

Ormesby St Margaret With Scratby Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on March 11th 2024 – at 1900hrs at All Saints Parish Hall

In attendance: Councillors: P Nathan (Chair), K Wendt (V Chair), J Gingell, P Holley, A Grant, J Shrimplin, G Freeman, C Williams and Officers C Fraser and C Batten.

The Chair delivered a welcome address to the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr S Calnon & C Ingram
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 12th Feb 2024. Proposed by Cllr Wendt, Seconded by Cllr Shrimplin – **Passed**.

Cllr Gingell requested that the actual number of empty properties across the parish be added to the minutes as a footnote to provide evidence that the Council was considering the question of occupancy against newly built or proposed building projects.

3.2 Matters Arising - None

4. **Clerks Report** – The Clerk updated the Councillors on recent concerns voiced by parishioners related to litter and drainage in areas of the Parish.

It was also confirmed that more than ten parishioners have requested the casual vacancy at Ormesby be subject to an election. GYBC has confirmed this is to be held on the 2nd of May. Further details will be provided to the Parish from GYBC in due course.

It was reported that the automated diary system for Parish Surgeries has been implemented and is ready for launch at the end of the month.

Councillors were updated on the Pest Control activities on the Burial Ground.

The Clerk informed the Council about the Local Plan workshop at the town hall on April 10th. The names of those attending will be forwarded to GYBC.

Confirmation was given to the Council that the end-of-year audit had been arranged.

The Chair moved to suspend the Council Meeting, which Cllr Wendt seconded.

5. **Public Participation** - A member of the Parish raised concerns about Gritting frequency and location and random vandalism. It was agreed that both issues would be subject to further investigation with supporting evidence so that a case could be submitted for appropriate action. It was also decided that NCC would be approached on the subject.

Cllr Gingell suggested that Borough Cllr Rundle be requested to provide a report on relevant Parish Business and also gain an update on the plan relating to the vacant properties in the Parish. The Clerk will investigate this question further and report to the Council.

5.1 Borough & County Council Reports – Cllr Freeman reported on Borough news. Parish-specific news is detailed below (Full report also posted):

The council approved the 24/25 Budget in February. **G Y Council Tax** will rise by approx. 3% in the coming year.

Prosecutions for dog fouling on California Road. California

Local Plan Consultation Public Consultations on the new local plan will start in April. There will be an event at the town hall for parish councillors and a drop-in event here for the northern parishes.

Increase in flyposting across the parish /ward and northern parishes.

The Chair reconvened the meeting...

6. Financial Matters

6.1 Payment List For March 2024 – The payment list was reviewed for approval, and the appropriate transfer of £4,264.28 was proposed by Cllr Grant and seconded by Cllr Freeman.

6.2/3 Overview & FG&P – The current financial position was reviewed, and the approximate surplus of circa £15k was discussed, with circa £8.5k being ringfenced for Burial Ground, Open Spaces, and other costs.

6.4 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) - The timetable for this year's internal review and AGAR was confirmed, and preparations and the actual audit will take place from April through to the end of May 2024.

The Chair proposed a vote of thanks to our RFO Claire, as this will be her last meeting. He thanked her for her service, and Cllr Grant seconded this and added his own thanks.

7. Planning

7.1 Planning 06/22/1026D – Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for residential development of 33 dwellings, following outline approval 06/20/0156/0. Land off Foster Close Ormesby – **More clarification is requested on condition 5.**

7.2 Planning 06/24/0006/HH - Removal of the existing porch: Construction of a single-storey side extension and replacement porch; installation of two additional windows to the front elevation. The Hawthorns, 7 Yarmouth Road, Ormesby - **Passed**

7.3 Planning 06/23/0459/F – Proposed change of use existing outbuildings into a dwelling and addition of a single-story extension to create a new three-bedroom dwelling. Dairy Farm 37 Yarmouth Road Ormesby – **Passed**

7.4 Planning 06/23/0909 – Proposed front and side single-storey extension to enlarge care home sitting room. 32 Beach Drive Scratby – **Objections raised based on – Building line, not in keeping with surrounding buildings, Parking concerns and over-development.**

8. **Neighbourhood Plan** – It was agreed that Cllr Nathan and Cllr Williams will attend the Consultation meeting and the open sessions to represent the interests of the Parish.
9. **Erosion Update** – Slow progress continues, with the CPE discussing plans and costings with the Environment Agency.

Next Meeting The Village Centre Ormesby April 8th 2024

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Ward Councillors Report March 2024

The 24/25 Budget was approved by council in February. **G Y Council Tax** will rise by approx. 3% in the coming year.

Lottery Grant of £11.6million pounds announced to fund repairs to the Winter Gardens. A unique Victorian building its restoration will secure its future.

A prominent building on the sea front and will be restored over the next 2 years.

Intended use to be all year round -exhibitions from Time and Tide Museums

Conferences and as an entertainment and restaurant venue.

Several prosecutions with regards to fly tipping.

Prosecutions for dog fouling on California Road. California -thankfully not a resident.

Quite substantial fines for the above offences.

Local Plan Consultation

Public Consultations will start in April on the new local plan. Event at the town hall for parish councillors.

Drop in event here for the northern parishes in April.

Increase in flyposting across the parish /ward and northern parishes one event and one commercial company.

Geoff Freeman. Ward Councillor