

Wormegay Parish Council - Meeting Minutes

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The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on 21st May 2019 in Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: *Chair:* Peter Sneesby, *Councillors:* Kevan Reddington, Mike Johnson, Jonathan Pearce, Elizabeth Gannon. *Borough Councillor* Geoff Hipperson *Clerk:* Julian Snape. Also present were 9 parishioners.

1. Apology for Absence

Borough Councillor Mike Howland

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The current Chair stepped down from office. Councillor Kevan Reddington temporarily took the Chair for the election of Chair and Vice Chair. Councillor Peter Sneesby was proposed and seconded as Chairman then voted into post unanimously. Councillor Jonathan Pearce was proposed and seconded as Vice-Chair and voted in unanimously. Chairman Peter Sneesby then took the Chair for the meeting.

3. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

None

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 26th February 2019 to be Approved and Signed

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

4. Chairman's, Borough Councillors and Clerks Reports

Chairman: Nothing to report

Borough Councillor Geoff Hipperson: Borough Councillor Hipperson is now Mayor of Kings Lynn and was congratulated.

Clerk: Nothing to report

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

Dog waste: The cheques for the two dog bins has now been raised and to be signed at the meeting. This had further necessitated photographing the proposed location sites.

Traffic signs: It was decided to delay purchase until July when it would be known if the Parish Partnership Scheme (which begins funding applications again in July 2019) will be covering SAM2 speed activated monitors this year which, if the grant is approved, will reduce the cost by half.

Defibrillator: It was mentioned that it may be possible to acquire a telephone box at a nominal rate as a housing for the proposed defibrillator. This may be able to be reinstalled on the site of the original telephone box. It was decided to investigate this option.

Broadband: Broadband seems to be already rolling out in Wormegay although it has not yet been officially announced. Some parishioners using the online availability checker say it is now showing as available.

7. Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

8. Planning

No new planning applications.

9. Financial Report for this Meeting and Approval of Cheques

Current balance	£21,664.85 (as of 31/04/2019)
Cheques approved	£425.76 Clerks Wages
	£278.16 Dog Bins x2, clips & bags
	£29.52 Balance of NCC rent for playground equipment land

The Precept of £6,454.00 had been paid into the Parish Council Account in April

Councillor Liz Gannon volunteered to be a new signatory on the Parish Bank Account and approved unanimously.

10. Annual Audit

The Chairman signed the Certificate of Exemption from Limited Assurance Review as both income and expenditure have been below £25,000 for the year 2018/19

Appointment of auditor

It was proposed to use John Cross again as internal auditor and this was approved unanimously.

Standing orders & Financial regulation reviewed and to remain as per previous year.

11. Other village matters and items for future agendas

Chairman Peter Sneesby suggested that the Mission Hall in Wormegay be used once again for a few Wormegay parish Council Meetings in the future as this may allow some Parishioners who can't or won't go to the meetings at the village hall in Tottenhill to attend. Councillor Kevan Reddington had concerns over health and safety as there was only one entrance and exit and no toilet facilities. A parishioner mentioned that the Mission Hall has a fire certificate so should be covered. It was voted (Councillor Kevan Reddington abstaining) to investigate the use of the Mission hall as a Parish Council Meeting venue.

Chairman Peter Sneesby also suggested a Parish Council led event should be organised on the Village Green in an effort to engender greater community cohesion and highlight the work of the Parish Council. Councillor Liz Gannon offered the use of her Gazebo and the Chairman suggested that the Clerk research Gazebo pricing as it may be possible for the Council to purchase for this event and future use.

It was pointed out that now was a good time to organise training for new Councillors and a refresher course Councillors for existing ones as there is a training budget. The Clerk will liaise with Norfolk Parish Training and Support to see if a session can be organised in the local area.

Borough Councillor Geoff Hipperson mentioned that there was a Waste Reduction (WREN) Grant that might be suitable for Wormegay. Clerk to investigate.

12. The date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 7pm in the Tottenhill and Wormegay Village Hall.