

Wormegay Parish Council - Meeting Minutes

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The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 30th June 2019 in the Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: Vice *Chair*: Jonathan Pearce, *Councillors*: Jill Mcardle, Elizabeth Gannon, Mike Johnson. *Clerk*: Julian Snape. Also present were nine parishioners.

1. Apology for Absence

Councillors: Peter Sneesby , Gwen Reddington, Kevan Reddington, Borough Councillor Mike Howland

2. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

3. Minutes of Meeting Held on 25th June 2019 to be Approved and Signed

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

5. Chairman's, Borough Councillors and Clerks Reports

Chairman: Nothing to report

Borough Councillor: Mike Howland, although not present, sent in his report which was read out by the Clerk:

There is a proposed demolition of a Borough owned listed Kiln located in South Lynn which was listed and now de-listed which would allow the demolition to take place. The argument is that it would cost a lot of money to restore and it would be a waste of Council tax payers money, however on the other hand it was felt that it is part of King's Lynn's heritage and should be retained. Following on to this the Planning Committee voted today to have the Kiln demolished.

The proposed Quarry at Marham has now been shelved due to the Ministry Of Defence unhappy about the potential bird strikes when the Quarry starts to fill with water which in turn attracts birds also the proximity to Pentney Abbey was also a factor.

Something for your village to consider is the location of graveyards as some villages have issues with decomposition and leaking into watercourses, and now looking at cremation and then burial of ashes.

Shortage of Bus services serving Villages, some having no service at all and needs to be seriously looked at and I will be bringing it up at my next panel meeting.

Reports from other Village are much the same with Speeding, Dog Fouling, Fly Tipping, Unsociable Behaviour, some Vandalism, some Theft from Farms. It's all too easy when we have so few Police. A recent example when one of the County Councillors had six bales of hay stolen from the back of his trailer, he didn't bother to call the Police knowing they would neither have time or officers to follow up the crime, and the villains know it.

The next Free Event being held by the Borough is on 11th August and is Mods and Rockers on the Tuesday Market Place.

Clerk: There may be an opportunity for Wormegay Parish to participate in the forthcoming 'Smart Rural Area' project which is being set up at the ESTEAM centre in Downham Market.

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

Highways: Cllr Mcardle has reported the damaged Bardolph's Way sign to Highways.

It was noted that trucks and tractors from Park Farm were still being a nuisance in the village. Cllr Pearce will have a word with the owner and should there be no satisfactory outcome a formal letter will be drafted and sent to Mr J. Fuller at Thasos. Should there then be no satisfactory outcome the matter will be escalated to the Traffic Commission.

The road to Blackborough End is still in a precarious state. Cllr Mcardle had spoken to Mr Wallace at Highways and had been told repairs were under consideration but it was not known when and that it is dependent on budget as it could cost anywhere between £3,000 and £43,000. Cllr G Reddington had also spoken to Mr Wallace with the same answer. Although clearly unsatisfactory all the Parish Council can do is keep up the pressure.

Defibrillator: Cllr Gannon reported that purchasing a telephone box and reconnecting the electricity is going to be too expensive, upward of £3,000. So the Parish will need to find a new location. It may be possible to attach to a freestanding pole, but that would then need an electricity supply. The other alternative is to find a Parishioner willing to mount it on their house in the village. The Council could pay for the electric supply which should be between £8-10 per year. Cllr Mcardle will talk to her neighbour who may be amenable to wall mount the unit. **Action Item Cllr Mcardle.**

Dog waste bins: Two dog bins have arrived and the third about to be ordered. Cllr Mcardle had located the correct forms and the Clerk had added the location maps. **Action Item: Clerk to complete and send into the Borough Council.**

Traffic Calming Signs: It may be possible that if the village joins the Smart Rural Areas Project some of the Internet of Things sensors (already in use by Norfolk County Council) could be used in Wormegay to monitor speeds and weights of vehicles passing through. Although the project is in development and may not be up and running before the deadline for the Parish Partnership Scheme for the Calming Signs at the beginning of December. So the process of applying for the fund will continue.

Village Event: It was proposed by Cllr Gannon this be on the 7th of September at 2.00 pm. Although Cllr Gannon would be unavailable on that day. The Clerk showed details of the Coleman Event Gazebos available which ranged from £150 - £300. As the next meeting will be after the event it was proposed by Cllr Pearce and seconded by Cllr Gannon that an amount up to £300 be spent on the Gazebo for the event in advance of the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch: A parishioner thanked the Parish Council for approving the Home Watch signs. She enquired as to who is responsible for cleaning the seat on the village green. The Council were unsure and will ask long standing Cllr G Reddington if she knew the answer. She was also concerned about near misses of vehicles exiting The Hill Estate onto Castle Road as visibility was very difficult, and asked the Council if mirrors may be an option. **Action Item: Cllr Macardle to ask Highways if this might be possible next time she is in contact.**

A parishioner asked if there was any possibility of putting a roadside trod in the village where walking was dangerous. Mr Wallace from Highways had mentioned the possibility of a Trod. **Action Item Cllr Macardle to speak to Mr Wallace about what is involved.**

7. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

8. Planning

No new planning applications.

9. Financial Report for this Meeting and Approval of Cheques

Current balance: £20,269.49

Cheques approved:

11. Other village matters and items for future agendas

It was proposed by Cllr Sneesby (by email) and seconded by Cllr Pearce, and unanimously agreed that the Clerk be added to the Bank Account as an Interested Party to receive statements directly to make the financial reconciliation process easier as well as the Clerks ability to interact directly with the bank.

The Clerk explained that the new Clackclose Hundred Community Benefit Society is attempting to develop a Smart Rural Area (similar to existing Smart Cities) and is looking to trial the scheme with villages in the area, and had suggested that Wormegay might be interested. This may result in numerous linked sensors being available to use to track vehicle speeds, weights and road temperatures. Additionally smart smoke alarms and fall and activity sensors may be available for the elderly and disabled in the village.

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council was interested. **Action Item Clerk to see if one of the organisers of the Society could attend the next meeting to explain to Councillors and Parishioners in more detail.**

12. The date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 7pm in the Wormegay Mission Room.