



*Kimberley
and
Carleton Forehoe
Parish Council*

Annual Report

May 2018

Chairman's Report

I hope by the time you receive this annual report we will have finally emerged from what seems to have been a very long winter. Let us hope that spring lifts our spirits and summer affords us warm sunny happy days.

The past 12 months seem to have gone by in a flash although they have been full of behind the scenes work, particularly for Catherine, our dedicated parish clerk. Government and local authority directives and requirements generate a lot of work even for a small parish such as ours. New legislation concerning 'data protection' is causing enormous problems even to the smallest task. Any communication from one of you MEANS WE HOLD DATA and records as to how it is held and by whom ie one or all of the councillors has to be recorded.

We have recently had to give the parish opinion on a 150-question consultation regarding the Greater Norwich Local Plan up until 2036. This questionnaire alone constituted hours of reading for your parish councillors and clerk, digesting its implications for the residents of this parish, South Norfolk and the wider area.

I expect most of you will have seen the "village gates" that have been erected so far, we are pressing for the completion of this project.

Better broadband is another issue that your parish council is pursuing on your behalf. We have looked at WiSpire and ITSwisp and even discussed the possibility of installing fibre optic cables ourselves as some other rural communities have done. It would seem we are on BT's (Openreach) 'no plans to upgrade' list, so we will continue to look at all the up to date options for Kimberley and Carlton Forehoe and report back with cost and logistic implications.

Finally, we have changed our website address to www.kimberleyandcarletonforehoe.org.uk – pop along and see what is new there. The site is regularly updated, including details of forthcoming meetings.

Thanks to all our parish councillors and Catherine Moore for their continued efforts on behalf of both communities. Also my special thanks personally to them all during a difficult period last autumn.

Colin House, Chairman

Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2017/18

Receipts

	<u>2016/17 (£)</u>	<u>2017/18 (£)</u>
Precept & Shortfall Grant	1,933.00	1,924.50
Grants & Fund Raising	0.00	1,250.00
VAT Reclaim	0.00	16.81
TOTAL	1,933.00	3,191.31

Payments

	2016/17 (£)	Budget 2017/18 (£)	Actual 2017/18 (£)	(Over) / Under spent (£)
Churchyards	350.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
Insurance	164.45	175.00	167.44	7.56
Salary	950.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Admin Costs	55.20	100.00	61.38	38.62
Audit	40.00	40.00	40.00	0.00
Subscriptions	118.82	87.50	84.77	2.73
Training	13.52	0.00	14.14	(14.14)
ICO	0.00	35.00	35.00	0.00
Emergency Plan	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Fen Lease	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00
Contingency	0.00	82.00	0.00	82.00
TOTAL	1,696.99	1,924.50	1,757.73	166.77
VAT	16.81	0.00	6.80	
Gateways	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	
TOTAL	1,713.80	0.00	3,014.53	

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance at 31st March 2017	1,851.75
Total Income	3,191.31
Total Expenditure	3,014.53
Closing Balance at 31st March 2018	2,028.53

Your Parish Council

The villages of Kimberley and Carleton Forehoe are represented by five Parish Councillors: Colin House (Chairman); Joy Smiley (Vice Chairman); Diana Hambro; Jane Fraser; and Val Evans. The Parish Clerk is Catherine Moore.

The Parish Council meets four times per year, with the following meeting dates planned for 2018:

Friday 31st August, 7pm, Kimberley Church
Friday 23rd November, 7pm, Kimberley Church

Parish Council agendas are published on notice boards and the website 3 clear days before the meeting. Minutes are published on the website after they have been approved. Alternatively they are available from the Parish Clerk.

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings. A time is set aside for public comments before the meeting begins. Alternatively, a Parish Councillor is available at the meeting location from 6.45pm if you wish to discuss something privately.

Your representative on Norfolk County Council is Mrs Margaret Dewsbury who can be contacted on 01603 759693 or emailed on margaret.dewsbury@norfolk.gov.uk.

Your South Norfolk Council representative is Mr Michael Edney who can be contacted on 01953 488286 / 07725 971282 or emailed on medney@s-norfolk.gov.uk.

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