

# Wormegay Parish Council - Meeting Minutes

Chair: Gwen Reddington  
Clerk: Julian Snape

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**The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall at 7pm.**

**Present:** *Chair:* Gwen Reddington, *Councillors:* Kevan Reddington, Tom Scott, Mike Johnson, Dominic Symington and Councillor Geoffrey Hipperson. *Clerk:* Julian Snape. Also present was 1 parishioner.

## **1. Apology for Absence**

Jonathan Pearce and Peter Sneesby (for late arrival at 19:30hrs)

## **2. Election of Chairman and vice Chairman**

The current Chairman, Mrs Reddington stepped down and the Clerk managed the Chair for the purpose of election of a new Chairman. After nomination and seconding, Mrs Reddington was re-elected as Wormegay Parish Council Chairman by a unanimous vote.

## **3. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda**

None were recorded.

## **4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to be Approved and Signed**

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

## **5. Chairman's, Borough Councillors and Clerks Reports**

*Chairman:* The internal audit of Parish Council Accounts had been carried out and signed off by the internal auditor.

*Borough Councillor:* It is possible that planning permission will be required for draining issues at a local level where neither the Drainage Authority or County Council were responsible at the moment. A further 240 houses are to be built between Wisbech and Downham Market. It was noted the Councillor Hipperson is now Deputy Major of King's Lynn.

*Clerk:* The GDPR Basic Compliance document has been completed for Wormegay Parish Council along with and appropriate Privacy Notice. Further investigate of registration costs is required as it is possible that there is now an exemption for Parish Councils as far as paying a fee is concerned. However attempts to check by using the online registration process were unsuccessful as the ICO registration site was down. It was unanimously voted to pay a £35.00 registration fee if it is still necessary. Check will be made with NALC and other sources.

## **6. Health and Safety**

Nothing to report.

## **7. Planning**

One planning re-application received for conversion of a large storage building in Stoke Road to three Bed and Breakfast rooms. The building will be unseen from the road. No objections were forthcoming.

## **8. Presentation of Yearly Accounts**

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 was presented for approval. The Annual Internal Audit Report 2017/18 has been internally audited and approved by the internal auditor Mr Cross. The Certificate of Exemption also approved and to be sent to the external Auditors before the June 11<sup>th</sup> deadline. Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement and Section 2 - Accounting Statements were inspected and approved by a unanimous vote.

## **8. Financial Report for this Meeting and Approval of Cheques**

Current balance	£13,729.00
Internal auditor fee	£40.00 CHQ# 694
Clerk Wages & expenses	£177.40 CHQ# 695

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

A parishioner mentioned that there was now growing interest from some parishioners to keep the original BT telephone box in Wormegay and install a Defibrillator. Ongoing maintenance of the box and Defibrillator costs to be paid for by a parishioners group.

It was noted by the Chairman that the Council had declined an offer from BT to purchase the Telephone box for £1 previously. However, it was decided to investigate if this decision could be reversed with BT before they remove it. It was also suggested by Councillors that as this would become a village amenity, that the Parish Council may be able to purchase or pay something towards the Defibrillator. Costs of Defibrillators to be investigated.

## **10. Other village matters and items for future agendas**

There is to be a road closure of Castle Road from its junction with New Road for a distance of 800 metres south westwards in Wormegay from 13<sup>th</sup> June until 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 for the hours between 09:30hrs and 15:30hrs. This is for BT cabling work.

A response has been received from the Borough Council in reply to the Parish Council's decision to discontinue the play area. The Borough Council Requires that the land be reinstated to it's original state with the removal of all playground equipment by next spring. The Clerk has a contact who may be able to remove the equipment and repurpose for use elsewhere, a School or another Parish.

The meeting finished at 19:30hrs

**10. The date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7pm in the Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall.**