

Wormegay Parish Council - Meeting Minutes

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The Annual Meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 25th May 2021 in the Mission Room at 7pm.

Present: *Chairman:* Peter Sneesby, *Councillors:* Cllrs Liz Gannon, Mike Johnson, Nick Malby & Jill McArdle

Clerk: Minutes taken by Cllr McArdle.

1. Apology for Absence: Julian Snape, Clerk (hospital review), Jonathan Pearce, 2nd Covid vaccine, will attend in June. BCllr Mike Howland, on going illness, hopes to be back later in summer. CCllr Jim Moriarty, will attend next meeting.

2. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda: None

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

To elect Chair and Vice Chair

Cllr Sneesby was elected as Chairman by the Parish Council .

Cllr Malby was elected as Vice Chairman by the Parish Council

3. Minutes of Meeting Held on 27th April 2021 to be Approved and Signed

Reviewed and approved.

4. Chairman's, Borough Councillors and Clerks Reports

Chairman's Report: There have been various matters raised by parishioners and council which have been addressed over the past year.

There have been various matters raised by parishioners and council which have been addressed over the past year. Dog waste bins are now in situ and payment made to borough council for waste collection.

The Defibrillator has been successfully approved. Park Farm have kindly placed the board required to attach this. The community Heartbeat trust have agreed to fund the defibrillator and training required for resuscitation. The defibrillator is on order and should be in position soon. Action: Council needs to decide how to communicate to village about the defibrillator when in place.

The grass cutting contract has been successfully re negotiated taking into account an additional area to cut. The bridge leading into Shouldham Warren is currently being replaced and will hopefully be open to the public very soon.

The grant to part pay for traffic calming signs was successful and the sites to place the signs identified. Action: Contact needed with Highways to confirm when we can hope to see these signs in place. Cllr McArdle to contact regarding this.

Benches for the village. One has been repaired by a resident which the council thanked him for this. One bench needs to be ordered to place by bridge going out of village towards Downham Market. The other bench being paid for separately.

The Parish Council has endeavoured to meet during the pandemic taking into consideration restrictions.

There have been two resignations from Council : Gwen & Kevan Reddington.

Two new Councillors: Nick Malby & Fiona Jebb were co-opted.

County Councillor report: Jim Moriarty gave a written update on the work he has undertaken. He has been in post for two weeks. He has been supportive of issues relation to Queen Elizabeth hospital and the potential re building required. Leaflets are available to petition for changes. Has been supportive of issues in relation to the proposal for a quarry that may impact upon Shouldham Warren and surrounding areas.

5. Reports from last meeting – (Parishioners participation limited to 3 mins each)

Wormegay school report : No final confirmation as yet of school closure.

Confirmation from Highways received regarding signage at either end of village to remind traffic of the absence of pavements at various points in the village. Action: Cllr McArdle to liaise about ordering/ payment and placement of signs. Also, regarding Traffic calming signs.

Feathering-of Oak trees: Action: To liaise with UK energy and tree surgeons, Cllr McArdle & Johnson.

Benches: To be confirmed regarding the ordering.

Concerns have been raised by residents regarding a verbal proposal to sell Xmas trees on field in Bardolphs way. There has apparently been some discussion about other usage , ? Glamping.

Defibrillator : This is now on order. If payment is made for 4-5 years there is a saving on VAT ? Insurance of £100 required for theft cover. Weekly report/ review will be required. Training to be organised once agreed.

Cheque signatories: On going issues with bank regarding the removal of and addition of signatures.

Organised Litter Pick: Issues regarding this taking place on private land and insurance. Also, discussed about purchasing 3 waste bins for various sites in village.

Thank you letter for resident regarding the repair of bench on green.

Drains in field under investigation due to flooding.

6. Health and Safety

Nothing to report

7. Planning

No new applications.

8. Highways

Cllr McArdle stated no response to emails from Mr Wallace from Highways but will attempt again or contact his manager if necessary.

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9. Financial Report for this Meeting and Approval of Cheques

Balance of account 30 Apr 2021: £26,302.21

Cheques written since last meeting: £64.54 Norfolk Parish Training & Support Subscription renewal
£461.88 Clerk Wages

10. Other village matters and items for future agendas

No new items

11. The date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 29th June 2021 at 7pm in the Mission Room