

Minutes of Wormegay Parish Council

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council agenda

Tuesday 27th January 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 –Clerk/RFO – R Shaw, BC J Moriarty, BC P Devulapalli

3 members of the public were present.

Apologies for absence - None

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

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED.

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

26. W 01 Welcome from the Chair and to receive Apologies for Absence.

(LGA 1972 s 85(1))

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Borough Cllr Devulapalli arrived 5 minutes after the start of the meeting.

26. W 02

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

None were made.

26. W 03

To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 (in accordance with standing order 12a)

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th November be signed as a true copy.

Proposed Cllr Davenport– Seconded Cllr Chopping – All Approved – The minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

Signed _____

Dated _____

26. W 04**To Receive Reports from County Councillors and Borough Councillors. (5 minutes each)**

BC Moriarty presented a report prior to the meeting – see annex 1. BC Moriarty also briefly mentioned a meeting held at Borough regarding Transport and infrastructure – Cllr Moriarty pressed that not all visits to Parishes resulted in the general opinion that all were happy with the condition of infrastructure. A brief mention regarding Devolution and the cancelation of local elections was also touched on.

BC Devulapalli mentioned briefly that there are plans for a new swimming pool to be built at the Lynn Sport site, the existing pool will remain open until work is completed on the new site. BC Moriarty then mentioned that there is work underway from the Government to speed up planning applications by eliminating some of the bureaucracy surrounding the process to enable house building within the region and the rest of the country.

26. W 05**Open Forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public. (10 minutes only in total)**

MOPs did not have anything to add at the meeting, but a request had come in via a councillor regarding the battery for the Defib within the village. The custodian of the defib is looking at cost in relation to the battery and will contact the Clerk with further information once the quotes have been obtained.

26. W06**Items to note:**

- Invite Mr A Wallace – Highways to meeting – Invitation Sent – First response to that Tuesdays are not preferable and offer to the contrary that the PC will be happy to accommodate earlier in a meeting to allow a three-way conversation with the PC, Highways and local Police.
- Letter sent to Highways to thank them for work carried out in Village – Noted by BC Moriarty as a great practice to acknowledge work when it's been carried out to satisfaction
- Confirm Lynn News Contact – for Parish News –

There are four reporters locally – Lucy Carter, Molly Nicholas, Kris Johnston and Alice Hobbs- Clerk to contact with press release to inform parishioners of ongoing projects. – **Clerk to Action**

- Source “Speed watch Team” contact details for visits to village – Clerk to provide details to Councillors – **Clerk to action**
- Contact Local MP – Terry Jermy for a Q&A Session – A Response was received to first invitation – Nothing since. A further communication to be sent – **Clerk to Action**
- To Thank Micheal for installing the new batteries purchased for the Speed Sign – All working as it should.

Items Noted.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Agenda Items

26. W 07 To Review Cemetery Fees - All

This item was deferred to a later meeting due to a meeting of the councillors at the Cemetery to discuss action plans and needs in February.

26. W 08 To Discuss and Review Cemetery Action Plan All

This Item was deferred as above

26. W 09 To Arrange Meeting date in February to visit Cemetery – All

A few dates in February will be sent around to Councillors to meet up at the cemetery to start project for 2026 – **Clerk to action**

26. W 10 To resolve meeting date for Annual Meeting – April 21st, 2026 – All

It was resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on the above date.

26. W 11 To Provide update from SNAP meeting held 20-01-2026 – Chair

Both Councillors McAdam and Davenport attended the SNAP (Safer Neighbourhoods and Policing) meeting held in Downham Market on the 20th of January.

Cllr McAdams report is to be found in Annex.2

It was discussed to see if Highways can allow any further positions for the SAM camera within the village – Clerk to investigate.

