage and maintain all defibrillators and associated items to be set up a budget line of £1500.00: Proposed Councillor Holley. Seconded Councillor Ingram. Approved.

12. Commemorative Remembrance

12.1 To approve donation of £100.00 to the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day wreath from donation/section 137 budget: Proposed Councillor Freeman. Seconded Councillor Shrimplin. Approved.

13. To approve £179.00 x 2 for two grit bins. (Total £ 358.00)

One for Beach Road/Beach Drive junction and one for California Road/Rottenstone Lane junction. Grit to be funded by Norfolk County Council and local businesses: Proposed Councillor Ingram. Seconded Councillor Nathan. Approved.

14. To discuss and approve by council of the cutting of burial ground hedge in a private garden in Sharpe's Way, Ormesby St Margaret: Agreed by councillors that a letter be sent to the parishioner to state that the parish council can no longer maintain the hedge inside their garden.

15. Beach Cleaning update: Booked for 8th October at 10am. Green Farm donated £100.00. The Chair thanked Councillor Holley for all the work he has done.

16. Footpaths: to be discussed at Open Spaces meeting.

17. The next Parish Council meeting will be on 9th October 2023 at 7pm at the Village Centre, Station Road, Ormesby St Margaret.

The meeting closed at 21:00.

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