

Kimberley and Carleton Forehoe Parish Council

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, KIMBERLEY ON FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7PM

The following members were present:- Colin House, Joy Smiley, Val Evans and Diana Hambro. The Clerk, District Councillor Edney and County Councillor Dewsbury were also present.

Public Comments:

County Councillor Dewsbury reported that Highways had considered the Parish Council's concerns regarding the junctions along the B1108, and noted that they would put forward the request for carriageway roundels at Kimberley for consideration once funding for the following financial year was known. It was suggested that the parish could proactively request that hedges were cut by farmers. The Parish Council could apply to the parish partnership fund for vehicle activated signs, however the parish contribution was 50%.

District Councillor Edney reported that South Norfolk Council was planning to buy anti-graffiti kits that parishes could borrow. The Parish Council felt that this was a waste of money as staff from Ketteringham cleaned graffiti up on request. The interest in a SAM machine to be used in Kimberley was reiterated, and it was agreed that a meeting would be set up between Cllrs Edney, Dewsbury and Smiley.

The Clerk confirmed that she was exploring funding sources for restoration of the war memorial, including the Neighbourhood Board.

Action

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Jane Fraser, proposed by Colin House, seconded by Diana Hambro, all in favour.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Val Evans declared an interest in the Carleton Forehoe Fen, as a Trustee. Joy Smiley declared an interest in Kimberley Green, as a resident. Diana Hambro declared an interest in the Kimberley phone box.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 27th September 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council received and noted the correspondence.

5. FINANCE

5.1 The 2013/14 financial transactions to date were noted.

5.2 The cheque payments were approved as presented:

5.2.1	HMRC	PAYE	£50.00
5.2.2	BT	Telephone Kiosk	£1.00
5.2.3	Clerk	Expenses	£13.20
TOTAL			£64.20

5.3 The 2014/15 budget was presented, and it was agreed to adopt this as drafted, proposed by Colin House, seconded by Joy Smiley, all in favour.

5.4 The 2014/15 precept (including any council tax support grant) was set at £1,941.00, proposed by Colin House, seconded by Joy Smiley, all in favour.

6. ONGOING MATTERS

a) Water Grups

Diana Hambro reported that these would be installed in the next fortnight.

DH

b) Traffic Calming Measures

This had been dealt with during public forum.

c) Carleton Forehoe Fen

It was agreed to hold this to the January agenda, pending registration of the possessive title to the land by the Trust.

d) Kimberley Phone Box

The purchase documents for the box were agreed and signed. The Clerk was asked to send a draft notice for the box, detailing the new ownership, to Diana Hambro.

Clerk

7. NEW MATTERS

a) 2013 Model Standing Orders

It was agreed to adopt the Model Standing Orders with immediate effect.

b) Training Bursary

It was agreed that the Clerk could apply for a £100 bursary towards her Practitioners Conference, and that the invoice for the training would be paid through Kimberley.

c) General Power of Competence

The General Power of Competence had been brought in as part of the Localism Act 2011; it was the power of first resort and allowed a council to do anything that an individual could do. It was available to councils whose Clerk has passed the necessary qualification and where two thirds of Councillors have been elected (rather than co-opted). The Clerk had recently obtained the necessary add-on qualification to the Certificate in Local Council Administration, and 100% of Councillors were elected at the last election. It was resolved that Kimberley and Carleton Forehoe Parish Council adopt the General Power of Competence, which would remain in place until the next ordinary election of the council, proposed by Colin House, seconded by Diana Hambro, all in favour.

d) 2014 Meeting Dates

It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet on the following dates in 2014:

- Friday 31st January, 7pm, Kimberley Church
- Friday 28th March, 7pm, Kimberley Church
- Friday 23rd May, 7pm, Carleton Forehoe Church (incl. Annual Parish Meeting)
- Friday 25th July, 7pm, Carleton Forehoe Church
- Friday 26th September, 7pm, Kimberley Church
- Friday 28th November, 7pm, Kimberley Church

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 31st January 2014 7pm at Kimberley Church.

Diana Hambro highlighted the WiSpire scheme which brought broadband to rural areas. It would need 22 people in the local area to sign up to bring this to the area. It was suggested that a phone mast could be installed on the church tower, Diana agreed to speak with the clerk to Barnham Broom to check how they achieved their phone/broadband mast.

DH

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed

Dated