

Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council

Minutes of Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 8th September 2025 at 7.00pm

All Saints Parish Hall, Beach Road, Scratby, NR29 3AJ.

Present:

Chair - Kathryn Wendt

Vice Chair - Geoff Freeman

Councillors - Peter Holley, Jim Shrimplin, Simone Calnon, Clive Ingram

Parish clerk - Sarah Hore

RFO - Louise Sutton

Public in attendance - 13

The meeting was opened by Chair Cllr Kathryn Wendt who welcomed attendees and on behalf of the parish council, thanked ex-councillor Andy Grant for his dedication and work whilst on the council; Steph Davies for her help and minute taking of June, July and August; Norfolk Wildlife Trust for their recent works on the Ormesby pond, also to Cllr Shrimplin for co-ordinating their visit; and to the councillors for their continued hard work.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Amanda Deeks

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Freeman declared he is a member of the development control planning team; Cllr Freeman, Cllr Calnon and Cllr Wendt all have expenses to be paid.

3. Previous Minutes

3.1 The 11th of August 2025 minutes, having been previously distributed, were confirmed as true, signed by Cllr Wendt, proposed by Cllr Calnon, seconded by Cllr Holley, all in favour.

3.2 No matters carried forward.

3.3 The re-signing of February, March and April 2025 minutes, which had not been filed in the parish council's minute folder.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Numerous emails on various days from two parishioners regarding accounting and workings of this parish council (in progress).

4.2 An email from the Hemsby Parish Clerk regarding a parishioner contacting them about a blue bin full of rubbish near Scratby Gabions (now with GYBC).

4.3 A message from Revd Jo Wood of Ormesby St Margaret Church, thanking the parish council for their donation of £250.00 for the free Wednesday Tea and Natter mornings.

4.4 A request from Ormesby Bowls Club with regards to the cutting back of hedging causing visual problems exiting the recreation ground (under quotation).

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4.5 An email from parishioners with regards to the possibility of a group of allotment holders managing a small plot to produce plants for the flower beds and planters of the parish (with the allotment committee).

5. **Financial Matters**

5.1 RFO Louise Sutton reported the expenditure, income, transfers and bank balances for approval. Cllr Freeman advised that the bank transfer is slightly higher than usual due to the loan payment for The Village Centre being scheduled for the beginning of October, therefore being due before the October meeting. All confirmed and signed by Cllr Ingram. Proposed by Cllr Calnon, seconded by Cllr Ingram. Approved.

5.2 Re AGAR 2024/2025 Accounts – Exercise of Public Rights: The engagement of Per Pro Services Ltd was approved up to the value of £1,000, to assist the parish council with multiple queries from two parishioners, this will come from the parish council's reserves. The chair advised parishioners that their finances are safe and secure, the parish council has the finances required for this year and for projects that will benefit the communities, which will be presented in the forthcoming months.

Cllr Holley advised parishioners, that although these costs are required because of the queries, lots of work has gone into saving the parish money, such as the volunteer work at the pit/duck pond and the clear up at Jubilee Woods, both of which will now be maintained ongoing by volunteers, to which parishioners are welcomed to get involved.

All the above was fully supported by all councillors, proposed by Cllr Holley, seconded by Cllr Shrimplin, all in favour, unanimously approved.

5.3 The approval of £13 a month payable to NALC for the processing of payroll. Cllr Calnon advised of the advantages of NALC's payroll services, providing a safe, secure and professional way forward. Proposed by Cllr Freeman, seconded by Cllr Ingram.

6. **Planning Applications**

06/25/0680/TCA – works to trees in a conservation area (T1 Fir- Fell).

06/25/0656/F – Ormesby Grange Tents & Touring, variation (extension requested).

06/24/0519/A – The Grange Hotel, retrospective signage (with GYBC).

06/24/0644/VCF – 74 Station Road, retrospective variation (with GYBC).

06/24/0891/TRE – 6 Abels Court, Planning Inspectorate Appeal.

No comments.

7. **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr Ingram advised that since the draft neighbourhood plan had been prepared, planning policies and local circumstances have moved on, therefore a new draft needs to be reviewed and updated. The updates required are to fit with the national rules and the borough council's local plan which have changed and are currently at examination stage. To ensure the plan is approved and stays relevant, it needs to be future proofed against the borough council's emerging local plan. Main areas to be updated are housing sites, new sites, new design guide, affordable housing, local services and facilities, coastal erosion and connection between villages. This is in process.

No comments except a thank you to Cllr Ingram for his work on this from the chair.

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8. Open Spaces

The next full report will be at the October meeting due to more quotations being in progress.

The chair suspended the meeting at 7.32pm to allow the members of the public to have an opportunity to address the parish council.

Proposed by Cllr Ingram, seconded by Cllr Holley, agreed by all.

9. Public Participation

9.1 The following points were raised by parishioners:

- Is the internal auditor being engaged indefinitely or just for these specific queries from the two parishioners? The chair confirmed that it is for these specific queries relating to the previous tax year, so that they can be settled and signed off.
- Why are the financial queries still outstanding? (this has been addressed with the engagement of Per Pro Services).
- Can the council confirm the payment lists have been signed as well as the previous minutes? The chair confirmed they have.
- When did the building site on the conge turn into a building site for building properties opposed to the storey site? Cllr Freeman advised that it is in his report.
- Upon exercising their rights to look at the financials, a parishioner asked what the committees (finance, general purpose & personnel) are doing to ensure new employees are doing their job properly. The chair assured the parishioner that the council are making positive changes and improvements. Cllr Calnon advised that going forward, performance reviews will be in place.

9.2 Report from Cllr Freeman:

Cllr Freeman advised in response to the conge query, that it is part of the North Quay redevelopment, the plans have been passed for building on the conge, replacing what was there with 3-4 storey buildings and a much better gateway into town from the station. The member's briefing is in October, and a contractor has been appointed.

Cllr Freeman has been working with James Bensley and the highway officers to clear a lot of outstanding issues and concerns.

Thoroughfare Lane – Cllr Freeman identified and reported 38 potholes and roadside areas that needed attention, these have now been filled. This is only a C class road but gets heavy farm and local traffic.

Potholes at the entrance of Premier Stores, The Estate and the Hall have been marked for attention and are now waiting for the whole of that road area to be resurfaced, along with the footway.

The junction of the Coast Road and Beach Road, Scratby has been left unsurfaced, these areas are going to be completely resurfaced rather than just the current stone dressing.

The lay-by near the church on Yarmouth Road and the Footway West Road have both been marked up and repairs started.

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North Road outside the Spar Stores potholes have been marked up and temporarily repaired, due to a complete section of North Road near the shop being repaired.

Church View damaged kerbs have been repaired.

Opposite Church View is Hillside Close - residents have asked for a grit bin at this junction, due to the steepness, hopefully highway will agree to this, and be funded by James Bensley budget.

Denbury Homes Development, off Foster Close, Ormesby - construction is well under way with a haul road, no construction traffic goes into Symonds Avenue and as per the last planning condition, once construction is finished, the haul road will be reverted back to farmland, to be left as found including the hedging.

Hopefully the same with the Barton Way development.

Badger Homes development, Scratby Road - unfortunately there have been problems with dust blowing from the site onto adjacent properties, the developer is now damping down the site several times a day during the very dry weather.

Rottenstone Lane junction with California Road – a concern to both council and residents. A possible solution would be a change of priority which would need a road traffic variation order and the cost is prohibitive, Cllr Freeman has requested a meeting with the director of transport and planning/highways to get this resolved.

Overgrown hedge at Woodlands Close, Scratby complaint – this is owned by the developer of the site and has been passed to NCC

Road drains at the pit/duck pond Ormesby - blocked drain and pipe at Wapping has been passed to James Bensley/NCC and is in process.

Planning items:

TPO Tree on Decoy Road Ormesby - reduce to 9 meters, remove spreading limbs.

TPO Tree North Road Ormesby - Fell

Variation Order Minor item Beechcroft Station Road Ormesby

Application for change of use - Grange/Smokehouse

Fly posting - during the summer numerous signs appear including charity events, the council needs to pass a policy to prevent confusion. Advice required from NCC.

Report from Cllr Bensley:

Nothing specific to the Ormesby area.

NCC have launched a survey for their 19 recycling centres, this survey is a chance for residents to share their experiences, suggest improvements, and help shape the future of the service. It is open until Wednesday 17 September and takes just a few minutes to complete: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/RecyclingCentreSurvey2025/>
NCC proposes to make a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order affecting the C447 Filby Lane from 150m southwest of its junction with A149 Main Road for 50m south westwards, to facilitate water meter works by Essex & Suffolk Water. The road will be temporarily closed from the 8th to 12th September but may continue until 24th October if required.

The chair reconvened and closed the meeting at 8.05pm

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Date of next meeting:

Monday 13th October 2025 at 7pm at The Village Centre, Station Road, Ormesby St Margaret, NR29 3PU.

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