

Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council

MINUTES

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Monday 12th January 2026 at 19:00

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

Present:

Chair - Kathryn Wendt

Councillors – Geoff Freeman, Clive Ingram, Jim Shrimplin, Peter Holley

Parish clerk - Sarah Hore

Public in attendance - 9

The meeting was opened by Chair Cllr Kathryn Wendt at 19.00, who welcomed attendees and councillors and thanked Louise Sutton for all of her work over the past few months, following her resignation.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Amanda Deeks

Cllr Simone Calnon

2. Declarations of Interest

No comments.

3. Previous Minutes

3.1 The minutes of 10th November 2025 and 8th December 2025, having been previously distributed, were confirmed as correct, agreed by all and signed by Cllr Wendt.

3.2 Matters arising not on the agenda: Hedge cutting at Recreation Ground has now been completed, Beach Road bench repairs will commence once weather permits, same with the flagpole and the two new noticeboards have been purchased and are ready to be installed.

4. Correspondence

4.1 An email query regarding the ownership of the Esplanade land, and as such who is responsible for the broken signage (private/dog mess/no vehicles).

4.2 Concerns from a parishioner regarding the 31 Whitby Road application for the proposed permanent siting of a twin unit caravan/mobile home.

4.3 A request for an allotment plot.

4.4 A request for a burial plot reservation.

4.5 A couple of queries re gritting (update due from Cllr Freeman).

5 Personnel (item 6 on agenda KW brought forward) - To acknowledge the decision of the EGM with regards to the clerk/RFO and to let parishioners know that Sarah Hore has been appointed as RFO along with existing parish clerk position following Louise Sutton's resignation.

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6 Financial Matters (item 5 on the agenda KW moved back)

- 6.1 Bank Accounts – the approval of income and expenditure, transfers and bank balances, checked by Cllr Freeman, all in favour and agreed.
- 6.2 Budget – to ratify the recommendation of the F&GP for 2026/27. Proposal to adopt the budget, proposed by Cllr Shrimplin, seconded by Cllr Freeman, agreed by all.
- 6.3 Precept – to ratify the recommendation of the F&GP for 2026/27. Proposal to adopt the precept, proposed by Cllr Holley, seconded by Cllr Shrimplin, all agreed.
- 6.4 Hard copies of the above to be signed by the chair and clerk, all signed.
- 6.5 To acknowledge the decision of the EGM with regards to the F&GP committee, Cllr Deeks, Cllr Freeman and Cllr Wendt were voted to be on the committee and the revised Financial Regulations were passed at the F&GP and will go to full council at the February 2025 meeting.

7 Planning Applications

- 7.1 **06/25/1036/PU** – Application for the use of a residential garden for the proposed siting of a twin-unit caravan/mobile home for residential use. 31 Whitby Road (extension requested and agreed).
Full objection to application, by all.
- 7.2 **06/25/1037/VCF** – Variation of conditions, Dairy Farm, 37 Yarmouth Road (extension requested and agreed). No comments or objections.
- 7.3 **06/25/0998/F** – Erection of a summerhouse, The Laurels, 14 Filby Lane (extension requested and agreed). No comments or objections.
- 7.4 **Proposed Base Station Upgrade at Buxted Chicken Ltd, Mill Lane** (removal of 6 existing antennas and installation of 3 new).

8 SAM2 Speed Camera Report:

Analysis from Beach Road Scratby Bus Stop location between 31st October 2025 and 18th December 2025:

39455 cars in total

3295 cars at 35mph

370 cars at 40mph

59 cars at 45mph

8 cars at 50mph

1 car at 55mph

9 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The plan is back in review, with a deadline of 18th January for final comments to go back to the consultant, hopefully for approval at the February meeting.

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10 Open Spaces Update

The successful steel door contactor has been engaged, with a hopeful start by the end of January.

Items in progress are water meter installation at the recreational ground, electrical work in the pavilion, plus a swing gate within the recreational ground car park.

11 Coastal Erosion Update from Robert Stephenson of SCEG

Since last month we have suffered some very serious coastal erosion. Many more of the gabion cages have been destroyed and washed away and a lot of what remains is in a dangerous state. At the north end of the gabions most of the top two layers have been destroyed and washed away. There has been a loss of sand dunes of between 25-35 feet from behind the gabions. There has been the first collapse of gabions to the south side of the egress point at the junction of California Avenue and The Esplanade.

We are waiting to hear from the Borough Council with a copy of their engineers report on the situation. The leader of the Borough Council has committed to holding a public meeting for all residents of Scratby before the Council remove any of the remaining gabions.

Cllr Wendt advised that a meeting is still to be arranged for Scratby. Also to acknowledge the vast amount of rubbish that has washed up on the beach, Cllr Freeman advised that once GYBC has finished with the demolition works, they will commence with the clean-up works.

12 Road Gritting and Grit Bins Update

Cllr Wendt advised that both bus companies have been contacted with regards to backing the parish council on the road gritting request.

Cllr Freeman advised that he has contacted the head of NCC re the refusal to grit the village bus route roads, an official request has been sent through Cllr James Bensly.

A new grit bin has been sited on Station Road, Ormesby St Margaret, opposite Hillside Close, plus an updated location list of all grit bins is required.

The chair suspended the meeting at 19.44 to allow the members of the public to have an opportunity to address the parish council.

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

13 Public Participation 19.44 to 20.02

The chair received a number of questions which were dealt with during the meeting.

Cllr Freeman Parish Updates:

- Housing have been chased re empty property numbers and are looking into it.
- 106 monies to CIL payments, the director of planning advised once passed (mid-summer?) they will be able to advise further.

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- PWLB 1) The Village Centre's loan is £55k interest only at 4.85%, the capital is already in the bank earning interest, paid twice yearly at £13,075, due to finish 06/10/2028. 2) All Saint's Village Hall loan was £650k fixed capital and interest, paid twice yearly at £18,650.

Cllr Freeman Borough Updates:

Winter Gardens is going well, in partnership with the Eden Project and now working on a program with the Greenwich Museum to use part of the Winter Gardens.

Following on from the latest snow and ice, an updated resilience plan is required.

Report from Cllr Bensly (received by email)

Nothing specific to Ormesby St Margaret, Scratby or California, just county and national updates as seen on the Norfolk County Council website.

The chair reconvened and closed the meeting at 20.22

Date of next meeting:

Monday 9th February 2026 19:15 at The Village Centre, Station Road, Ormesby St Margaret, NR29 3PU.

Minutes taken by Sarah Hore: clerk@ormesbyscratby-pc.gov.uk

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