

Ormesby St Margaret With Scratby Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, December 11th, 1900 at All The Village Centre

In attendance:

Councillors – P. Nathan (Chair), K Wendt (V Chair), J Gingell, C Ingram, J Shrimplin, S Calnon, P Holley, A Grant, G Freeman and Parish Officer C Batten (Clerk) also in attendance six parishioners.

Absent: Cllr J Rundle

The Chair delivered a welcome address to the meeting.

1) Apology for absence; none

2) Declarations of interest – Cllr G Freeman relating to expenses

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) -

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2023. Proposed by Cllr Grant and Seconded by Cllr Shrimplin.

Agreed

3.2 Matters Arising – It was confirmed that the Grit Bins had been purchased and delivered and will be installed later this week. Cllr Grant confirmed that a new padlock had been fitted to the 'Pillbox.' Cllr Grant also confirmed the hedge that was overhanging had been trimmed back. The Chair requested that the council's thanks be recorded to Cllr Grant, Rob Silverton and others involved.

4) Clerks Report - The Clerk thanked the Council for their assistance during his induction. The Clerk confirmed the priority was the development of all back-office systems and communication. Burial Ground was being handed over to the Clerk, and he thanked Cllr Wendt for her support during the period. It was also confirmed that the pricing for the works required at the recreation ground was underway, and the Council is awaiting quotes.

The Chair moved to suspend the council meeting

Proposed by Cllr Nathan, Seconded by Cllr Holley

Agreed

5) Public Participation

5.1 A parishioner expressed her concerns regarding the sea defences at Scratby and requested information on what action was to be taken to protect the area from the same erosion being suffered by Hemsby. In particular, will the Gabions be repaired or replaced? A second Parishioner also voiced concern over the positioning of defences.

5.2 Report from Borough Councillor Cllr Freeman updated the meeting on the various sea defence meetings he had attended and assured the public that he was doing everything he could to assist in the local defence against erosion.

Cllr Gingell requested an urgent update on the hole in the road outside Scratby Stores.

The Chair Reconvened the meeting.

6) Coastal Erosion, beach cleaning, & neighbouring Parish collaboration

6.1 The Chair reported that he had attended a meeting with various relevant participants and that he had requested that the Gabions were not just repaired but protected too. The observations, opinions, local feelings and solutions will all be fed into the Borough Council. Cllr Freeman added supporting information regarding the structure of the current defences. He also confirmed that requests had been submitted to CPE, including work on a Grant for Borough Council to fund defences.

The Chair explained the intention to request meetings with surrounding Parish Councils to create a unified front and encourage meaningful collaboration and confirmed the Clerk would initially reach out to Hemsby to arrange talks.

Cllr Grant also commented that there had been issues with communication with Partnership East but that they were committed to improving that situation going forward.

7) Financial Matters

7.1 Current balances were confirmed.

7.2 The schedule of income and expenditure for December was approved – Proposed by Cllr Nathan, seconded by Cllr Shrimplin.

7.3 Approval of required bank transfer of £20,712.06 was approved – Proposed by Cllr Nathan and seconded by Cllr Shrimplin.

Agreed

8) Planning Application 06/23/0745/HH, 06/23/0830/HH and Application 6/23/0806/TCA – No objections raised.

9) Burial Ground Report – Cllr Gingell thanked Cllr Grant for his team's work on the hedge cutting. He went on to confirm that the burial ground database was complete and ready for handover to the Clerk. Cllr Gingell thanked all who contributed to the four benches which were now installed. Special mention to Katherine Jordan.

10) Open Spaces Report – Cllr Ingram confirmed progress was being made on all projects, and further reports will be made as progress is made. Cllr Freeman mentioned the need for work at the Pit and requested a program for maintenance. Cllr Shrimplin reminded the meeting that we needed to request information on boat use at the Staithe.

11) Community Alcohol Partnership – Cllr Wendt briefed the Council on the launch of this new initiative.

12) Introduction New Councillor Candidate – Cllr Calnon introduced Calum Williams as a new Cllr candidate for Co-option. Proposed by Cllr Calnon. Seconded by Cllr Ingham

Agreed

13) Councillor Vacancies SOP Adoption – It was agreed that due to additional information, this will be discussed in a sub-committee meeting.

Meeting Closed at 20:45

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on the 8th of January 2024 at 1900 at All Saints Scratby.