

Wormegay Parish Council - Meeting Minutes

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The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 24th April 2018 in Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: *Chair:* Gwen Reddington, *Councillors:* Kevan Reddington and Mr Peter Sneesby.
Clerk: Julian Snape. Also present were 3 parishioners.

1. Apology for Absence

Tom Scott, Jonathan Pearce, Mike Johnson, Dominic Symington and Councillor Geoffrey Hipperson

2. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None were recorded.

3 Minutes of Meeting Held on 27th March 2018 to be Approved and Signed

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

4. Chairman's, Borough Councillors and Clerks Reports

Chairman: None.

Borough Councillor: None

Clerk: Paperwork has been prepared for internal audit. Voted with unanimous agreement to appoint internal auditor and proceed.

5. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

6. Planning

One planning re-application received for alterations of a building in Castle Road. No objections were forthcoming.

7. Chairman's Report on Village Groups

Yearly reports for village groups were read out for:

Wormegay Neighbourhood Watch

We hope that if any resident sees or hears anything suspicious that they will report it to a co-ordinator (Sheila Aston, Margaret Harris, Hilary Chopping, Anne Goodenough [Setch], Jackie Tansley, Mary Stratton or Ann Bates) so that we can warn the rest of the Parish. As usual we sent a Christmas card and message to every household. As Norfolk has rebranded our organisation as Neighbourhood Watch, we have updated our signs using adhesive covers or replacing signs and poles. Damaged road signs have been reported to N.C.C. Highways department and a school sign has been ordered. Thank you to the residents who supported our very successful coffee morning in the Mission Room on 14/4/18 when takings were £231.80. Any unsold bric-a-brac or books will be collected by the British Heart Foundation.

Wormegay Village School Report for Academic Year 2017/18

Good evening Councillors. Thank you for inviting me to share an update of the school, there have been some staff changes following Mrs Earl's departure to take up a different post at the end of the Summer term. Following a short stint as Acting Head, I was appointed as head teacher of Holy Cross federation in October 2018, this was followed by the appointment of Mrs Katy Cole to lead Teacher, and Class Teacher for Class Two just before Christmas. She started at the school after February half term, just as Mrs Waterson, our Class One teacher, departed on maternity leave. She will be returning just before we break for the summer holidays, at which point we will then have a compliment of permanent staff. Our existing TAs and administration staff continue to remain the same, and we have been lucky enough to secure a good supply teacher for this past year, Mr Buccianti. As usual we sent a Christmas card and message to every household.

Current Situation - The numbers at Wormegay School have risen again over the past year and we currently have 35 children on roll. However, we are losing a cohort of 10 Yr6s at the end of the academic year and the current take up for reception is only 2, this continues to be concerning when thinking into the future.

The partnership between Wormegay and Runcton Holme is very strong, teachers plan across the two schools, and continue to provide as many opportunities for the children to work together as possible, this ensures that our children get to mix in larger groups.

We received a visit from Ofsted at the end of November 2017, the grading for this was Requiring Improvement with Good Behaviour and Welfare – we do take good care of our children, particularly those with additional needs or from deprived backgrounds and this was recognised within the report, although this has gone down from the Good rating since the previous inspection, it was good for the school at the that time and both myself and DEMAT were extremely pleased with the efforts put in by the staff during the preparation and the visit, and to our children, who did show what a wonderful place Wormegay is to learn.

Over the past year, the children have continued to be involved in different events – the children enjoy singing and have again this year sang at the Over 60s party in Downham Market and have been to the O2 to participate in the Young Voices concert, a Christmas nativity allowed the children to combine this with their acting skills, and a short play at Easter by Class Two also helped to showcase their love of singing, dancing and acting. The children have been on a number of trips across the year; Class One visited the King's Lynn Museum during the Autumn Term and at Christmas all the school visited Holkham Hall. KS2 children visited West Stow to support their learning about the Anglo-Saxons. During the Spring Term, Class One visited Dobbies, to support learning about plants and Class Two have been on a field trip to the River Nar. This term, KS2 are going to visit a Mosque in Peterborough to broaden their understanding of other faiths, and they are finishing the year with a visit to the Warner Brother Studios – Harry Potter Set. Class One are currently deciding on where they are off to! The children have children coming into school to support learning on Romans and to teach First Aid. In June, Yr5 and 6 are off to Hilltop for a residential involving lots of adventurous activities.

