

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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PARISH COUNCIL
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Chairman's Report

This year your Parish Council became one of many councils to embrace the conferencing medium of ZOOM. As we all find ourselves embracing an inner feeling of limbo, affecting the whole of our lives, we are still required to comply with various statutory requirements albeit at a distance. As Catherine Moore, our Parish Clerk, has infinitely more internet speed than any of us within the parish, I asked Catherine to host the 22nd April meeting. Unfortunately Val Evans internet connection or 'lack of' meant she wasn't able to take part but the remaining Parish Councillors were able to complete the agenda in a twenty minute session.

Prior to the Covid-19 crisis Kimberley & Carleton Forehoe PC was instrumental in gathering together representatives of other adjacent PCs and our local MP George Freeman to form an alliance examining the rat run fall-out from the improved A47 trunk road and the NDR link. We have long since passed the point as to whether these road schemes will happen or not. We now have to look at when and what detrimental effects they will have on our villages. The Parish Councillors have found that there are very real fears among local residents and these have been conveyed to Highways England, the project officers from Norfolk County Council and our MP. The work to minimise increased traffic from the A47 to the A11 gateway via Kimberley and Carleton Forehoe is ongoing but now made more difficult by not being able to meet face to face with participating consultees.

Your Parish Council has continued to encourage traffic control to keep monitoring the speed along the B1108 resulting in many penalty notices being issued to offending motorists.

We have continued to press Open Reach/BT and Better Broadband for Norfolk regarding the lack of broadband connection reliability and speed to our residences. Finally we have been moved from the "no plans to update" list, to "imminent connection" to "fibre to premises". You will have seen the contractors installing the fibre cables on to the various poles within Kimberley although Carleton Forehoe has not been cabled so far and only has "fibre to the cabinet" which is some distance away and seems to have adversely affected their broadband and phone service. I am given to understand that individual connection to premises in Kimberley could be offered in the very near future.

In my past reports I have always thanked our Parish Clerk and my fellow Parish Councillors for their dedication, time and effort which they continue to give to maintain our parishes' autonomy within local government. I give that thanks both personally and on your behalf. I, and my fellow councillors, understand we will not always please every resident but I would ask you all to consider how that would be possible when your view may be directly opposed to that of your neighbour. Whether that opinion be on a matter of planning within Kimberley or Carleton Forehoe, the use of common land or the maintenance of an access way, everyone has a right to their point of view and a responsibility to be tolerant of others viewpoints. When your parish council is asked to comment by District or County Council, we are required to put our own views to one side and represent all of Kimberley and Carleton Forehoe residents points of view in line with specific parameters required by the council. We have to consider the facts not the imagined, the need not nimbysism, evaluate the truth not the perception.

We have all shown over the past weeks that by coming together to support and thank our NHS and having a "2 metre distance" gathering on VE Day, that we can pull together and even sing a few songs! The cancellation of the Kimberley village fete has taken our predominant social event away from us this year. So if circumstances allow, a village tea party as suggested by Taz would be a welcome date for our diary, whether Carleton Forehoe residents may wish to join together on Kimberley Green or to have separate events remains to be discussed.

Fellow residents, please be tolerant, stay safe, keep well and be happy.

Colin House, Chairman

Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2019/20

Receipts

	<u>2018/19 (£)</u>	<u>2019/20 (£)</u>
Precept & Shortfall Grant	1,912.50	1,999.96
Grants & Fund Raising	0.00	519.00
VAT Reclaim	6.80	18.56
TOTAL	1,919.30	2,537.52

Payments

	2018/09 (£)	Budget 2019/20 (£)	Actual 2019/20 (£)	(Over) / Under spent (£)
Churchyards	350.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
Insurance	167.44	175.00	167.44	7.56
Salary	1,000.00	1,132.46	1,194.00	(61.54)
Admin Costs	57.02	75.00	8.40	66.60
Audit	40.00	40.00	43.50	(3.50)
Subscriptions	84.90	87.50	86.52	0.98
Training	26.00	0.00	304.70	(304.70)
ICO	35.00	35.00	35.00	0.00
Website	69.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fen Lease	0.00	5.00	10.00	(5.00)
Contingency	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
TOTAL	1,830.26	1,912.50	2,199.56	(287.06)
VAT	18.56	0.00	34.00	
Gateways	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	1,848.82	1,912.50	2,233.56	

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance at 31st March 2019	2,099.01
Total Income	2,537.52
Total Expenditure	2,233.56
Closing Balance at 31st March 2020	2,402.97

Earmarked Reserves

Defibrillator	300.00
Free Funds:	2,102.97

Meeting dates and public attendance

In 2020 the Parish Council will meet on:

- Friday 4th September 7pm
- Friday 27th November 7pm

Meetings will take place either in Kimberley Church, or on Zoom, depending on government guidance in place at the time. This information will be on the Council's website. Agendas for the meetings are available on the notice boards and the website 3 clear days before the meeting.

Members of the public are permitted to attend the meetings but cannot participate in the discussion. The first 15 minutes of the meeting are given for public comments, where residents of the Parish are invited to raise issues or give comments for the Council to discuss either at the meeting or at a future meeting.

If you have an issue that needs to be raised on the agenda you are advised to write to or email the Clerk at least 10 days before the meeting. Alternatively please raise it with a Parish Councillor who can request that it is placed on the agenda.