

Wormegay Parish Council - Meeting Minutes

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The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 24th September 2019 in the Mission Room Wormegay at 7pm.

Present: *Chairman:* Peter Sneesby, *Vice Chairman:* Jonathan Pearce, *Councillors:* Jill McArdle, Elizabeth Gannon and Mike Johnson. *Borough Councillor:* Mike Howland *Clerk:* Julian Snape. Also present were twenty four parishioners.

1. Apology for Absence

Councillors: Gwen Reddington, Kevan Reddington,

2. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

3. Minutes of Meeting Held on 30th July 2019 to be Approved and Signed

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

5. Chairman's, Borough Councillors and Clerks Reports

Chairman: The Chairman thanked the villagers for making the first village picnic a success. Now the Parish Council has it's own Marquee it can be used for similar events in the future.

The Chairman also made note of the first meeting in the Mission Room which is more central to Wormegay village than the Tottenhill & Wormegay Village Hall in Tottenhill and that he was pleased with the larger turnout of 24 Parishioners. The Parish Council would discuss how regularly meetings in the Mission Room could be held.

Borough Councillor: Mike Howland – apologised for being delayed by a previous meeting. Mentioned the loss of village bus services and that the Parish had four flags and a flag pole for national days. It may be possible that a Speed Watch could be co-ordinated via Lee Anderton at the King's Lynn Police Station. Also noted that he now has a community liaison role with Sibelco, the mineral and sand extraction company.

Clerk: Nothing to report

6. Reports from last meeting – (Parishioners participation limited to 3 mins each)

Dog waste bins: All three dog bins are now with the Parish Council and just need installing once the official approval of the licence has been given. As yet there has been no responses from either official at the Borough Council or from the County Council. **AI Cllr McArdle to see if it is possible to follow up with any more senior person to find out what is happening.**

Traffic Calming Signs: The paperwork to fill in for the Parish Partnership is now available and it was unanimously decided to buy one Traffic Calming Sign with the recorder and apply for matching funding from the PP Scheme.

It was noted that the road to Blackborough end was deteriorating further despite being marked up for repair. AI Clerk to find out who Middleton Parish Clerk is as it may affect Middleton Parish too.

A parishioner noted that some tractors were still speeding and the lack of nets were causing carrots to be thrown into a garden.

The damaged sign for Bardolph's Way has still not been repaired. **AI Cllr McArdle to follow up.**

Defibrillator: This has currently stalled due to lack of an available location. It would be possible to buy back a phone box and re-install the electricity but this will cost a lot of money. So the Chairman asked if the parishioners present could all ask around the village and look for potential long term locations.

A parishioner mentioned that a few years ago the Parish had access to a hand held speed gun and it was not know if this was still with the Parish Council of it if was on loan (the most likely scenario). **AI Clerk to ask Cllr Gwen Reddington if this was the case.**

7. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

8. Planning

Silo at Park Farm –It was unanimously approved that there was no objection to the erection of the second silo at Park Farm, Ref: 19/01511/F.

Silica Extraction AOS E – In the previous week it had come to the attention of the Parish Council and a number of Wormegay residents that focus of searching for sand extraction has now been placed on the Shouldham area and parts of this run close to Wormegay (within 250m). Some Wormegay residents have had letters but others hadn't. Although it appears the boundaries have been moved a little further away with the most recent updates it is still a matter of high concern. More details were available at the NCC Planning website and the Shouldham Parish Council website.

A group known as the Campaign Against Two Silica Sites Shouldham and Marham (CATSS) are actively working with local residents and Parish Councils to oppose the possibility of sand extraction in the area. Although it appear that due to objections from RAF Marham the Marham site has been shelved the Shouldham area that comes close to Wormegay and Tottenhill is still active.

CATSS have a Facebook page and are organising a meeting at Shouldham Village Hall on 1st October at 19:30 hrs to gather and co-ordinate support. It was agreed that a Wormegay Councillor or Councillors should attend as a prelude to a village meeting on the subject at the Mission Room on Saturday 5th October at 10:00 am.

The Chairman urged as many villagers to write objection letters as possible as this may add significantly to the weight of a Parish Council objection. A parishioner volunteered to drive the campaign forward in the village. Deadline for objections is 30th October 2019.

Once the situation has been assessed and co-ordinated with others at the meetings on 1st and 5th October a Parish Council objection letter can be written and submitted.

9. Financial Report for this Meeting and Approval of Cheques

Current balance: £19, 315.80

Cheques approved:	£218.40	Annual Parish Insurance
	£283.84	Clerk Wages
	£40.00	Wormegay PCC Mission Room Hire
	£269.99	Cllr Gannon for purchase of Marquee

All cheques were unanimously approved

10. Other village matters and items for future agendas

Cllr Gannon gave an account of her attendance at the local Police drop in event at Downham Market Town Hall on the 17th September to meet the new Inspector The new Inspector Vicky Hebborn.

Cllr Gannon was told it took 2hrs 40 minutes for the local police officer (PC Ryan Williams) to do the rounds of the villages.

Cllr Gannon was told there was only one speed gun for the area and was undergoing calibration at the moment. **All Cllr Sneesby to follow up as it was thought that there must be more.**

Inspector Hebborn exhorted villagers to report any crimes as this helped support available for the area going forward.

It was proposed that there would be similar drop in meetings every six months. Cllr Sneesby said he would try and attend the next one.

The Chairman read out a letter from Cllr Gwen Reddington mentioning that although it has in the past been the duty of the Chairperson to clean the seats and War Memorial that she was willing to carry on doing it. Cllr Sneesby accepted her offer although mentioned that this could be extended to other willing villagers as a civic duty and that the Parish Council should consider paying for cleaning materials. A parishioner volunteered to clean the village sign as this was getting dirty.

A parishioner noted the loss for the weekly local bus service after Christmas and wondered what pressure could be put on to retain or replace such a vital local service.

It was also mentioned that a flag should be raised on the village green on various national days and that the Parish should have four flags and a telescopic flag pole. It would be possible to locate this in the Mission Hall going forward.

The Chairman proposed the village host a New Years Eve party provided insurance covered it. The idea was unanimously approved.

11. The date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 29th October 2019 at 7pm at the Wormegay and Tottenhill Village Hall.