

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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PARISH COUNCIL
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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

STAND AS A LOCAL COUNCILLOR ON 5 MAY 2011

You could make a difference to your Parish

What is a Parish Council?

- The first tier of local government
- Your representation at a local level
- A statutory authority responsible for your community in partnership with others

What are the benefits of becoming a Parish Councillor?

- Get involved in your community
- Have a say about local issues people care about
 - Influence the way local services are provided
- Decide how local money is spent to improve your community

Do you need any special skills?

NO!

All you need is:

- Time
- To care for your community
- A willingness to represent others
- A desire to make a difference

So where can I find out more?

Information and nomination packs are available from Catherine Moore, Parish Clerk
2 Low Road, Carleton Forehoe, Norwich NR9 4AP
01603 758148 kimberleyandcarletonforehoe@googlemail.com

All nomination forms must be received by South Norfolk Council by
12 noon Monday 4 April 2011

What has your Parish Council achieved recently?

You may be wondering what the Parish Council have been up to recently. Well, here is a quick summary...

- In 2008 we conducted a Parish Plan. We sent out 64 questionnaires and received 31 back, which was a pleasing response. Feedback on a wide range of issues was received, which has helped inform the Parish Councils discussions and decisions since the survey. Of course, you don't need to wait for a Parish Plan to give us your comments or suggestions – we can now be emailed on kimberleyandcarletonforehoe@googlemail.com.
- In 2009 we launched our new website - <http://kimberleyandcarletonforehoe.norfolkparishes.gov.uk> (note no 'www'). On the website you can find agendas and minutes for all meetings (minutes are published once approved at the next meeting), audit returns, meeting dates and useful contacts. Website reports show that this is being well used, and the Council hopes that residents find it useful for keeping up to date,
- In 2010 the Parish Council was asked to look at drainage on The Green in Kimberley. As you read this, work should well underway to reduce the water run-off from the highway onto the track by running a 30cm pipe along the track to a pond behind the cottages.
- Also in 2010 the Parish Council was asked to look at the speed limit within the village. Following unsatisfactory proposals from Norfolk County Council to reduce the speed limit only over the level crossing, the Parish Council presented a convincing case to have the speed limit throughout Kimberley reduced to 40mph. The Council is pleased to report that this is now at the formal consultation stage – this does not mean that the speed limit will be lowered just yet, however work is well under way with a hope that this does happen.
- Looking to the future (after the election!) the Parish Council is looking into taking on delegated agency functions on behalf of Norfolk County Council on a paid basis. It is hoped that the Parish Council will appoint contractors to undertake verge cutting meaning that there will be more control of these services locally, resulting in a better service.

Meeting dates and public attendance

In 2011 the Parish Council will meet on:

- Friday 28 January 7pm Kimberley church
- Friday 8 April after the Annual Parish Meeting Kimberley Church
- Monday 16 May 7pm at Carleton Forehoe church
- Friday 29 July 7pm at Carleton Forehoe church
- Friday 30 September 7pm at Kimberley church
- Monday 28 November 7pm at Kimberley church

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. Agendas for the meetings are available on the notice boards and the website 3 clear days before the 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.

Annual Parish Meeting

By law Parish Councils are required to hold an Annual Parish Council meeting which must take place between 1 March and 1 June each year. This year's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Friday 8 April at Kimberley Church at 7pm.

All members of the public are welcome to attend. This is not a Parish Council meeting (although it is normally chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council) therefore residents of the Parish are entitled to speak and vote at the meeting. The Parish Council is not obliged to implement any decision made by the Parish Meeting, however it does actively encourage comments and feedback at the meeting to help inform its work over the coming year.

The meeting receives reports from the district and county councillors, the Chairman of the Parish Council, the Kimberley Fete committee, the Carleton Forehoe Fenland Trust and the two churches.

The Parish Council looks forward to welcoming you to the Parish Meeting – if there are any items that any resident wishes to raise on the agenda please email the Clerk by Friday 25 March 2011.

Annual Audit of the Parish Council Accounts 2009/10

The external audit of the Parish Council accounts has been carried out, and we are pleased to report that they have been deemed satisfactory. The audited account statement can be viewed at the Parish Council website –

<http://kimberleyandcarletonforehoe.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/parish-council/accounts/>

Copies of the audited statement can be requested from the Clerk (small fee applicable)

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