Kimberley and Carleton Forehoe Parish Council

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT KIMBERLEY CHURCH ON FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM

The following members were present:- Colin House (Chairman), Joy Smiley, Jane Fraser and Diana Hambro. The Clerk, District Councillor Richard Elliott and one member of the public were also present.

Public Comments:

A member of the public asked whether the Council planned to plant any trees? It was confirmed that the Council would be open to planting trees, however they would need permission from the landowner, and funding to purchase, plant and maintain these. Ideally, trees could be planted on The Green, with ongoing maintenance by South Norfolk Council. Richard Elliott agreed to look into this on behalf of South Norfolk Council.

It was noted that the verge cutter had run into the village gateway on Wymondham Road, which was now at an angle. The Clerk was asked to report this to Norfolk County Council for repair.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Val Evans.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS There were no declarations of interest.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2019 were **agreed** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) <u>Local Council Award Scheme</u> The Clerk reported that the Council had been reaccredited at the 'Foundation' level.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was noted.

6. FINANCE

- 6.1 The 2019/20 financial transactions to date were **noted**.
- 6.2 The cheque payments were **approved** as presented:

a)	C Moore	Salary July - September 2019	£228.80
b)	HMRC	PAYE July - September 2019	£57.20
C)	C Moore	Stamps	£8.40
d)	Norfolk County Council	Speed Tubes	£200.00
		TOTAL	£494.40

7. PLANNING

7.1 <u>Applications for consideration</u> None.

7.2 Planning Decisions

Action

2019/0383 Glebe Farm, Low Road, Carleton Forehoe: Retrospective application for change of use of redundant farm building to use for hospitality / event venue.

APPROVED

8. ONGOING MATTERS

a) <u>Speed Monitoring Tubes</u>

It was **agreed** that Colin House would liaise with the Highways Engineer regarding **CH** the placing of the speed monitoring tubes.

b) <u>Defibrillator in Kimberley</u> It was **agreed** that Colin House would look into prices and funding for this project. **CH**

c) Public Rights of Way

Joy Smiley reported that she needed to go to the Records Office to research JS information on this. Janes Fraser offered to assist with this.

d) Norwich Western Link

It was noted that the route which was least favourable for the villages had been chosen, and it was felt that this had been a foregone conclusion and was likely to have been influenced by the Highways England plans to dual the A47. The next meeting of the local communities would be on 17th September, and Val Evans was representing the Parish Council. Contact had been made with Wymondham Town Council however no response had been received. There had been no traffic modelling undertaken to the south, and mitigation was required for the villages. It was felt that the closure of Berrys Lane and the removal of the associated roundabout from the plans was the only sensible mitigation, with traffic calming measures and weight limits required. There was concern about the impact on the ancient bridge at Carleton Forehoe. Jane Fraser would be engaging the local MP on this matter.

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9. Final Comments

a) <u>District Councillor</u>

Richard Elliott reported that he had a Member Ward Grant and offered £200 towards a community project. He noted that other grants were available from South Norfolk Council.

Richard noted that the Early Help Hub was doing well, and was a multi-agency approach to early intervention, preventing people from entering care or a crisis situation. This included community outreach activity.

The Greater Norwich Local Plan was due to begin the next stage of consultation, and lobbying was taking place to make it easier for villages to be included in the planning process. The Council wanted to see balanced development across the area, as well as affordable housing.

Richard suggested that the MP could be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the concerns about the western link.

b) Broadband

Joy Smiley noted that fibre broadband wires had been installed on the overhead wires, and wondered when this would be connected? It was understood that this was part of 'fibre to premises' and the Clerk was asked to contact Better Broadband **Clerk** for Norfolk to ask when this might be connected.

c) Oak Tree at Carleton Forehoe

Jane Fraser reported that the oak tree on the triangle at Carleton Forehoe had the

same disease (honey fungus) as the oak in Jane's garden which came down. The Clerk was asked to contact South Norfolk Council to request that they inspect it.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 22nd November 2019 at Kimberley Church.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed

Dated

Clerk