

Wormegay Parish Council - Meeting Minutes

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The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 26th February 2019 in Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: *Chair:* Gwen Reddington, *Councillors:* Kevan Reddington, Peter Sneesby, Jonathan Pearce and Daniel Redman. *Borough Councillors* Geoff Hipperson and Mike Howland. *Clerk:* Julian Snape. Also present were 7 parishioners.

1. Apology for Absence

Councillors: Mike Johnson

2. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

3. Minutes of Meeting Held on 29th January 2019 to be Approved and Signed

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

4. Chairman's, Borough Councillors and Clerks Reports

Chairman: Nothing to report

Borough Councillor Mike Howland: At the Full Borough Council Meeting on Thursday 21st, Councillors voted to increase the Council Tax by £4.50 a year for Band D properties. It was also voted to freeze Car Parking Charges for a year.

I would like to see a meeting of all the Parish Chairs and Clerks in Airfield Ward as I attend five Parish Council Meetings every month, every Parish operates in different ways, Some Parishes could do with some guidance and I feel that if all the Parishes got together they could learn from each other.

I believe that the average person living in Villages have no idea who their Councillors are and what they do, I would like to see Parishes have open days as a meet and greet your Councillor to discuss how the Village operates and is administered. Your elected Councillors sitting around this table do not get paid, and willingly give up their time to administer the day to day running of this Village, if they didn't your Village would be administered from King's Lynn and the Parish would have no say in how it was run.

Clerk: Nothing to report

5. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

6. Planning

No new planning applications. Cllr Pearce reported the Bund had been inspected and was in line with planning regulations.

8. Broadband

Broadband is still on schedule and work has been reported to have been seen around the village by Parishioners.

9. Defibrillator

It was reported that the Church Committee had refused permission to site a Defibrillator on the wall of the Mission Hall. No reasoning for the refusal had been forthcoming and Cllr Sneesby volunteered to ask why.

It was decided to ask other village Parish Councils in the area who may have Defibrillator where they have it placed.

Cllr Pearce offered to pay the cost of the Defibrillator if a place to locate it could be found. The Council expressed its gratitude.

10. Financial Report for this Meeting and Approval of Cheques

Current balance £16,269.96 (as of 31/01/2019)

Cheques approved

NPT&S renewal £61.00

Clerk Wages & expenses £141.92

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

A parishioner was concerned about the amount of time it was taking to obtain and site a dog waste bin which had been discussed at previous Parish Council Meetings. It was explained that there was a lot of bureaucracy involved in getting permissions and licensing to site, but that the Council will attempt to speed up the process. It was further discussed that it may be better to obtain two dog bins for different places in the village. The Council voted unanimously to purchase two bins in total and to arrange installation in appropriate locations in the village subject to approval by the Highways Department.

It was reported that although Highways had been out and filled one pothole between Hill Estate and the bridge, another pothole that had been marked opposite the one filled had been left unfilled.

It was further remarked that some of the gullies at the side of the road were full. This was known to be an ongoing issue and will be reported again to Highways.

A parishioner asked if some of the money from the donation for the playing equipment could be ring-fenced for some new equipment. However if this could be done there would still be issues with where to place the equipment and the requirement for insurance and regular inspection that led to the disposal of the original equipment in the first place. Cllr Sneesby suggested that some of this money could be used to purchase the speed calming sign as previously discussed. There was brief discussion as to whether this would need a village referendum as to whether to purchase the sign as it is quite expensive at over £3,000. However this may be reduced by half if the Village Partnership funding scheme would provide half the funding (as suggested by both Borough Councillors). A vote was proposed to purchase a speed sign, proposed by Cllr Sneesby and seconded by Cllr Pearce.

12. Other village matters and items for future agendas

Progress with the speed sign will be added to the next agenda.

The meeting finished at 20:30hrs

13. The date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7pm in the Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall.