

Wormegay Parish Council - Meeting Minutes

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The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 25th Sep 2018 in Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: *Chair:* Gwen Reddington, *Councillors:* Kevan Reddington, Mike Johnson, Jonathan Pearce, Peter Sneesby. *Borough Councillor* Mike Howland. *Clerk:* Julian Snape. Also present were 8 parishioners.

1. Apology for Absence

None

2. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

3. Minutes of Meeting Held on 24th Jul 2018 to be Approved and Signed

These were duly approved unanimously and signed. No matters were reported.

4. Chairman's, Borough Councillors and Clerks Reports

Borough Councillor:

Borough Council not sure if it will continue to support SNAP (Safe Neighbourhood Action Panel) due to low attendance. The King's Lynn Classic Car Day on Sep 18th was a success.

Chairman:

The Bridge was inspected in August 2017 and apart from a little vegetation the needs cutting back it was judged safe. It will be inspected every 2 years. Trees in the Church Yard will be cut back only after the nesting season is over. The Council is investigating the possibility of audio recording the meetings in the future and will investigate equipment needed and the correct procedures required. There will be a Race Night in the Village Hall on November, 17th.

Clerk:

The Wormegay War Memorial is now a Grade II Listed Monument and procedures will need to be checked and followed if anything needs to be done do it in the future. There was a unanimous vote to go with the less expensive (£60) Norfolk Parish Training & Support organisation rather than NALC (£145.75) this year as they offer similar types of support. The Wormegay Parish Website will need moving to a new platform and host but NPT&S can help with that. The new local Policeman sent his apologies as he was hoping to attend the meeting but was ill. It is hoped he will attend the next meeting.

5. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

6. Financial Report for this Meeting and Approval of Cheques

Current balance	£13,463.98
Clerk Wages & expenses	£283.84 CHQ# 698
Playground Equipment Insurance	£367.55 CHQ# 699
Closing balance	£12,812.56

7. Reports from Last Meeting & Parishioner Participation (Limited to 3 Minutes Each)

A parishioner brought up the subject of speeding in the village as it is still a big problem with cars and tractors going far faster than the 30 mph speed limit. Suggestions were made that an LED speed warning sign could be investigated, if one was available via Highways or could be purchased. Also the possibilities of average speed cameras, speed guns and, as mentioned in previous meetings by Councillor Peter Sneesby, the use of traffic pinch points. It was decided to investigate the LED flashing warning signs possibility and to write to the Highways Department about the concerns of speeding in the village. The Chairman had previously contacted the Highways Department with these concerns, but will follow up again.

A parishioner suggested the village obtain a 'dog mess' bin as owners were leaving bags of dog mess around the village. The old standard bin had been removed as nobody wanted to take out the mess as the Borough Council wouldn't take it. The Parish Council will investigate the costs of providing a specific 'dog mess' bin and the costs involved in having it regularly emptied. A parishioner volunteered to empty it if no other solution could be found.

A question was asked about the progress of the high speed broadband update for the village. It was proposed that Spring 2019 was still the target date but the Parish Council should chase Better Broadband for Norfolk to confirm if this is still the case.

A parishioner was not happy with some of the wording and how it could be interpreted on in the last Parish Council Minutes and that the decision of the Parish Council not to oppose the Carrot Factory Planning Application wasn't on the Borough Council Planning Applications website comments. The Clerk will look into this matter and update as soon as possible.

A parishioner gave thanks to Councillor Pearce for new signs at the Carrot Factory to help reduce traffic noise.

As November 11th 2018 marks the centenary of the end of the First World War a parishioner proposed that the village marked it with some form of celebration. The Parish Council will investigate what could be done as soon as possible.

A parishioner had been in touch with British Telecom and there may still be a possibility to keep the old phone box and use as a defibrillator station. Then it was mentioned that it may be possible to have access to a defibrillator stationed at the gatehouse of the Carrot Factory and this might be better as it will be less of a target for vandalism.

8. Planning

No new planning applications

9. Other village matters and items for future agendas

A parishioner asked would the expansion of Middleton Quarry impact on Wormegay. Borough Councillor Mike Howland said it wouldn't.

The meeting finished at 20:00hrs

10. The date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 30th October 2018 at 7pm in the Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall.