

Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council Meeting
MINUTES
Monday 27th April 2026 at 19.15
The Village Centre, Station Road, Ormesby St Margaret, NR29 3PU.

Present:

Cllr Wendt (Chair), Cllr Freeman (Vice Chair), Cllr Ingram, Cllr Deeks, Cllr Shrimplin and the parish clerk. 8 public in attendance, including Cllr Bensly and Cllr Boyd.

The meeting was opened by the Chair Cllr Wendt at 19.16, who welcomed attendees and councillors and apologised for having to reschedule the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. The chair also thanked ex Cllr Holley for all of his hard work over the years, following his resignation.

1. Apologies for Absence

None.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Wendt and Cllr Deeks finance (expenses/invoice on the payment list), Cllr Freeman planning.

3. Reconsideration of decisions made at the meetings of the 9th February 2026 and 9th March 2026, due to the meetings being inquorate

09.02.26 agenda items – 4.1, 6.1, 6.2, 7.1-7.5, 8.2-8.7, 10.2 & 12.

09.03.26 agenda items – 4.1, 6.1-6.3, 6.5, 7 & 8.1-8.8.

No comments, all agreed and approved.

Cllr Shrimplin requested that the pollarding of the lime trees under planning application 06/26/0122/TCA on the March 2026 agenda, be postponed until later in the year now, due to the birds nesting and sap rising – the clerk to contact GY Services.

(Chair Cllr Wendt changed order of agenda items)

4. Public Participation - moved to the end of the agenda

5. Previous Minutes

5.1 The minutes of 9th March 2026, having been previously distributed, were confirmed as true and correct, agreed by all and signed by Cllr Wendt.

5.2 The EGM minutes of 8th January 2026, having been previously distributed, were confirmed as true and correct, agreed by all and signed by Cllr Wendt.

5.3 The F&GP minutes of 8th January 2026, having been previously distributed, were confirmed as true and correct, agreed by all and signed by F&GP Chair Cllr Freeman.

6. Correspondence

- 6.1 Several emails requesting signage for the duck pond, with regards to speeding and duck safety. All emails were forwarded to Cllr Bensly who advised Norfolk CC Highways that he was happy to support and fund this. No update received as yet.
- 6.2 Jayne Biggs of Heart to Heart has reported that all defibrillators and cabinets have been checked and cleaned inside and out on a monthly basis, with a deep clean in March. The defib at the Post Office/Garden Centre was activated twice in both Jan & Feb, and 3 times in March, the one at Scratby Green Toilets was activated twice in Feb, and the Pavilion/Recreational Ground 3 times in March.
- 6.3 A couple of requests for allotment plots.
- 6.4 An enquiry regarding a plaque and bench request at Scratby Green.

7. Financial Matters

- 7.1 To receive and note bank balances as of 31.03.26, checked by Cllr Ingram.
- 7.2 To approve payments and note income, checked and signed by Cllr Ingram, all in agreement.
- 7.3 To approve the transfer of funds from account ending 2399 to account 1387 for £8,000 to cover payments, checked and signed by Cllr Ingram, all agreed.
- 7.4 To consider the approval of continued contracted hours for the clerk, at 30 per week, for the months of May, June and July 2026, to enable continued progress on the outstanding backlog of work, plus year end, to be reviewed in August 2026 – proposed by Cllr Freeman, seconded by Cllr Ingram, all in agreement.
- 7.5 To restate Assertion 10 Section 2 2024/25 AGAR re PWLB – signed by Cllr Wendt and Cllr Freeman. Cllr Deeks to return to external auditor.

8. Planning Applications – to consider and comment upon the following planning applications, having been previously distributed

- 8.1 **06/26/0160/HH** No comments or objections.
- 8.2 **06/26/0177/TRE** No comments or objections.
- 8.3 **06/26/0188/HH** No comments or objections.

9. Councillor Vacancies - moved down the agenda

10. Parking issues around the First & Last, Yarmouth Road - moved down the agenda

11. Various Highways issues within the parish - moved down the agenda

12. Allotment Update - moved down the agenda

13. Neighbourhood Plan Update – moved down the agenda

14. Open Spaces

- 14.1 To consider gates within the Recreational Ground car park – for or against. To combat antisocial behaviour and fly tipping - all in agreement to defer for 6 months and review in Oct 2026.

- 14.2 To consider additional fencing/barrier at Scratby Green for safety reasons, due to the existing barrier having loose footing on the cliff edge.
Quote received from Waveney Fencing for 1.2 mtr high V-Mex welded mesh fencing in green for £2,440.00 plus vat – proposed by Cllr Ingram, seconded by Cllr Wendt, all in agreement.

15. To agree and confirm the next meeting dates, all at All Saints Parish Hall

- 15.1 Annual Parish Council Meeting – Monday 11th May 2026 at 19.00
15.2 Full Parish Council Meeting – Monday 11th May 2026 following the above.
15.3 Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 18th May 2026 at 19.00
All agreed.

9. Councillor Vacancies

Two vacancies open due to resignations, one for Ormesby St Margaret and one for Scratby, as yet no elections called.

10. Parking issues around the First & Last, Yarmouth Road

Several issues due to parking on the main road by overflow Grange customers, despite there being a planning condition re increasing their car parking numbers, it's not been implemented or followed up.

Cllr Freeman contacted Nick Fountain head of planning, re this and 4 other retrospective applications going back to 2022 and would like the parish council to write to planning to request that The Grange comply with these applications and that they are enforced. All agreed.

11. Various Highways issues within the Parish

Speeding on Scratby Road coming from Hemsby plus parking issues outside the petrol station/parcel lockers in Ormesby St Margaret, opposite the war memorial, due to parked cars overhanging the road, causing safety issues to pedestrians – Cllr Freeman would like the parish county to write to NCC. All agreed.

Cllr Wendt advised that ex Cllr Reinhard Wendt can no longer look after the SAM2 speed camera, therefore asked for volunteers to take it over and be trained up.

12. Allotment Update

Two plots are overgrown and as such, the allotment committee request the clerk write to the plot holders.

Due to the allotment notice board getting damaged in bad weather, the allotment committee request to purchase a new one.

Speeding issues outside of the allotment entrance, making it unsafe when leaving, therefore the allotment committee request signage to make road users aware that there is a concealed entrance.

Lastly, the allotment committee request to co-opt two more allotment holders onto the committee.

All in agreement with above requests.

13. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Ingram advised that there are a few weeks left of the consultation period, then once finished there will be a review of comments.

The chair suspended the meeting at 20.04 to allow the members of the public to have an opportunity to address the parish council. Agreed by all.

4. Public Participation

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

4.2 Cllr Bensly reported that the duck pond signs have been approved and that NCC have confirmed that they are on the works list to be implemented as soon as possible. A request has been submitted for Scratby to be put on the gritting route. Highways have been contacted to investigate the various issues on Station Road, such as damages from the development vehicles plus parking from football matches – requests have been submitted for kerbs to be installed along one side of Station Road, plus a more structured plan for parking on match days. Hemsby Parish Council were invited to a meeting on 11th March with MP Rupert Lowe regarding coastal erosion – Cllr Wendt confirmed that this parish council nor SCEG were invited or had even heard about it. Cllr Bensly thanked Hemsby Lifeboat for clearing some of the beach debris.

It was noted by councillors and public that the acoustics were noticeably bad tonight, solutions to be looked at.

The chair reconvened and closed the meeting at 20.35

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

Signed:

Dated: