

Wormegay Parish Council - Meeting Minutes

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The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 29th January 2019 in Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: *Chair:* Gwen Reddington, *Councillors:* Kevan Reddington and Daniel Redman. *Borough Councillor* Mike Howland. *Clerk:* Julian Snape. Also present were 7 parishioners.

1. Apology for Absence

Councillors: Jonathan Pearce, Peter Sneesby and Mike Johnson

2. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

3. Minutes of Meeting Held on 27th November 2018 to be Approved and Signed

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

4. Chairman's, Borough Councillors and Clerks Reports

Borough Councillor Mike Howland: Things have been quiet over the Christmas period but there have been issues with the KLIC in King's Lynn which looks set to go back into council control.

Chairman: Nothing to report

Clerk: Nothing to report

5. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

6. Planning

Several parishioners expressed very strong concerns about the ongoing development work for the extension of the effluent plant at Alfred G Pearce, Castle Road. Concerns were expressed that the Parish Council was not sufficiently stressing parishioners fears about issues with noise, dust and drainage that this already is and may soon cause. Several parishioners stated that AG Pearce was not acting within current planning legislation. It was suggested the Parish Council contact the Planning Control Manager Stuart Ashworth to organise a meeting with the Council and parishioners. It was also suggested that the offer of Councillor Sneesby to chair a meeting between parishioners and AG Pearce be taken up. The Chairman will approach Cllr Sneesby about a possible meeting.

7. Playground equipment disposal

Councillor Gwen Reddington said that the playground equipment has now been removed and the grounds restored to their former state and the donation of £5,000 has been handed over.

Several parishioners expressed their upset about the equipment being taken away and that there was now nowhere for the children to play in the village. Councillors went over the local polling that was conducted in the village in 2017 to see if the villagers wanted to keep the equipment and carry on paying the costs of ground rent, insurance and maintenance or not. Although there was a limited response to the poll there was a majority for its disposal.

A parishioner complained that not enough notice had been given when the equipment was to be removed and that, although mentioned in Parish documents on notice boards, there should have been a specific notice on the playing field gate.

There was a discussion as to whether it may be possible to arrange for a smaller play area, possibly in conjunction with the school, somewhere else in the village that wouldn't involve paying rental for the land.

8. Broadband

Karen O'Kane Programme Director of Better Broadband for Norfolk has reported that the fast broadband installation for Wormegay has started and, barring any unexpected issues, should be available by Spring 2019.

An email has been received from Tharros Ltd, Park Farm that villagers may be able to take advantage of their recently installed radio transmitted broadband system and the manager would like to make locals aware that this is available at no commercial benefit to Tharros Ltd.

9. Defibrillator

A parishioner has been looking into the possibility of having a defibrillator in the village for some time and has investigated available training on defibrillators which could be delivered for free in the evenings for up to 20 participants.

The location point for a defibrillator was discussed. The old telephone box has now been removed so that was no longer available and it's possible location at the gatehouse of AG Pearce was no longer possible either. There was some discussion as to whether it may be possible to locate on the Mission Room and an approach should be made to the Church. A parishioner said she would approach local church who own the Mission Room at their next meeting.

10. Financial Report for this Meeting and Approval of Cheques

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| Current balance | £11,269.96 (as of 31/12/2018) |
| Income | |
| Donation (Playing Field Equipment) | £5,000 |
| Cheques approved | |
| TTSR Tree Cutting | £654.00 |
| Clerk Wages & expenses | £319.32 |

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

A pothole on upon entry to the village has been reported. Councillor Gwen Reddington has been around Wormegay with Andy Wallace from Highways highlighting issues. The verge collapse on the road to Blackborough End has now been marked for urgent repair.

It was suggested that the potential flashing speed limit sign purchase might be shared with neighbouring Parishes.

Concerns were raised about the pending short term road closure in Wormegay and how the school bus will be able to get through and pick up.

It was pointed out that several other Parishes have successfully sought Planning Gains where developers assist the village with community projects as part of a development of their commercial site. If this can be done, the possibility of extension of footpaths to make walking safer in the village and a smaller playground were suggested.

It was suggested that an invite be made to County Councillor Graham Middleton (whose Division Gayton and Nar covers Wormegay Parish) to attend a Parish Meeting to listen to parishioners concerns.

The Clark mentioned the new website (although still under development) is now available to view at: www.wormegaypc.wixsite.com/wormegaypc The site may be upgraded in near future when it will have a shorter web address which will be publicised at the time.

12. Other village matters and items for future agendas

Items for the next agenda:

Progress with Broadband

Progress with a village defibrillator

The meeting finished at 20:35hrs

13. The date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7pm in the Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall.