



Minutes of the meeting held on July the 8th, at 1900 hrs at The Village Centre Ormesby St Margaret.

In attendance: Councillors: P Nathan (Chair), K Wendt (V Chair), P Holley, J Shrimplin, A Grant and Parish Clerk C Batten

The Chair welcomed members of the public, Councillors and Borough Councillors, and the meeting was formally opened.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr Calnon, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Gingell and Cllr Williams.
- 2. Declaration of interests not previously disclosed** – Cllr Wendt and Cllr Grant declared that they had prior knowledge of the individual providing the quotes for work under item 8 of the agenda.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting**
 - 3.1** To approve the Council meeting minutes of the 10th of June 2024. Proposed by Cllr Holley and Seconded by Cllr Wendt – Carried.
 - 3.2** Matters arising and not covered by the agenda of this meeting. There were no matters arising.
- 4. Clerks Report**
 - 4.1** Report Attached

The Chair moved to suspend the Council meeting to allow public participation – seconded by Cllr Wendt

5. Public Participation

5.1 A member of the public sought clarification on the Gabion Cages. He was particularly interested in why they had been described as 'sacrificial'. Cllr Nathan explained the terminology. The conversation then moved to the Gabions' performance and uncertain future and the need for clarity for at-risk residents.

5.2 A member of the public commented that they felt more care and attention needed to be paid to the Pond (commonly known as the pit) in Ormesby St Margaret. They felt the Parish Council should be more aspirational about the village's upkeep, particularly this area, which would be made to look more appealing with some attention. It was explained that this was part of the drainage system for the village, and as such, the levels would rise and fall, and this was expected. It was also noted that this area is maintained two or three times a year. Cllr Nathan did, however, agree that this area should be looked



at in terms of how it could be made to appear more aesthetically pleasing to the eye. He also agreed the Council needed to be more aspirational in this regard. The Chair of Open Spaces was asked to look at this with a view to making improvements.

5.3 Concerns were raised about the condition of the Mill View play area. It was felt that the equipment needed to be updated. Cllr Nathan confirmed that this had been reported to the Borough Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Borough Council to gain some additional information regarding the plans for the Mill View play area.

5.4 Concerns were also raised about the upkeep of many of the access footpaths, which needed to be improved and made easier to pass through. It was agreed that those areas that are the landowner's responsibility would be addressed by contacting the landowner and requesting action.

5.5 Concerns were raised regarding the work undertaken on a drainage pipe running under the property on North Road and the impact that work may have on the capacity of that pipe to deal with drainage, assuming that its capacity had been reduced. It was agreed that this would be further investigated to confirm the action taken and the strategy behind it.

5.6 A parishioner also mentioned that the SAM2 did not appear to be working correctly. This may have been due to overhanging plant growth, which has now been cut back. The use and purpose were also questioned, and Cllr Nathan explained its use and how the Parish Council used the data collected. It was also mentioned that the speed signs from Hemsby into the village of Ormesby St Margaret needed to be clearer. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact NCC (Cllr Bensly) to discuss this matter and explore the possibility of additional signs.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The current balances on the Parish Bank Accounts and the payment list for this period were reviewed. The payment schedule is attached.

6.2 The Clerk requested that £4,000 be transferred from the deposit account to the current account to cover the payment run. Proposed by Cllr Grant and Seconded by Cllr Holley – Carried.

6.3 The Clerk, on behalf of Cllr Gingell, informed the Council of the quotes received for the work required at the Burial ground that had previously been agreed upon. The total cost for the works being £1,360. Proposed by Cllr Grant and Seconded by Cllr Wendt – Carried.



7. Planning

7.1 Barton Way Update – Cllr Nathan confirmed that the Parish Council had received no further communications regarding the project from GYBC Planning. Correspondence had been received by the Parish from parishioners confirming their objections to the project. These were read out to the meeting by the Clerk. The main concerns included infrastructure and the strain this would put on existing resources such as medical, education, and traffic safety. In addition, objections were raised regarding the impact on local wildlife and the fact that the Ecological Assessment had only consisted of one site visit in 2017. A comprehensive list of at-risk birds and concerns about the threat to environmental integrity were also submitted.

The Chair accepted an additional question from a member of the public who commented that with the liner being placed in the drainage pipe previously mentioned in item 5.5 of these minutes, there was a concern at the reduced capacity, particularly with an additional 55 properties being built. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Anglia Water to determine exactly what they had done and the impact and report back to the Council.

It was further commented that parishioners would like to see more detail being reported to GYBC Planning from the Parish Council for the planning website. The Chair commented that this would be looked at, and in addition, there was a plan to set up a dedicated planning committee that would be open to the public and would report to the full Council to ensure each application was reviewed in detail.

7.2 Proposed Change Of Use From A2 to A4 Tap Room – 06/24/0321/CU – The revisions made due to previous comments were found suitable, and no objections were raised.

7.3 Retrospective Application for two Brick Garden Walls, 6 Abels Court - 06/24/0227/HH – No objections raised.

7.4 Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area Felling of Trees, no replacement planting proposed – 06/24/0392/TCA - It was felt there were no grounds to question this action, and no objections were raised.

8. Open Spaces Advisory Committee

8.1 Cllr Shrimplin requested a second opinion regarding the sycamore tree on Ormesby Green that had been classed as dead, as there may have been some signs of growth.

8.2 Cllr Wendt informed the Council of the cost of planned works to notice boards, recreation ground bus shelter, pavilion and Memorial Green, which totals £2,700. Other works will be examined in more detail before further work is completed. Proposed by Cllr Grant and Seconded by Cllr Nathan – Carried.



9. Personnel Committee – RFO (Responsible Financial Officer) Role – Cllr Wendt, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, reported that the trial of the RFO and Clerk roles being merged had worked well. At a meeting on the 26th of June, the committee recommended this be made permanent with an equalisation of hourly rate and no change to hours. Proposed by Cllr Wendt and Seconded by Cllr Nathan – Passed.

10. Sea Defence Update – There has been additional communication since the last meeting.

The Chair has suggested that a short Council meeting on August 12th with a reduced agenda should be held to cover Planning and Financial matters. No objections were raised.

Annex 1 – Clerks Report

1. We have been contacted by a family whose parents lived in Ormesby and had sadly passed. They wanted to scatter the ashes at the green. They lived in Wapping for nearly 70 years. This decision only requires Guidance and permission from the landowner, all of which have been followed, and permission has been granted in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair.

2. The internal audit has been completed, and although there were a few issues to address, I am pleased to say that nothing was raised that we did not expect. All the issues raised for the previous financial year had already been rectified before the audit, a key point that the auditor acknowledged in her report.

3. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return has been completed and submitted to PKF Littlejohn within the allocated time.

4. NCC are proposing a 30mph speed limit order for a distance of 150m from the existing 20mph sign on decoy Road. This is being promoted on behalf of the developer as part of their new housing development.

5. I have received various communications regarding planning and, these have been read out at the meeting.

6. Complaints have been received regarding various hedges along Beach Road Scratby, close to the old site of Dabs & Crabs and also West Road Ormesby and along to Cromer



road to Manor Farm. Also in need of attention is the northern end of Barton way through to the community wood on both sides of the road.

8. Comments have also been made on the tree state in general; these are all being looked into.

9. Parking at the Designated spaces at the Service Station has also been mentioned again. The next step is to seek the landlord's approval to rearrange the parking to solve this ongoing problem. I am seeking contact information for the landlord to resolve this issue.

10. The New Memorial Bench for Scratby Cliffs has been installed, and the family have been informed.

Annex 2 – Public Attendance

A Leonard	S Smith	A PaineJ Barrett	J Totten
S Watson	N Smith	V PaineL Gillman	C Thurtle
R Watson	T Baker	P Myhill	
B Gillman	A Novak	L O'Mahony	



Annex 3 – Payment List

PC Income Expenditure June / July 2024			
Expenditure List			
Item	Payee	Amount	Method
Electricity	British Gas	£ 26.38	DD
Grass Cutting All Areas	Darren's Gardening	£ 900.00	Estimate
Grass Cutting Burial Ground	Darren's Gardening	£ 550.00	Estimate
Mobile Phone	EE	£ 20.71	DD
HMRC	Tax	£ 98.00	
HMRC	NI	£ 39.25	
Toiltes Scrabby / California	D&F Cleaning Services	£ 898.00	Inv
Parish Financial Software	Scribe	£ 66.00	Inv
Litter Pick	Rodney Scott	£ 36.00	Inv
Recreation Ground	Gary Westlake	£ 35.00	Inv
Bench	NBB Outdoors		Inv
Postage	AGAR	£ 3.80	Debit Card
BH Accounting Services	Internal Audit	£ 150.00	Inv
PAYE	Clerk / RFO	£ 1,401.38	PAYE
BaseCamp	Rainmakers Club	£ 15.00	Inv
Viking Direct	Offcie Supplies	£ 110.75	Debit Card
Total		£ 4,239.52	