

WORMEGAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on **Tuesday 27 September at 7pm at the Wormegay Mission Room.**

Present: Nick Malby, Elizabeth Gannon, Peter Sneesby (Chairman), Nick Malby, Jill McArdle, Fiona Jebb, Dawn Payne *Clerk*: Jo Panrucker and 9 Parishioners

AGENDA

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence**
Elizabeth Gannon, Jill McArdle
2. **To receive declarations of interest and requests for items on the Agenda**
NA
3. **To receive the Chairman's, Borough Councilors and Clerks Reports**
 - a. Borough Councilors Report:
 - i. Inform Parishioners of the Swan Project in Downham Market for Young People: <https://www.swanyouthproject.org/>
 - ii. Food for Thought Program returning on Fridays 9:30am and 11:30am at North Lynn's Discovery Centre, for more information asklily@west-norfolk.gov.uk or telephone Lily on 01553 616200
 - b. Chairman's report
 - i. Thanks received from Oliver and family for the fundraising efforts from the village, this has been much appreciated
 - ii. Chair has been made aware of harassment towards a Cllr. Parishioners are reminded that Cllrs are volunteers and harassment and threats will not be tolerated. Any future reports of public disorder or harassment will be referred to the police
 - c. Clerks Report:
 - i. Village Transport Update - Dial a Bus x3 per week, Community Car Scheme available and requires volunteers (0.45p paid per mile). Contact is Craig 01553 776971 / www.wnct.co.uk
 - ii. Counselor Training is running with PTS September, October and November. PTS is also hosting a free counselor drop in 7 October, 10 - 11.30 am online **Action Clerk** - to share training dates with Cllrs
 - iii. Police meeting- 18.00 on 10th October 2022 at Leziat Village Hall, two representatives from each Parish Council are being requested **Action Clerk** - to confirm attendance of Cllrs Sneesby, McArdle and Jebb
 - iv. Review and agree Parish Diversity and Inclusion Plan - **Action Clerk** - approved, to publish on website

- v. Proposal to upgrade village website with own address - cost of £96 annually. Will make it easier to search/find. **Action Clerk** - Approved - was previously budgeted for
- vi. Inform Parishioners of tree preservation order applied for by Cllr D Payne

4. To approve minutes of last meetings 26th July and 5th August 2022

Approved

5. To receive reports from last meeting

6. To inform Parishioners of new Grant process approved at August 2022 meeting

7. Request from Anglian Water for meeting in October 2022 with Parishioners to update on First Time Sewage Scheme

Action Clerk, Cllrs Sneesby & Payne: Schedule for Wednesday 19 October 7pm and book Tottenhill & Wormegay village hall

8. Confirm whether the Parish Council wishes to remain on the Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall committee **Action Clerk** - confirm we will remain, and Chair to be representative

9. To discuss options for the Parish reserve

Proposals: find/ develop community space and services.

1. School playing field. Is currently leased by Ely Diocese and owned by Norfolk CC. Is due to be returned to Norfolk CC following Diocese completing maintenance work. Wormegay PC have requested to be consulted when this happens so we can bid for the field, if suitable. **Action Clerk**; follow-up with NCC Jim for support
2. Extend footpath from Castle Rd bridge to Hill Estate. Quote from Highways see point 12 below. Wormegay PC would need funding - **Action Clerk**, include in follow-up with NCC Jim as this makes sense if we can get the playing field back, and to look at funding options
3. Improve the Wormegay Mission Room and extend usage. Ely Diocese is in support and West Norfolk Parish have referred Wormegay PC to the Church Wardens for initial discussions. There are funding options available. Initial Working group established of Church Warden Elaine and Cllr Malby. **Action Clerk** - to forward communication so far

10. Health & Safety topics

- a. Query on whether parish is responsible for the condition of tombstones, some of which look to need repair. **Action Clerk**

11. Planning topics

- a. Wormegay School change of use application: 22/01634/PIP **Action Clerk** - supported by council, submit support to planning authority

12. Highways

- a. Proposed footpath bridge to Hill Estate
Cost would be c.GBP30,000. Clerk is looking at funding options
- b. Highways ranger due to schedule pothole repairs and trim footpath between Hill Estate and Wormegay School
- c. Tractor speed and noise in early hours has been a problem. **Action Cllr Sneesby** to speak to farm manager

13. To consider the financial report for this meeting and approval of cheques. Account Balance as of 31 August 2022: £21,300.12

- a. Cheques for approval:
 - i. Wormegay PCC Mission Room Rental: £65
 - ii. Clerks Wages: £294
 - iii. Dog Waste Annual fee: £296.40
 - iv. R Squires Gardening, grass cutting invoices #4,#5,#6 and #7: £348.50
 - v. Insurance Renewal: £448**Action Clerk** - cheques approved

14. To receive feedback/queries from the Parishioners

- a. Issue with bins being left on the village green. **Action Cllr Sneesby** to speak to home owner/s

15. To receive items for the next Agenda

16. To agree the date and time of the next parish council meeting - proposed date of October 25th 2022

Date approved