

WIGGENHALL ST GERMAN'S PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

**HELD ON MONDAY 27th JULY 2026 at 7.30PM,
CONVENED IN THE MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL.**

Present:

Parish Councillors: David Rust (Chair), Scilla Ash, David Harrison, Julie Massen, Paul Bridges, Ben Taylor-Wright, David Johnson, Tony Park, Scott Wiggins (from item 81/26) and Robert Ward.

Parish Clerk: Neil Watson.

Borough & County Councillors: Olivia Morris, Norfolk County Council

Apologies: None

Public: 4 (3 from item 81/26)

Introduction: Cllr Rust welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

80/26 Opening address and to receive apologies.

There were no apologies, all Councillors present and the meeting was quorate.

81/26 Consider and resolve on the Co-Option of Mr Scott Wiggins to the vacancy of Councillor

Mr Wiggins was present and was invited to make a short presentation to the meeting. Mr Wiggins left the meeting briefly and after discussion was co-opted to the vacant Councillor position by acclaim. Proposed Cllr Massen seconded Cllr Bridges.

82/26 To make declarations of interest for items in the agenda with any requests for dispensation.

Cllr Park noted that he knew the contractor who has quoted in respect of item 92/26b

83/26 To hear reports from visiting Officers.

Cllr Olivia Morris, Norfolk County Council, was welcomed to her first meeting of the Parish Council. Olivia has a deep interest in water safety in her division and is leading a project to install water safety equipment at 30 locations along the riverbank.

Olivia is very supportive of Fenland Water Ski Club and their desire to continue to serve the community at their club site and is working hard to achieve that.

The junction of Lynn/School/Fitton Roads continues to pose road safety issues and Olivia offered to escalate the matter with Highways department. The Chair will email Olivia with full details and history of the issue.

The problems with overgrown hedges and brambles along many of our roads was also mentioned and Olivia will also raise that with Highways.

Large roundels on the road surface have been promised by Highways; Olivia will check when they might be installed.

84/26 To hear from the public.

A member of the public reiterated the road safety issues at the Lynn/School/Fitton Roads junction.

Two representatives from Fenland Water Ski club attended. The paddleboard open day on the previous day had been a great success. The Club intends to try new and varied activities to widen the appeal of and attendance at the Club, to demonstrate unequivocally the value of the facility to the community. Negotiations continue with the Environment Agency with the full support of our MP, County and Borough Councillors and the Parish Council for their continued operation.

85/26 To approve minutes from the meeting held on 22nd June 2026.

Proposed Cllr Ward, seconded Cllr Johnson, the minutes were accepted by acclaim and signed by the Chair as a true record.

86/26 **Finance:**

- a. To note and approve payments.

Proposed Cllr Park, seconded Cllr Johnson, the payments list was approved by acclaim.

- b. To reconcile accounts.

The bank reconciliation has been checked by the Chair and was signed as a true record.

- c. Review and resolve on reintroduction of Scribe Software

The Clerk has requested that Councillors agree to resume the use of Scribe software to record the financial transactions. Scribe agreed to let the Clerk have the program files on a trust basis to input the data back to 1st April, so that it could be presented to the meeting in the new format.

After discussion it was proposed Cllr Ash, seconded Cllr Massen, all in favour. The monthly subscription of £33 was agreed.

87/26 **Planning.**

- a. 25/02010/CU 159 Fitton Road, Wiggshall St Germans

This application was being considered by the Borough Planning Committee on the morning of the meeting [n.b. no decision was made by planning committee, the matter was deferred to the next meeting].

- b. Late applications to be considered.

[None]

- c. Decisions notified by Borough since last meeting:

[None]

- d. To receive an update and develop the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plans (PIIP).

The Clerk will circulate full details of the aim and process to Councillors for consideration at the September meeting

88/26 Clerk & Cllrs new reports and updates on actions from previous meetings:

- a. Update on the proposal to install and service a litter bin at the Sluice Rd.

The bin has been installed, the Clerk is arranging service by Veolia

- b. Meeting with Fenland Water Ski Club

The Parish Council continues to support the Club and is working with others (see item 83/26 above).

- c. St Germans Bridge – use by motorcycles and horses

New signs have been erected on the bridge to guide users.

- d. St Mary's Bridge – parking

There are instances of multiple vehicles being parked around the bridge, causing traffic congestion and road safety issues. The previous parking area is now in use by others. Cllr Harrison will approach the Middle Level Commissioners to seek a solution.

- e. Official opening of Wiggshall Woods and the Friends Group

The official opening was a pleasant occasion and well attended. Efforts continue to get the Friends group off the ground.

89/26 Traffic, Highways and PRow matters:

- a. To receive SAM2 report.

Councillor Bridges presented two monthly reports. The Saddlebow location in June 2026 was generally compliant. The Fitton Road location in July 2026 is much less satisfactory, showing consistent worsening trend in compliance with the speed limit. The situation has been raised with PC Lorraine; Cllr Bridges will be passing the statistics to all parties to request enforcement and some kind of permanent mitigation. The increased speeding should be read in conjunction with items 83/26 and 84/26.

- b. White Gates update.

The project is ongoing

- c. 30mph roundels on road surface

See item 83/26

90/26 Surrey St Bus Shelter refurbishment update.

The school children have prepared a design for the mural; the work will commence in the new school year.

91/26 Leonard Towler Playing Field/Pavilion:

- a. LTPF shower tile repairs

Cllr Harrison introduced a quotation from J&S Home improvements who appear to have understood the issue well and offered an efficient solution at a reasonable rate. One more quotation is needed for comparison then the Chair & Clerk will use delegated authority to move forward with these urgent, health and safety related works.

- b. Sewer Pipe repair

Further quotations awaited.

92/26 **Play Park**

- a. Mole control report.

No further activity

- b. Update on the Play Park maintenance work.

Ongoing maintenance is up to date

- c. Replacement wooden steps

A quotation from Gary Smith was accepted by acclaim

- d. To consider reports of vandalism and ASB at the play park.

The issues have quietened down at present

93/26 **Correspondence requiring further consideration.**

- a. Request for additional dog waste bins on Hastings Road and the riverbank

The riverbank location poses difficulty with emptying; the Clerk will seek prices for one additional bin before the next meeting.

94/26 **Items for the agenda for the next meeting – Tuesday 29th September 2026**

**Wiggenhall Wombles – new equipment
Middle Level field overgrown
Parish Council Facebook page
Parish Magazine**

95/26 **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 29th September

96/26 **Meeting closed at 8.45pm**

Neil Watson

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Wiggenhall St Germans Parish Council

20th July 2026

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5 July 2026 (2026 - 2027)

Wiggenhall St Germans Parish Council - TRIAL

Prepared by: Neil Watson, Clerk Date: 30.6.2026
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: [Signature] Date: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Bank Reconciliation at 30/06/2026			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2026		28,543.83
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026		17,269.99
			45,813.82
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2026 - 30/06/2026		10,301.48
A	Cash in Hand 30/06/2026 (per Cash Book)		35,512.34
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Barclays BPA 30/06/2026	34,543.93	
	Barclays Bank Current Account 30/06/2026	968.41	
			35,512.34
	Less unrepresented payments		
			35,512.34
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		35,512.34
	A = B Checks out OK		



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Sort Code 20-46-65

Account No 80533858

SWIFTBIC BUKGB22

IBAN GB86 BUKB 2046 6580 5338 58

Issued on 01 July 2026

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Your Business Premium Account

At a glance

30 May - 30 Jun 2026

Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
30 May	Start Balance			35,095.98
8 Jun	% Interest Earned Gross For The Period 2 Mar - 7 Jun		95.30	35,191.28
19 Jun	Giro to 70957968 Automatic	630.52		34,560.76
23 Jun	to Account 70957968 at 20-46-65 Internet Banking	1,000.00		33,560.76
	Giro From 70957968 Automatic		983.17	34,543.93
30 Jun	Balance carried forward			34,543.93
	Total Payments/Receipts	1,630.52	1,078.47	

Start balance	£35,095.98
Money out	£1,630.52
Money in	£1,078.47
► Gross interest earned	£95.30
End balance	£34,543.93

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by the Financial Services
Compensation Scheme.

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Sort Code 20-46-65
Account No 70957968

SWIFTBIC BUKBGB22
IBAN GB78 BUKB 2046 6570 9579 68

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Your Community Account

At a glance

Date	Description	Money out £	Money in £	Balance £
30 May	Start Balance			1,000.00
10 Jun	DD Direct Debit to Scottishpower Ref: 16155220350	42.00		958.00
19 Jun	On-Line Banking Bill Payment to Neil Watson Ref: Wsg PC Salary	588.52		369.48
	Giro Transfer From Account 80533858		630.52	1,000.00
23 Jun	DD Direct Debit to EE Limited Ref: Q23882401733467012	16.83		983.17
	Giro Transfer to Account 80533858	983.17		0.00
	Internet Banking Transfer From Account 80533858 at 20-46-65		1,000.00	1,000.00
24 Jun	DD Direct Debit to Tamar Telecom Ref: 1033066	7.49		992.51
29 Jun	DD Direct Debit to Veolia ES UK Ltd Ref: 00018130	24.10		968.41
30 Jun	Balance carried forward			968.41
	Total Payments/Receipts	1,662.11	1,630.52	

30 May - 30 Jun 2026

Start balance	£1,000.00
Money out	£1,662.11
► Commission charges	£0.00
Money in	£1,630.52
► Gross interest earned	£0.00
End balance	£968.41

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