

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Kirby Cane & Ellingham on Thursday,
6th May 2020 2018 at 7.00pm via Zoom**

Present:

Parish councillors:

John Cook James Lally Lesley Lodge Julie Pickering
Michael Skipper Iain Wright

Also the clerk to the council, Jane Love.

1. **Apologies for absence:** none had been received.

2. **Minutes:**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4th April 2019 were agreed to be correct, and were signed as by Cllr Cook as Chairman of the Parish Council on behalf of the Meeting (there had been no Annual Parish Meeting in 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions in place at the time).

3. **Reports from village organisations:**

Cllr John Cook reported on the Parish Council's activities during the year, which had necessarily been curtailed by the pandemic, but nevertheless councillors had made great steps forward to combat littering in the parish, which had been more evident as residents took more exercise close to home. The council had also pushed forward with the project to provide a carpark to serve Ellingham Primary School and the adjacent playground, helped by the Ellingham United Charities and members of the community, and a planning application was currently going through the South Norfolk Council system, with a decision expected imminently.

Cllr Cook thanked his fellow councillors for their work and support during the year, and also the clerk.

Cllr Skipper reported on behalf of the Kirby Cane Memorial Hall

Cllr Wright reported on behalf of the Kirby Cane Charities, that the charity was surprised that they had not received as many requests for assistance as expected. However, this meant that there were more funds available for support to the carpark project - £500 were available immediately, and there were more funds available if the planning application was successful. They charity also welcomed applications from residents in need.

Cllr Cook read the report from the Newgate Allotment Society, and the meeting heard that the society had been particularly adversely affected by the very wet weather during the winter months. Once the land had dried out, the weather was then unseasonably cold and dry which had delayed planting. Two recent improvements to the site had been working well, particularly the repairs to the culvert and bridge, which had proved very timely due to the extremely heavy rain before Christmas 2020. The replacement of the post and barbed wire strand fence at the front of the site with a mixed native hedge in 2019 was already supporting a wider range of wildlife and made for a more attractive entrance to the site.

The clerk read the report from the Ellingham United Charities, which also reported an unexpected drop in requests for funding with all requests being fulfilled. The charities had been pleased to work in collaboration with the parish council on the provision of the carpark.

4. **General parish comments:**

There were no residents present.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated.....