

**MINUTES OF KIMBERLEY AND CARLETON FOREHOE ANNUAL PARISH  
MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2023 AT 7PM  
AT CARLETON FOREHOE CHURCH**

The Parish Council Chairman, Colin House, presided and the following Councillors were present:-

Joy Smiley, Graham Mann and Jane Fraser. The Parish Clerk, County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury, District Councillor Richard Elliott and 2 members of the public were also present.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Val Evans.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

The minutes were read, agreed and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Jpy Smiley, seconded by Jane Fraser, all in favour.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman's Report was presented by the Chairman (copy annexed to these Minutes ref: **Appendix A**).

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Financial Report was presented by the Clerk (copy annexed to these minutes ref: **Appendix B**).

**5. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

The report was given by Richard Elliott, District Councillor (copy annexed to these minutes ref: **Appendix C**). Richard thanked Colin for his service as Chairman, noting that he had been a great advocate for the parish. Richard agreed to find out more about the concept of banking hubs, offering face to face banking for all banks, from one premises.

**6. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The report was given by Margaret Dewsbury, County Councillor (copy annexed to these minutes ref: **Appendix D**). Margaret thanked the Chairman and Clerk for all they had done, noting that they would be missed.

**7. REPORT FROM KIMBERLEY FETE COMMITTEE**

Joy Smiley reported that Kimberley Fete was very successful, the weather was good and we had an amazing amount of people attending. The fete committee have subsequently donated money towards the upkeep of the church and three other charities – Star Throwers; St Martin's Trust; and Epilepsy Action. The fete this year will revert to its original date of 4th June 2023.

**8. REPORT FROM CARLETON FOREHOE FENLAND CHARITY**

Val Evans had sent a report noting that there had been various discussions with the relevant experts and other local fens over the on-going management plans for Carleton Forehoe Fen. We've also had a meeting with Tim, the rector, discussing other Fenland charities. Some hand tools have been purchased to aid the

conservation work, which at present continues in line with other years. The accounts can be viewed on the Charity Commission website. It was noted that the Clerk had found the governance document for the Trust, which confirmed that the Rector was a Trustee of the charity.

#### **9. REPORT FROM KIMBERLEY CHURCH**

Joy Smiley reported that there had been 11 services this year plus a Group Service, and a Christmas Carol service. There was also a wedding, and four funerals. The Carol Service was well supported and the collection of £444 was sent to Warchild UK, specifically for those affected by the war in Ukraine. The PCC was grateful for the contribution from the Parish Council towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

#### **10. REPORT FROM CARLETON FOREHOE CHURCH**

The report was given by Jane Fraser, noting that the PCC was grateful for the grant to the grass cutting. There were 8 on the electoral role, and more people were needed on the PCC. The church had hosted weddings, a baptism and Christmas events. There were no weddings planned for 2023.

#### **11. GENERAL PARISH MATTERS**

A member of the public noted that towards the bottom of Red Barn Hill had flooding problems, which occurred after heavy rain and could be due to collapsed drains under the roads and on to proper water courses. It was noted that Highways were looking at the B1135 and were aware of this. It was noted that there was an obstructed view round the bridge, and moving out to avoid the water caused danger from approaching traffic. Jane Fraser would bring this up as part of the A47 Group as they were looking at that road. The road was not to a suitable standard for a B road. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would report this to Highways, and Joy would supply the exact location. **ACTION: Clerk / JS**

A member of the public noted that he had read through agendas from the last five years, and picked up an item regarding the lack of response from Wymondham Town Council regarding the footpath. He noted that he supported the footpath links, and hoped that the Town Council would pursue this after the elections.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

Signed:

Dated: