



Ormesby St Margaret With Scratby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on March 10th 2025, at 1900, at The Village Centre, Ormesby.

In attendance: Councillors: K Wendt (Chair), G Freeman (V Chair), A Deeks, J Shrimplin and P Holley.

Absent: Cllr Grant

The Chair welcomed members of the Public and guests to the meeting and expressed the thanks of the Parish Council to John Gingell for his service to the Parish Council during his time sitting as a Parish Councillor.

1. Consider Apologies for Absence - Cllr Simone Calnon had passed on her apologies to the meeting.

2. Declarations of interests not previously disclosed - None.

3. Minutes of Previous meeting:

3.1 To approve the Council meeting minutes of the 10th of February 2025 - Proposed by Cllr Deeks, Seconded by Cllr Holley - **Carried**.

3.2 Matters arising not included on the agenda - None.

4. Parish Defibrillators & Catastrophic Bleed Packs - Heart 2 Heart attended the meeting to answer questions from Cllr Holley. Cllr Holley proposed that a monthly report should be submitted to the Council to confirm the status of the Parish Defibrillators. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Freeman and carried. Cllr Holley further proposed the addition of four Catastrophic Bleed Kits for the Parish. Cllr Freeman mentioned that the initial purchase would be funded through the Ward Cllr's budget. These proposals were seconded by Cllr Freeman - **Carried**.

The Chair moved to suspend the meeting to allow public participation. Cllr Shrimplin proposed the suspension and Cllr Deeks seconded - **Carried**.

5. Public Participation: Members of the public requested further information regarding parking close to the recreation ground. Cllr Freeman gave an update. Another member of the public requested an update on Jubilee Woods. Cllr Holley and Cllr Freeman provided the update. Cllr Freeman then briefed the meeting on Borough Council subjects of interest to the Parish.



The meeting was reconvened to continue with parish business.

6. Planning - 06/25/0059/HH 36 Beach Drive - No objection raised.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 A transfer of £3,000 was requested to cover payments for the remainder of March. Proposed by Cllr Shrimplin, seconded by Cllr Holley - **Carried**.

7.2 The budgets for financial year 2025/26 were submitted to the meeting for formal approval having been reviewed in detail in last month's meeting. Proposed by Cllr Shrimplin and Seconded Cllr Holley - **Carried**.

8. Parish Ranger - Cllr Deeks presented to the meeting the case for the recruitment of a member of staff to the Parish to act as a Parish Ranger. The full extent of regular tasks was highlighted as was the benefits to the Parish of such a progressive move. It was pointed out that many other Parish Councils have experienced success in implementing similar strategies. Cllr Holley expressed the opinion that the work that would be carried out by the staff member would be able to be completed by Councillors and Parishioners at no cost to the Parish. He also felt that such a person would take advantage of the Council and we would not be aware of what they were doing, further that recruitment would be a problem. Cllr Shrimplin added that it would be better to contract specialists where specialist work was required. Cllr Freeman felt that Ormesby St Margaret With Scratby Parish was too small to warrant the role. Cllr Deeks proposed that we trial the position on a temporary six-month contract. Cllr Wendt seconded the proposal - **Proposal Rejected**.

9. Village Hall Review - Cllr Wendt proposed that a working party be formed to review the operation of all three of our village halls with a view to modifications that were needed to process, procedure, compliance and best practice. Cllr Shrimplin, Deeks and Holley all volunteered to work on the project. Seconded by Cllr Deeks - **Carried**.

10. Burial Ground Update - This was not discussed.

11. Grit Bins - Location of new Grit Bins near Hillside Close, Station Road and Church View, which would be sundered via the County Council through Cllr Bensly, were proposed by Cllr Freeman and seconded by Cllr Holley - **Carried**.

PC Income Expenditure Feb / Mar 2025			
Expenditure List			
Item	Payee	Amount	Method
Electricity	British Gas	£ 45.04	DD
Mobile Phone	EE	£ 20.71	DD
HMRC	Tax	£ 110.00	BT
PAYE	Salaries	£ 1,489.00	BT
Basecamp	Rainmakers Club	£ 15.00	SO
Parish Software	Scribe	£ 66.00	SO
Scribe Burial Ground Software	Scribe	£ 31.20	DD
Instant Ink	HP	£ 31.49	DD
Scribe Annual Health Check	Scribe	£ 118.80	DD
Litter Pick & Hedges	Rodney Scott	£ 48.00	Inv
Total		£ 1,975.24	