26. W 12 To Discuss Traffic Calming at the NE End of the Village – Cllr Davenport

Councillor Davenport discussed the need for more work to be done regarding speeding in the village. This is likely to become topic of conversation with Highways and the Police in the near future. It was also discussed that the road markings and more importantly the 30mph signage on the roads is almost non-existent as they have worn away – Cllr Davenport to supply photographic evidence to the clerk so that it can be further reported to the Highways Department.

26. W 13 To provide update on Bio- Diversity – Cllr Chopping

The topic of Biodiversity is not at the forefront of everyone's mind at this time of year due to the inclement weather. Councillor Chopping has started looking into the possible procurement of Wildflower seeds for certain areas to be defined with the grass cutting contractor in the spring. A point was also discussed that if there are any issues with public hedges and / or trees that need to be address, this would need to be reported to council prior to March due to the Wildlife Act of 1988 which restricts works on nesting areas until the end of August.

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Dated _____

26. W 14 Planning Consultations

New Planning Application Consultations received from the Borough Council/NCC.

NONE

Notices of Decision by Borough Council and County Council

NONE

Accounts & Finance including:

26. W 15 To Note Balance of Accounts on 1st January 2026

Current Account - **£3727.54**

Instant Saver Account - **£ 15104.05**

26. W 16 To consider/review the payments for January 2026

HMRC £149.65 HMRC - Month 9 –

Clerks Hours for January – £401.92

Clerks Expenses for January - £43.01

26. W 17 To Note: money received – Bank Interest - £82.78

26. W 18 To Note – To resolve Grant Application for Wormegay Parochial Church

It was resolved by three votes to one to award the Grant of £400 to the Parochial Church after the council were in receipt of an application form for a donation towards upkeep of the grounds of the church and also towards a new notice board.

Proposed – Cllr Davenport – Seconded Cllr Chopping – Agreed by Cllr McAdam and opposed by Cllr Parker.

26. W 19 To Note – To Appoint Internal Auditor – Robin Goreham has quoted £65 for 2025-26
Item resolved to appoint.

Invoices due for payment but received after the publication of the agenda may be considered.

Signed _____

Dated _____

26. W 20 To resolve to move into a closed session, on the grounds of confidentiality in accordance with
The Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960, s.1(2) - To accept - To discuss

Nothing to Discuss

26. W 21 To receive Items for the next meeting agenda by Noon Monday 24th January March 2026.

**26. W 22 To confirm the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for
Tuesday 31st March 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Wormegay Church Mission Room**

26. W 23 Close of meeting:- 8.04

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 _____

Annex. 1- Cllr Moriarty Meeting Report

Norfolk County Council Updates

Funding for active travel improvements in Norfolk

Norfolk County Council has been awarded more than £12 million in capital funding and nearly £3 million revenue funding from the Department for Transport's Active Travel Capability Fund - to improve walking, wheeling, and cycling infrastructure across the county.

The funding forms part of the Government's national commitment to invest £616 million in active travel over the next four years. Norfolk County Council will publish details of planned schemes as they are confirmed.

Norfolk Trails Public Survey

The council is seeking feedback to ensure that the future of [Norfolk's Trails](#) aligns with the values and preferences of residents. A public survey is being conducted to gather community input, which will inform the long-term planning and improvement of the trails, with the aim of enhancing accessibility for all.

We welcome the views of our local councillors and are keen to hear from your residents – so please share the link to the public survey. The link to the survey is available [here](#).

New mentoring programme for Norfolk care-experienced young people

A new mentoring programme is being launched to support Norfolk children and young people in care. The Beyond Limits scheme pairs care-experienced young people with mentors who share similar backgrounds, providing dedicated support and guidance. Five care-experienced young adults have been recruited as mentors. They will also visit schools, colleges, and other settings, and participate in events and training for employers and professionals.

The mentoring team will be led by James Waterson, Virtual School Apprentice Project Manager. James joined Norfolk County Council to help build a team of volunteer mentors who, like him, are all care experienced.

Find out more, including videos and team details [here](#).

For referrals, or to express interest in becoming a mentor, please contact jamie.waterson@norfolk.gov.uk.

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Dated _____

Annex.2

Parish Chairs Report.

SNAP Meeting – 20th January 2026

Notes made on the meeting held in the Downham Market Town Hall at 7.00pm

Police present: Sgt Mike Hopkins - Neighbourhood Police Team

P.C. Paula Gilluley Beat Manager

P.C. Lee – Neighbourhood Police Team

30 attendees from across the area.

The SNAP meetings are held quarterly in Downham, Watlington and Terrington.

The Neighbourhood Police Team consists of 5 officers who between them cover 400 sq miles of West Norfolk up to the Cambridgeshire border. Through the engagement surgeries the Police can help local communities solve problems.

The Government instigated a Winter of Action focussing on the following -Retail crime, Street crime, ASB, Nighttime Economy

As a result, Police presence has increased in Downham. 531 patrols were carried out in Downham over the Xmas period, which has translated to 218 hours of foot patrols.

Anti-Social Behaviour in Downham has been tackled – an incident at the Parish Church where youths were throwing stones off the Church roof, the miscreants were apprehended and dealt with. Also, the scourge of E Scooters is being handled on a zero-tolerance basis. Retail crime is on the increase, and as a result of this a shop watch scheme has been introduced in Downham. This is an app called SIGNAL, which allows the shops to communicate with other businesses who are part of the same scheme. When a suspect is identified this info can be messaged to other shops to keep a watch on potential thefts, enabling this to be dealt with straight away. 9 stores and 13 participants are currently part of the SIGNAL app. Over Xmas 3 suspects were targeting high value meat thefts, they were identified and they were arrested.

All thanks to the SIGNAL app. For 2026, the focus will be on rural areas through stop and search, whilst working closely with pubs and rural shops. Getting banned from one means banned from all. The long-term aim is to increase safety on the streets. Targeted efforts on Newsagents in Downham have resulted in a raid on one, and £17,000 of illicit tobacco were seized along with the van used to transport the illegal goods.

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An increased engagement with local schools to deliver targeted assemblies is being rolled out through a POLED programme which is free to schools. More school events are planned throughout the coming year. With other events there have been more foot patrols, as well as meet the Police at Tesco's in Downham, which was very successful.

Currently, the Court backlog is proving very frustrating with lenient decisions made on cases which are finally brought for trial, that are not proving to be a deterrent to criminals to go straight.

The team of 5 police officers who make up the Neighbourhood Police Team are backed up by the Response team at Downham Market who deal with 999 calls.

Matters brought up at the meeting included a request to set up a speed trap along Bexwell Road to deter regular speeding motorists.

In Outwell, Pius Drove was flagged up by 10 attendees who are concerned that due to 2 main road closures, more traffic was driving down this narrow road and causing all sorts of anti-social problems.

For our own village, I and David Davenport asked if the Neighbourhood Police Team could come to a future Parish Council meeting, along with the Highways Dept, Andy Wallace and his 2nd in command, to discuss the best way to calm the traffic down. Especially since the painted 30 mph roundels had been ruined by Anglian Water following sewerage works along the main road. It was agreed that the Police could attend our March 31st meeting.

Suggestions were made that we could start up a Community Speed Watch and discussions could be had about where the SAMS speed displays could be located, in addition to the 2 poles we use at present.

NS Speed cameras have all their data downloaded onto a website where the stats are recorded for the entire county.

It was restated that Norfolk Police respond to ALL retail theft, even if it is under £200. Because of this, the county has one of the highest detection rates in England. It is helped in Kings Lynn by very good CCTV coverage.

The NOS problem, where the gas is inhaled from a balloon, is an ongoing problem, particularly as the youths take it whilst driving! No test is available at the moment but is in the pipeline. If any capsules are found, the Police would like to be informed ASAP.

The next meeting is to be held at Watlington on the 28/04/26.

Wormegay's beat manager is Jamie Cowen, and he can be contacted on jamie.cowen@norfolk.police.uk.

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