

Ormesby St Margaret With Scratby Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, November 13th, 1900 at All Saints Parish Hall

In attendance:

Councillors – P. Nathan (Chair), K Wendt (V Chair), J Gingell, C Ingram, J Shrimplin, S Calnon, P Holley, A Grant, G Freeman. NCC Cllr J Bensley and Parish Officers C Fraser (RFO) and C Batten (Clerk) also in attendance five parishioners.

The Chair delivered a welcome address to the meeting.

1) Apology for absence from Cllr J Rundle – Not accepted

2) Declarations of interest - None

3) Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) -

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2023, Proposed by Cllr Ingram and Seconded by Cllr Shrimplin.

Agreed

3.2 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2023, Proposed by Cllr Freeman, Seconded by Cllr Shrimplin

Agreed

3.3 Matters Arising – None

4) Chair & Vice Chair Update - The Chair reported that this would be the last Chair and Vice Chair report, and this agenda item would be replaced in future by a report from the Parish Clerk. The Chair confirmed that he and the Clerk would be attending a meeting with GYBC regarding future budgets. The Vice Chair commented on the new Clerk role and confirmed her attendance at various meetings relating to Parish business.

The Chair moved to suspend the council meeting

Proposed by Cllr Nathan, Seconded by Cllr Grant

Agreed

5) Public Participation

5.1 A parishioner passed on thanks to the Parish Council for the Telephone Box Book Scheme. Cllr Nathan also responded with thanks from the Parish for her work toward the Scratby In Bloom project.

It was reported that Grit bins previously requested are soon to be installed, with dates to be confirmed.

Concerns were raised regarding flooding and its impact on bus routes. It was suggested that a letter be drafted to all relevant bus companies to collate the extent of the issue.

A Parishioner raised concerns about the lack of Red Bins in Ormesby compared to other areas. Cllr Freeman explained the nature of the issue related to hazardous waste. Cllr Grant suggested a full audit of bin locations and exploring the viability of relocating bins more appropriately for public needs. In the meantime, Parishioners are encouraged to email concerns to the Parish Clerk.

5.2 Reports from Borough & County Councillors Cllr Freeman updated the meeting on Footway lighting and the Winter Financial Assistance for Households and introduced the Norfolk Net Zero Communities Project to the Parish. Cllr James Bensley also provided a full report, a copy of which is available on the GYBC website.

The Chair Reconvened the meeting.

6) Financial Matters – The RFO confirmed that research into short-term investment accounts was ongoing.

6.1 Current balances were confirmed.

6.2 The schedule of income and expenditure for November was approved – Proposed by Cllr Grant, seconded by Cllr Calnon.

6.3 Approval of required bank transfer of £4,827 was approved – Proposed by Cllr Grant and seconded by Cllr Shrimplin

6.4 The Chair gave a budget update with the expectation that more information would be available after the meeting at GYBC on the 15th of November.

6.5 A payment of £50 to Hemsby Lifeboat was approved as a thank-you for their assistance with larger debris cleared from the beach with their plant machinery.

Proposed by Cllr Nathan, Seconded by Cllr Holley

Agreed

7) Planning Application 06/23/0720/HH and Application 6/23/0646/HH – No objections raised.

8) Burial Ground Report – Cllr Gingell Confirmed positive progress on the projects related to the pathway and possibility of resurfacing and the landscaping and maintenance of border shrubs. Talks continue regarding the conservation area. GYBC are being contacted regarding remedial works on hedge cutting for onward maintenance by the Parish contractor. The benches have arrived and are awaiting installation.

9) Open Spaces Report – Cllr Ingram confirmed that new signs for the California Toilets will be ready for the 2024 season. Memorial Green maintenance had been completed, and a meeting was being arranged regarding Jubilee Woods.

Doors and Manhole cover at the recreation ground were on the agenda for replacement, and quotes were being sought. It was also suggested that the Galvanised gutter cover needs removal for maintenance and cleaning.

Meeting Closed at 20:35

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on the 11th of December 2023 at 1900 at the Village Centre Ormesby St Margaret.