

# Wormegay Parish Council - Meeting Minutes

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**The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall at 7pm.**

**Present:** *Chair:* Gwen Reddington, *Councillors:* Kevan Reddington, Mike Johnson and Daniel Redman *Borough Councillor* Geoff Hipperson. *Clerk:* Julian Snape. Also present were 8 parishioners.

## **1. Apology for Absence**

None

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

Cllr Daniel Redman

## **3. Minutes of Meeting Held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to be Approved and Signed**

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

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

*Highways Department:* Andrew Wallace from the Highways Department was invited to give a special question and answer session about how local highways around Wormegay were maintained by the Highways Department. One of the major issue of both Councillors and Parishioners is that of speeding through the village. Mr Wallace recommended that relocatable flashing speed limit reminder signs were probably the best option (costing £3750.00). A data collection device can be added to these to capture the speeds of vehicles driving through the village and given to the Police who may, upon reviewing the data then operate active speed monitoring patrols.

There is also the possibility of applying to the Parish Partnership Scheme for 50% match funding to purchase the sign.

It was pointed out that some of the verges on the road out of the village were overgrown. Verges are regularly cut in both the spring (May) and Autumn (August/September), but Highways will investigate and see if any further cutting might be possible.

It was brought up at several previous Parish council Meeting that it is hard to see the turning into the village from the main road by the School, especially on dark nights. Reflective tape on the railings (as discussed by Councillors previously) would be investigated by Highways.

The lack or gritting on the road from Wormegay to Blackborough End was mentioned and also the deterioration of the edges of the passing place. This was no longer gritted by Highways although it had been done in the past. It is still uncertain if this could be done again due to budget constraints. But Highways would look at the deteriorating road edge as soon as possible.

The possibility of roadside footpaths were discussed where there is currently no provision and it is dangerous to walk. Although tarmac paved paths are only provided in exceptional circumstances it is possible a 'Trode Pathway' could be made. Again this could possibly be part-funded by the Parish Partnership Scheme.

Roads in the Wormegay and Tottenhill area are regularly inspected on a quarterly basis. But anyone from the public or Parish Council could report potholes and problems to the Rangers between visits to highlight particular areas of concern.

It was decided at the last Parish Council Meeting to provide a Dog Bin for the village but there was an issue about placing on the Village Green as ownership of the Green was unknown. However it was suggested that if placed within the first metre from the road it came under Highways jurisdiction which. Although it would need a licence applying for, which it be straightforward.

*Borough Councillor* Geoff Hipperson – Nothing to report

*Chairman:* Nothing to report

*Clerk:* Nothing to report but see & below

## **5. Health and Safety**

Nothing to report.

## **6. Planning**

An application for an extension to Castledene on Castle Road (Cllr Redman's property). Cllr Redman had expressed an interest and withdrew from the vote. A no objection vote was made by the remaining Councillors.

An application for an agricultural grain drying and storage silo at Park Farm was discussed. Although the silo was behind existing farm buildings there were no details if it would have drying fans and thus create a potential noise issue. The Borough Council Community Safety and Neighbourhood Nuisance Team are already issuing a holding objection until more information becomes available.

## **7. Wormegay Parish Website**

The Clerk reported this is now under development and already has past Agendas and Minutes uploaded. It has been developed using WIX with the assistance of NPT&S. It was voted unanimously to upgrade the site from a free site but with intrusive WIX advertisements to a better site URL address ( possibly wormegaypc.info ) as soon as possible. The Clerk made a request for any good photographs of the village to go on the website, preferably in jpeg format to be sent to him. It was also agreed that there should be a page for the Village Hall and events held therein.

## **8. Playground equipment disposal**

There have been five interested parties for the Wormegay Playground equipment. It was decided at the last meeting that interested parties should agree to have the equipment dismantled and removed at their own expense and provide a sealed donation bid (as a decider). The list of interested parties and donations was circulated among the Councillors and the winner was the Stow Bridge Village Hall and Playing Field Committee who could take the equipment away and provide a donation of £5,000.00 to the Parish. The Chairman will liaise with Stow Bridge Village Hall and Playing Field Committee to facilitate the removal.

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

Current balance	£12,757.59
NPTS Website development	£120.00
Annual Grass Cutting Contract	£949.20
Remembrance Day Wreath	£20.00
Remembrance Day Village Hall Party	£138.59

Clerk Wages & expenses	£141.92
Closing balance	£11,387.88

#### **10. Setting of the Precept for 2019 – 2020**

The actual expenditure figures for 2018 – 2019 alongside the estimated budget figures for 2019 – 2020. was circulated among Councillors. After discussion it was decided by unanimous vote to retain the Precept for 2019-2020 at £6,100.

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

Parishioners would like progress with the village Broadband to be added to future agendas to ensure pressure it maintained for it's installation as promised in the early months of 2019. This was agreed by the Councillors.

A parishioner was looking into defibrillator training and awaiting information as to whether this would be free training. This is assuming a defibrillator will be made available at the gatehouse of Alfred Pearce Ltd. If this does not come to pass the Parish Council will investigate further the costs involved purchasing a defibrillator and possible locations for it.

#### **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 20:40hrs

**13. The date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7pm in the Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall.**