

# Wormegay Parish Council

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Clerk: Julian Snape

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**The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall at 7pm.**

**Present:** Chair: Gwen Reddington, Kevan Reddington, Dominic Symington, Tom Scott, Clerk: Julian Snape, Borough Councillor Geoff Hipperson : Also present were 7 parishioners.

## **1. Apology for Absence**

Mr Mike. Johnson and Mr Jonathan Pearce.

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

None were recorded.

## **3. Minutes of Meeting Held on 5<sup>th</sup> September to be Approved and Signed**

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

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

Chairman and Borough Councillor: Nothing to report

Clerk: New Clerk Julian Snape appointed.

## **5. Health and Safety**

Nothing to report.

## **6. Planning**

Councillors and Parishioners inspected five local planning applications.

Some parishioners objected to some elements

The main concern of Parishioners is that the current infrastructure for Wormegay in terms of road, phone and especially Broadband connection is so poor at the moment, it is insufficient to cope with any new building construction that requires such facilities and objections to planning applications should be made on that basis.

It may be possible to engage with or arrange a meeting with Better Broadband for Norfolk if the Council could facilitate? ( also see item 9 below).

It was suggested that the Parish should consider developing a formal Neighbourhood Development Plan which, if adopted by the Council and Parishioners will put the Parish Council in stronger position to control future planning applications that may put pressure on village services.

A parish member commented that part of the planning application for the Carrot Factory Cold Store was outside of the village envelope and it was considered that this should be objected to as it is "the thin end of the wedge". However the Borough Councillor present confirmed it was not the case.

## **7. Meeting Dates for 2018**

30 Jan, 27 Mar, 24 Apr, 29 May, 24 Jul, 25 Sep, 30 Oct, 27 Nov.

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

Poppy Wreath	£20.00
Clerk Training	£67.50
TTSR Grass Cutting	£910.08
NALC annual subscription	£115.55

New Signatory appointed: Dominic Symington

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

Could the Parish Boundary changes be added to the next Agenda? As the changes didn't effect Wormegay and decision date passed this can't be done. But no email was received from Borough Council.

The ongoing issue of mud on the road was reported again.

How long can a Councillor be absent before being asked to re-consider their condition. 6 months is the normal rule before mitigating circumstances need to be sought.

Potholes in the road have been reported to the Highways Department.

A noise nuisance of dogs barking early in the morning and late at night was reported.

It was proposed that reflective signs on the railings by the school to give better indication of the turning for Wormegay from the main road would be a good idea. Can the Parish Council help? Possibly the school might like to be involved?

The lack of up to date facilities in Wormegay was brought up again (as mentioned in Planning) as a major issue for the village. As speeds were significantly below the 2m minimum especially for those houses connected to the Middleton Exchange.

Parishioners discussed forming an action group and petition and sought the assistance of the Parish Council to lobby for better connection and speeds to Karen O'Kane the Programme Director of Better Broadband for Norfolk, the organisation in charge of prioritising upgrading Broadband in rural areas of Norfolk.

The Chairman and councillors are actively pursuing all points raised above.

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

Could the missing 30mph sign on the village gate be replaced as soon as possible? Council has been chasing Highways on the issue but will renew the effort.

## **11. Date and Time of Next Meeting is the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7pm in the Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall.**