

KIMBERLEY AND CARLETON FOREHOE PARISH COUNCIL
Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 19th May 2025, St Mary's Church, Carleton Forehoe, 7pm

Minutes

Present Joy Smiley, Chair, Parish Council
 Jane Fraser, Parish Council
 Graham Mann, Parish Council
 Martin Care, Parish Council
 Maria Hutson, Clerk, Parish Council

1. Apologies
Received from Robert Alston, Margaret Dewsbury, Richard Elliott
2. To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 20th May 2024
JF proposed GM seconded, all in agreement
3. Parish Council Reports
 - a) Chairman's Report
Joy Smiey read a report, Appendix A
 - b) Financial Report
Clerk – The precept increased by 7% to take into account ongoing website costs and inflation. However costs have been kept low and reserves have been maintained.
4. Reports from Outside Bodies
 - a) District Council – Richard Elliott
Richard Elliott sent his apologies
 - b) County Council – Margaret Dewsbury
Margaret Dewsbury sent her apologies, a report was circulated, Appendix B
5. Reports from Village Organisations
 - a) Kimberley Fete Committee
Joy Smiley gave a report, Appendix C
 - b) Carleton Forehoe Fen
Jane Fraser gave a verbal update – the trust is now sitting under the PCC so hoped they will be paying the insurance going forward. AGM minutes were circulated (separate document)
 - c) Kimberley Church
Joy Smiley gave a report, Appendix D
 - d) Carleton Forehoe Church
Jane Fraser gave a verbal update – This year 16 services have been held. The brass lights have been refurbished and are now rechargeable LEDs
6. General Parish Issues
Question raised regarding paths

Meeting closed at 19:20

Appendix A

In May 2024, Robert Alston was elected as vice-chairman and in February 2025, Martin Care was co-opted as a member of Kimberley and Carleton Parish Council.

We have met four times this year and the proposed Norwich Western Link Road and dualling of the A47 from North Tuddenham to Easton has been an item on the agenda at each meeting. The Council is part of the A47 Taskforce which has worked collaboratively with Norfolk County Council to introduce speed limits which should slow down and deterring traffic from using routes through our villages. It is hoped that the reduced speed limits will be introduced later this year.

The Council has been supported by CIL funding which enabled work to be carried out in Carleton Forehoe to reduce flooding in Low Road. Kimberley community, headed by Martin Care, will be carrying out work to cut back the brambles and improve the area around the green also putting down bark chipping to alleviate flooding on the approach to the permissive path. This will be carried out later in the year.

The two churches of St Peter and St Mary the Virgin continue to be at the centre of village life, with regular services and fund-raising events, such as the successful Kimberley fete. Both parishes struggle to keep the churches in good repair and pay the ever-increasing costs.

In February Jay Andrews from Greening Wymondham attended our meeting and gave an overview of the community group and the projects it is involved in. River sampling of the upper Tiffey is currently happening every fortnight and includes testing for e-coli. Greening Wymondham have been able to extend the testing along the river to Carleton Forehoe bridge and Wramplingham bridge.

The councillors would like to thank Norfolk County Councillor, Margaret Dewsbury and South Norfolk District Councillor, Richard Elliott, for their regular attendance, support and contribution at meetings. Thanks also to Maria Hutson, our clerk, for all her hard work and expertise.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their help and support.

Appendix B

The future of Norfolk

People are invited to give their views to help shape the future of local government in Norfolk. The council will use replies to draw up plans for the future re Local Government Reform.

The form, which will be available until May 20th, can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/LGRfeedback. Background information can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/LGR

Water safety

After attending 16 incidents last summer, where people lost their lives, the Fire Service is encouraging people to learn life saving water safety skills.

As part of the National Fire Chiefs Be Water Aware Week Carrow Watch joined Norfolk Constabulary to deliver throwline training at the Riverside in Norwich on May 2nd.

Compost Awareness Training

To mark International Compost Awareness Week, May 4th – 10th, NCC is encouraging people to try home composting by providing a free on line Introduction to Composting course and discounting compost bins.

To learn how to compost visit www.norfolkrecycles.com/home-compost

The discounted 220 litre compost bins are available at all recycling centres for £15 and from June the 330 litre compost bins will also be available at the larger sites for £21. Nearest larger sites are Dereham and Norwich.

Call 0800 316 445 or buy one at your recycling centre, or visit www.getcomposting.com

Appendix C

We were blessed with very good weather and lots of people attending. The Birds of Prey demonstration proved popular, and the Fire Engine and Agricultural machinery were a magnet to children and adults alike. The band were great as usual. Although we had a very good attendance, the final amount received was slightly down on the previous year.

Appendix D

In the year ended 31st December 2024, there were 14 services. The Carol Service was very well supported and the collection of £320 was sent to Emmaus

Kimberley Fete was successful, and we are grateful for the donation made by the Fete Committee. The plant stall is no longer in operation and this donation will be missed. The amount received from collections also decreased and further fund-raising will be required if we are to meet our increasing outgoings.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for its continued assistance towards the cost of churchyard maintenance. This is much appreciated.