We continue to participate in a number of sporting events, the children have participated in different cluster events and are continuing to participate in the OMNEs games. To support

dance and gymnastics, the children travel twice weekly for two blocks of six to Runcton Holme school to utilise the hall. We continue to offer lots of clubs, supported by King's Lynn Community Football to do so. All clubs across the federation are open to the children to attend. This year we have trained our HLTA to be able to teach PE across the federation, making this a very specialised area of teaching for the children.

The school council, supported by Mrs Cole, are making different improvements across the school – deciding upon and purchasing new equipment and signs to support play at break and lunchtime. They have nominated EACH as their charity of the year, a spokesman for the charity came and spoke to the children so they know more about where the money they raise goes. They have held a number of different events, and are hoping to present the charity with a large cheque at the end of the year. A Zumbathon was held for Sports Relief and a dress up day for Children in Need.

Our Friends committee have a new chair, Mrs Kelly Jones, and they are holding events throughout the year to support the school with enhancing learning. They are also trying to raise enough money to transform our wildlife area. Please do try and attend any of these events – they are advertised through posters, leaflets and on our Facebook page. The Christmas Fair held at Tottenhill Village Hall raised over £1,000!!! Very impressive for our small school. The Summer Fair is planned for Saturday 21st July, again, at Tottenhill Village Hall – please come and support if you can.

We are keen to further build links with the local community, beyond the parents and the children who live within it. If you have ideas, please come and visit the school and see me, or how about becoming a Governor? We have vacancies on our very small governing body, if you would like to discuss this further contact the school and we can put you in contact with Sue Read, our chair.

I hope that gives you a good overview of where the school is at the moment, if you would like to come and visit, or chat further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Emma Zeil, Headteacher.

Wormegay Fuel Allotments

From our income derived from long-term ethical investments, approved by the Charity Commission, and rental of the grazing land at Bardolph's Way, we have made 31 donations to Wormegay residents totalling £3,282.62 since April 2017. Notices are placed in the notice boards at Hill Estate and the Village Green, prior to our meetings, usually 3 times a year, but residents can contact a trustee (Mary Stratton, Elaine Squires, Andrew Stratton or Ann Bates) at any time and requests for assistance will be considered in strict confidence. Ann Bates 17/4/18

Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall

The past year at the Village Hall has seen some changes. We have installed a new sign on the outside wall and have refurbished the heater guards. We still have several weekends each year when we have caravanners staying there, but still we find it very difficult to keep up with the utilities bills and other costs of running the hall. The committee decided to lower the cost of using the hall for some local users of the hall. These are the Over 60s Club, The Wormegay Church, the Village School and also the Wormegay Parish Council. All these now pay a nominal fee of just £6 a visit. Our funds remain low but we are managing to keep

up with the maintenance at the moment. At the moment I am the chairman, the treasurer and the booking clerk. G Reddington

8. Financial Report for this Meeting and Approval of Cheques

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| Current balance | £13,729.00 |
| Clerk Wages & expenses | £212.88 CHQ# 692 |
| Play Area Annual Fee to Borough Council | £440.00 CHQ# 693 |

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

The steady deterioration of roads and potholes was brought up by Parishioners again, especially in relation to speeding tractors of farm contractors. These churn up the road and throw up mud on houses along the road. It was suggested that traffic calming 'pinch points' similar to those in place in Ditchling Village, East Sussex should be explored.

10. Other village matters and items for future agendas

The quote for cutting trees and removing stumps from the graveyard was £495 +Vat and it was agreed this was a reasonable price. It was unanimously voted this should go ahead.

Meeting finished at 20:00hrs

10. Date and Time of the Annual Meeting of the Wormegay, Parish Council is the 29th May 2018 at 7pm in the Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall.