

Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council

MINUTES

Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council Meeting

Monday 10th November 2025 at 19:00

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

Present:

Chair - Kathryn Wendt

Vice Chair - Geoff Freeman

Councillors – Clive Ingram, Amanda Deeks, Jim Shrimplin

Parish clerk - Sarah Hore

RFO - Louise Sutton

Public in attendance - 5

The meeting was opened by Chair Cllr Kathryn Wendt at 19.00 who welcomed attendees and councillors (Cllr Bensly's absence was noted).

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Peter Holley

Cllr Simone Calnon

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Freeman advised he had expenses to be paid, which were on the payment list.

3. Previous Minutes

3.1 The 13th of October 2025 minutes, having been previously distributed, were confirmed as true, signed by Cllr Wendt, proposed by Cllr Ingram, seconded by Cllr Freeman, approved.

3.2 Matters arising not on the agenda:

Cllr Freeman advised that contractor Darren Boden has now been instructed to cut the Recreational Ground hedging.

Also, that the flagpole has been cleaned and checked and should be back in place in the next week or so.

4. Correspondence

4.1 A few more emails regarding mole hills - mole catching is currently in progress, at the Burial Ground, Ormesby Village Green and the Recreational Ground.

4.2 A couple of phone calls/email with regards to rats, most of which are in private gardens, advice has been given on how to deter rats before they become an issue, beyond this, the services of a pest controller may be required by the resident.

4.3 A request has been received for signage at the top of the Scratby Slope, to ask people to keep dogs on leads whilst on the slope for safety reasons. Whilst the parish council understands these concerns, sadly this something that cannot be policed.

4.4 In response to his absence being noted by parishioners, Cllr James Bensly advised that he always tries to attend meetings when possible, but it is a challenge with

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the other 5 parishes, being heavily involved with tourism and with his other role at GYBC. He assures parishioners that he is always happy to help, should they wish to contact him.

- 4.5 Norfolk Trading Standards Service have issued a notice that there is a confirmed case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) in the Ormesby St Margaret area. If anyone has poultry or other birds at their premises, they must adhere to the conditions and movement restrictions within the protection zone. Further information can be found on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bird-flu-avian-influenza-latest-situation-in-england>

5 Financial Matters

- 5.1 Bank Accounts – the approval of income and expenditure, transfers and bank balances, checked and approved by Cllr Deeks, seconded by Cllr Ingram.
RFO Louise Sutton also advised that the allotment and beach hut rent invoices have now been issued, queries and bank reconciliations were up to date, and that in December there will be a proposal for future investment of funds.
Also, the transfer of funds between the two Lloyds bank accounts ending 2399 & 1387, all agreed and approved.
- 5.2 To approve an additional 14 hours for the RFO's extra work during the month of October 2025, all agreed and approved.
- 5.3 To approve up to an additional 15 hours for the RFO during the months of November and December 2025, all agreed and approved.

6 To approve the ordering of the village Christmas trees

Cllr Freeman advised that the two Christmas trees will cost approximately £200 in total. All agreed and approved.

7 To approve the purchase of a grit bin for the junction of Hillside Close and Station Road

At a cost of £125.43 plus vat, which Cllr Bensly advised he will reimburse in full – all agreed and approved.

8 To approve various policies, having been previously distributed to all councillors

- 8.1 Annual Leave Policy
 - 8.2 Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy
 - 8.3 Compassionate Leave Policy
 - 8.4 Data Protection Policy
 - 8.5 Disciplinary Policy
 - 8.6 Emergency/Dependants Leave Policy
 - 8.7 Equality and Diversity Policy
 - 8.8 Grievance Policy
 - 8.9 Home and Lone Working Policy
 - 8.10 Standing Orders Revised 2025
- No comments received – all agreed and approved.

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9 Planning Applications

9.1 **06/25/0852/TCA** – Works to trees in a conservation area, removal, crown and fell of various species at Great Ormesby Hall, 2A Yarmouth Road.

Cllr Freeman and Cllr Shrimplin requested more detailed information, and therefore an extension required.

9.2 **06/25/0887/LB** - Retention of signage, The Grange Hotel, Yarmouth Road.

No objections.

9.3 **TPO No. 9 of 2025** – Land to the rear of 16 North Road, Ormesby St Margaret.

No objections.

10 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Ingram advised that an updated plan had been received, comments and corrections had been made, and that a meeting was scheduled for 11th November to discuss advertising the neighbourhood plan, possible consultations, plus timelines.

11 Open Spaces

Cllr Ingram advised that although 4 quotes have been received for the installation of steel doors at the pavilion, more enquiries are required before proceeding and should hopefully be on the December agenda.

12 Coastal Erosion

Cllr Wendt advised that a call had been received from Giles Bloomfield stating some of the gabions and cages were now dangerous due to the stones becoming loose and cages being empty. Action and timeline were as yet unknown, but an inspection is due soon.

The Hemsby Stakeholder Group is hosting a meeting (Coastal Erosion & Adaption), for residents, homeowners and businesses, held at Hemsby Village Hall on 24th November 2025 at 18:00, as advertised.

The chair suspended the meeting at 19.33 to allow the members of the public to have an opportunity to address the parish council.

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

13 Public Participation

Cllr Wendt advised, that under the updated Standing Orders Policy the public participation time had now been increased from 10 to 15 minutes.

The following points were raised by parishioners:

- Was there still going to be an additional notice board located at the Beach Road bus shelter – yes, two new notice boards are being sourced for both Scratby and Ormesby St Margaret bus shelters.

- The grit bin is still sitting behind the bus shelter following the roadworks – this will be moved and Cllr Freeman advised that Norfolk County Council will refill all salt bins.

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- When are the benches being levelled from sinkage at the junction of Beach Drive and Beach Road – a contractor has ready been instructed to assess and advise of remedial works.
- A parishioner advised that they do not believe that the grit bins were refilled by Norfolk County Council last year – this will be queried with NCC.
- A request that Scratby roads (Beach Road, Rottenstone Lane & California Road) be put back on the gritting list, as they have not been for the past 5 or 6 years, even though it is a bus route – this will be requested.
- A request for April and May payment lists be published on the website – acknowledged by RFO.
- A request for the parish council pass on the resident's congratulations on the Freedom of the Borough.
- The purchase of the RFO's new laptop, on the October 2025 payment list was queried - Cllr Freeman advised that the existing one was taken to CSS Cloud, who advised a replacement was required due to it not working to a good standard.
- What happened to the old original Ormesby sign when it was replaced many years ago - due to the historic nature, sadly it cannot be confirmed, but it is believed that the person who installed the new sign was allowed to keep the old one.
- What is happening with California toilets – they are now closed, it would appear GYBC put incorrect signs up, which they advised they would take back down.
- When is they next F&GP meeting - proposed for 1st December 2025, to be confirmed with councillors.
- An update request on the public works loans – Cllr Freeman advised the RFO details have been updated, it is under control and ready for annual statements at end of year.

Report from Cllr Freeman

- North Quay Project is finally ready to start work, the first phase is approved.
- Winter Garden Project is progressing and pre work is underway.
- Time and Tide won an award from the Broads Society for their youth engagement work.
- Grass cutting season is coming to an end, street cleaning is improving.
- The Freedom of the Borough was awarded to four organisations - Cecil Page, Hugh Sturzaker, Jayne Biggs, and the Great Yarmouth Samaritans.
- Speeding along Scratby Road is still needing urgent attention, a meeting with NCC is required with a suggestion of a speed responsive sign.
- Brief recap and update of various roadworks.
- The Smokehouse have been told they need to increase their parking from 60 to 90 spaces, within the next 90 days.
- Following on from recent burst water pipes and power outages, a resilience plan needs to be looked at in the new year.
- Donations from the £2,000 ward budget have been given to W.I., Camera Club, bleed blankets, The Young Peoples Gym and the Bowls Club.

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.

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The chair reconvened and closed the meeting at 20.18

Date of next meeting:

Monday 8th December 2025 at 19:00 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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