



*Kimberley  
and  
Carleton Forehoe  
Parish Council*

*Annual Report*

*May 2013*

## Chairman's Report

As one of the county's smallest Parish Councils, it is understandable that we have little to consider that is of national importance; however the commitment of your elected representatives remains steadfast, attending meetings throughout the year at Kimberley and Carleton Forehoe parish churches and at other venues within the county. Their dedication together with that of Parish Clerk Catherine Moore ensures that our resident's voices are heard by the appropriate bodies whenever necessary.

During the year, two issues have dominated our parish meetings. First, the disregard by some road users of the 40mph speed limit and the potential danger at our road junctions. This is even more evident as the volume of traffic continues to increase year on year. We have successfully lobbied for some recent speed monitoring and are hoping to carry out extra surveillance by local volunteers using some loan equipment.

The second issue is the continued flooding of the unmade road on The Green in Kimberley. Although adjacent flooding on the B1108 has been cured by the installation of an overflow pipe, the subsequent reinstatement of the unmade road has been less than satisfactory. The Parish Council has **repeatedly** argued the case but so far have been refused a solution. This lobbying will continue. Looking forward, the Parish Council has commissioned a restoration of the village sign in Kimberley, following a generous grant of £1,000 by the Kimberley Fete Committee. The Council is actively looking at issues around drainage on The Green in Kimberley and will be digging some water grops into the green to allow water run off. The situation will be monitored.

The Council is working with Carleton Forehoe Fenland Trust to find a solution to their problem of public liability insurance. Options are being explored and will be discussed at future meetings.

Finally, we reported last year that we would be applying for Quality Status, however with suspension of the scheme pending a review, this has been put on hold and will be pursued once details of the new scheme are published.

**Colin House, Chairman**

## Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2012/13

### Receipts

|                  | 2011/12 (£)    | 2012/13 (£)    |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Precept          | 1673.36        | 1770           |
| Grants           | -              | 2200           |
| VAT Reclaim      | 12.59          | 54.37          |
| Training Bursary | 100.00         | 100.00         |
| Other            | 99.00          | 113.36         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>1884.95</b> | <b>4237.73</b> |

### Payments

|                     | 2011/12<br>(£) | Budget<br>2012/13 (£) | Actual<br>2012/13 (£) | (Over) /<br>Under<br>spent (£) |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Churchyards         | 300.00         | 300.00                | 300.00                | 0.00                           |
| Insurance           | 225.00         | 250.00                | 225.00                | 25.00                          |
| Salary              | 900.00         | 1000.00               | 975.00                | 25.00                          |
| Admin Costs         | 37.28          | 0.00                  | 54.75                 | (54.75)                        |
| Audit               | 88.00          | 110.00                | 88.00                 | 22.00                          |
| Subscriptions       | 77.93          | 80.00                 | 78.59                 | 1.41                           |
| Training            | 75.00          | 0.00                  | 490.80                | (490.80)                       |
| ICO                 | 35.00          | 0.00                  | 35.00                 | (35.00)                        |
| Capital Expenditure |                |                       | 1375.20               |                                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>1738.21</b> | <b>1740.00</b>        | <b>3622.34</b>        | <b>(502.39)</b>                |

### Bank Reconciliation

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <b>Opening Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012</b> | 1326.03        |
| Total Income   | 4237.73        |
| Total Expenditure                                    | 3622.34        |
| <b>Closing Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013</b> | <b>1941.42</b> |

## 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 (Responsible Financial Officer); Jane Fraser; and Val Evans. The Parish Clerk is Catherine Moore.

The Parish Council meets six times per year, with the following meeting dates planned for 2013:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm, Carleton Forehoe Church  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm, Kimberley Church  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:margaret.dewsbury@norfolk.gov.uk) .

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