

Minutes of Wormegay Parish Council

Annual Assembly Meeting of the Parish Council agenda

Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 7:00 pm at Wormegay Mission Room

Parish Councillors Present: Cllr Andrew McAdam – Chair, Cllr Michael Chopping, Cllr David Davenport and Cllr David Parker –.

8 members of the public were present.

Apologies for absence - , Clerk/RFO – R Shaw, BC P Devulapalli

Business to be transacted in accordance with Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, 10(2) (b)

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In accordance with LGA 1972, schedule 12 10(2) (b) which states that business must be specified.

26. W 40 Welcome from the Chair and to receive Apologies for Absence. (LGA 1972 s 85(1))

Clerk – Rob Shaw and Cllr P Devulapalli made their apologies before the meeting.

26. W 41

To Receive Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and consider any requests for dispensation. (Localism Act 2011 s 31 s33)

None Received

26. W 42

**To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on – No Minutes Held on file for the previous year.
(in accordance with standing order 12a)**

The minutes of the meeting held in 2025 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

26. W 43 Receive the Chairman's report for 2025-26

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26. W 44 Receive other Reports from community representatives and organisations

1. Over 60's Group.

See Wormegay and Tottenhill report for latest news.

2. Wormegay Community & Neighbourhood Watch. L

L Gammon reported that the Wormegay Defib unit was still out of action. The company that provides and maintains the Defib under the five-year warranty have been contacted. But so far have not carried out the repairs. This is being followed up to get the Defib back into working order. The emergency services should be aware that the Wormegay Defib is out of action and will direct any caller to the Defib at the village hall in Tottenhill.

3. Village Hall. Tottenhill & Wormegay.

Keith Woods (Hall Secretary and Trustee) gave a detailed report regarding the many improvements that have been carried out to the hall, and that are also planned for the future. There are also a number of social events planned for 2026.

Keith welcomed greater future use of the hall by both Wormegay and Tottenhill residents now that the building has been much improved.

4. Wormegay Fuel Allotments.

See attached report from Mrs E Squires

5. St Michaels and All Angels Holy Cross Report

Services and events are advertised on the various Parish Notice Boards, the westnorfolkpriorygroup.co.uk webpage, and the Wormegay Facebook community page. Various events have been held in the past year to raise charitable funds. See attached report for further details.

- 6. Wormegay PCC – See Appendix 1.
- 7. Wormegay & Tottenhill Over 60s Club See Appendix 2.
- 8. Wormegay Fuel Allotment See Appendix 3.
- 9. Wormegay Community & Neighbourhood Watch – See Appendix 4.

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Dated _____

26. W 45 Role of a Councillor and how to get involved

There are currently three vacancies for Parish Councillors. There are seven positions in total. Please visit the Parish website to see what duties the Parish Councillors carry out. If you feel you would like to become part of the council and help the community, please get in touch.

26. W 46 Public opportunity for questions to Councillors

1. Wheelie bins are being left near the green by residents of the properties in Middle Farm for some days after they have been emptied. They are located by a junction and make the village green look untidy. Norfolk Council to be contacted to advise the respective residents that bins must be removed promptly after they are emptied.
2. The memorial tree by the Mission Hall, and the main larger tree, are in need of pruning for safety. Clerk R Shaw to review tree ownership to arrange pruning.
3. A black refuse wheelie bin has been left on the green beside the post box for some weeks. It had been returned to the gateway behind Middle Farm but arrived back on the green soon after. Bin Ref 2003364. Norfolk Council to be contacted to see if they can identify who pays for the bin so it can be returned.
4. The first grass cutting of the year has left large piles of cut grass in the various mowed areas. This grass would not normally be collected for disposal as it is cut with a ride-on mower. Further cutting of the grass when it is not so tall may reduce this initial problem.
5. Workers from the A G Pearce factory have been seen disposing of their blue hair nets in the street and other public spaces. Cllr A McAdam will contact/visit the factory to speak to the manager.

26. W 47 To receive Items for the next meeting agenda by Noon Monday 19th May 2026.

26. W 48 To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Wormegay Church Mission Room

Date of the next Annual Parish Meeting is provisionally 20th April 2027

26. W 49 Close of meeting:-

19.53hrs

26. W 50. Minutes taken by Cllr D Davenport

Any business to be considered at a Parish Council meeting must be delivered to the clerk for inclusion in accordance with Standing Order 9b. Please use the "Agenda Item Request Form" and include as much information as possible, including any proposal.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Appendix 1.**ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS AND HOLY CROSS WORMEGAY****REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2026**

St Michael's parish is part of the West Norfolk Priory Group, which consists of 12 churches in the local area. The priest in charge is Rev Dr David Karoon. A service is held in St Michael's Wormegay at 0930 on the third Sunday of each month from Easter until November, and in the Mission Room from November until Easter.

Services and events are advertised on Parish noticeboards, the weekly group newssheets, the West Norfolk Priory Group webpage www.westnorfolkpriorygroup.co.uk and on the Facebook Wormegay community website.

Any queries including life events – baptisms, marriages and funerals - or other matters, should be directed in the first instance to the webpage.

Last April 2025, the guttering at the church was replaced and repaired. This was made possible by a 90% grant from Ely diocese, the Wormegay PCC paying the balance.

The Mission Room is in regular use by the village for charity fundraising events and the Remembrance Day commemoration. A Christmas carol service took place there, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

As Churchwarden, please accept our thanks to the village for all their generosity in supporting services and fundraising events. Because of this we were able to pay our way as a parish in the past year, which means we will be able to continue to serve our community into the future. We especially thank Wormegay Parish Council for their generous donations towards grass cutting costs, and the provision of noticeboards for the Mission Room and the Church.

Elaine Squires
Churchwarden

Signed _____

Dated _____

Appendix. 2

West Bryggs Farm
Wormegay
Kings Lynn
Norfolk

With regards the Wormegay Annual Parish Council Meeting on 21st April
Unfortunately I will be unable to attend, but have done a brief resume of the
Wormegay and Tottenhill Over 60s Club.

We have 19 members, but sadly we lost 4 members this year. Most members
are over 90 we also have a lady who is 103.

We meet the second Monday of each month from 2pm till 4pm in the village
hall.

We had a varied programme of events in 2025, which included bingo, games,
quizzes, arts and crafts, horse racing and movement to music.

We played Deal or No Deal, Balloon Tennis

At the Easter meeting members each received an Easter egg and Hot Cross
buns.

A raffle is held at every meeting and a bring and buy auction every so often to
raise funds.

We celebrated VE day with an afternoon tea party where members dressed
up for the occasion.

We are lucky to have a great team of volunteers who help to make the
meetings fun and enjoyable. Keeping our members entertained and happy.
We provide the members with tea/coffee and biscuits.

We sadly lost a very valuable member of our volunteering team Lal Hardy, he
is sadly missed.

At the December meeting mince pies were served and all members received
a present and carols were sung.

In January 2026 we would normally take the members out for their Christmas
Lunch but sadly due to lack of funds we were unable to.

We were able to provide a small meal in the hall due to a contribution from
Wormegay Trustees and Tottenhill parish council, which was thoroughly
enjoyed by all.

Due to the high cost of transport and our limited funds, we are no longer able
to afford days out or trips to the theatre.

I hope the above is of interest.

Yours sincerely

Poreen Chapman.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Appendix. 3

TRUSTEES OF WORMEGAY FUEL ALLOTMENT 2026

Land behind Bardolph's Way and investments are held in trust under the Charities Commission as a local Charity for the relief of hardship in the Parish of Wormegay. It is run by Volunteer Trustees from the village who meet February and November to consider applications for help.

Applications for financial assistance should be made, either in person, in writing or by telephone, by the end of the month preceding the next meeting when these applications will be considered. In special circumstances, requests may be considered at other times. It is not an automatic right and must be applied for each time.

Please contact :

Elaine Squires (Chair), Ron Fisher (Clerk), Linda Claxton, Paul Camp or Liz Gannon .

During the financial year 2025 to 2026, monies amounting to £3250 were distributed to applicants from the village . £100 was also given to Wormegay Over Sixties and £100 to St Michael's Church. Income from investments was £4374.89. Current balance of assets £13395.60

April 2026

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Dated _____

Appendix. 4

Report to Annual Parish Meeting
Wormegay Community & Neighbourhood Watch
21st April 2026

With our small group of volunteers from the village, we continue to strive to bring our community together with our regular events throughout the year; we offer a variety of activities to suit all ages. And, under the umbrella of NHW, we hope these activities encourage neighbours to become acquainted and be aware of each others' security and vulnerability.

We remain in contact with the local policing teams and Neighbourhood Watch schemes; alerting of any suspicious activity via the village Facebook page. Distribution of 'No Cold Callers' window stickers have increased since reports of late-evening callers requesting donations.

With our social and fundraising events held last year, we enjoyed a Family Picnic on the Green, commemorated Sunday Remembrance Day, held a Quiz Night, and aided the Church with Carols in the Mission Room. Our fund raising events helped raise £492.00 for Tapping House and just over £516 for the Queen Elizabeth Breast Care Unit.

With welcoming new-comers to the village, we hope to continue keeping our parishioners in-touch and safe.

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Dated _____