



*Kimberley
and
Carleton Forehoe
Parish Council*

Annual Report

May 2015

Chairman's Report

As I write the Parish Council elections are just a few weeks away, and this seems like a good time to reflect not only on the last year, but also the Parish Council's four year term of office from May 2011.

During the past 12 months, the Council has continued to discuss highways issues with Norfolk County Council. The issue of speeding through Kimberley has been considered at each meeting, and I am very pleased to announce that the Parish Council has secured 50/50 funding from Norfolk County Council for the installation of Vehicle Activated Signs which will warn drivers that they are over the 40mph limit. The Parish Council's thanks go to the Kimberley Fete Committee for their support with this initiative.

Another pleasing achievement was to secure funding for the refurbishment of the wooden war memorial in Kimberley Church. The gold lettering has been infilled and the wood cleaned, and this is a fitting tribute to the fallen of the village, in time for the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

Finally, the Parish Council will be applying for the new Local Council Award Scheme Foundation Award. This national benchmark demonstrates that the Council is achieving the set standards for a good council, and that your council tax is being used properly.

A brief look back at the last four years shows that the Kimberley village sign was refurbished, an agreement was set up with the Carleton Forehoe Fen Trust for the ongoing insurance responsibility of the Fen in Low Road, and the Council acquired the red phone box on Kimberley Green. Also the flooding issues on the B1108 and Kimberley Green have been alleviated by drainage works. Although this may seem like a short list, the Council only met six times per year (reduced to four times per year from 2015) and with a precept of less than £2,000 per year, these are considerable achievements that larger parishes would be envious of.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for their hard work over the past four years, and particularly to Vice Chairman Joy Smiley who has stepped in to chair meetings when I have not been able to attend; and our Clerk Catherine Moore for her professional support and guidance.

Colin House, Chairman

Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2014/15

Receipts

| | <u>2013/14 (£)</u> | <u>2014/15 (£)</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Precept | 1,941.00 | 1,941.00 |
| Grants | 0.00 | 418.00 |
| VAT Reclaim | 499.04 | 124.60 |
| Training Bursary | 210.00 | 210.00 |
| Other | 12.68 | 4.04 |
| TOTAL | 2,662.72 | 2,697.64 |

Payments

| | 2013/14 (£) | Budget 2014/15 (£) | Actual 2014/15 (£) | (Over) / Under spent (£) |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Churchyards | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| Insurance | 243.80 | 275.00 | 318.00* | (43.00) |
| Salary | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Admin Costs | 24.20 | 71.00 | 42.96 | 28.04 |
| Audit | 28.00 | 30.00 | 28.00 | 2.00 |
| Subscriptions | 78.87 | 80.00 | 79.79 | 0.21 |
| Training | 264.00 | 0.00 | 282.00 | (282.00) |
| ICO | 35.00 | 35.00 | 0.00** | 35.00 |
| War Memorial | 0.00 | 0.00 | 201.60 | (201.60) |
| Contingency | | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| TOTAL | 1,973.87 | 1,941.00 | 2,252.35 | (311.35) |

*Insurance – 2 years premiums at £159.00 per year.

**Cheque not banked in 2014/15, will show in 2015/16 accounts

Bank Reconciliation

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Opening Balance at 31st March 2014 | 1,351.27 |
| Total Income | 2,697.64 |
| Total Expenditure | 2,252.35 |
| Add unbanked cheque 2013/14 | 5.00 |
| Closing Balance at 31st March 2015 | 1,801.56 |
| Earmarked Reserves: £250.00; | Free Funds: <u>£1,551.56</u> |

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 2015:

Friday 4th September, 7pm, Kimberley Church
Friday 27th 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 of Norfolk County Council is Mrs Margaret Dewsbury who can be contacted on 01603 759693 or emailed on margaret.dewsbury@norfolk.gov.uk .

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