

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Kirby Cane & Ellingham on Monday,
15th May 2023 at 7.00pm in Kirby Cane Memorial Hall**

Present:

Parish councillors:

Richard Canham

John Cook

James Lally

Lesley Lodge

Kerry Mallard

Julie Pickering

Andrew Raymant

Michael Skipper

Iain Wright

Also six residents, District Cllr Chris Brown, and the clerk to the council, Jane Love.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** District Cllr Brendon Bernard and County Cllr Barry Stone
- 2. Minutes:**
The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th April 2022 were agreed to be correct, and were signed as by Cllr Cook as Chairman of the Parish Council on behalf of the Meeting.
- 3. To receive a report from the Parish Council Chairman on the council's activities during the past year:**
Cllr John Cook thanked his fellow councillors for all their hard work and support during the year, and also thanked all those who had worked so hard during the year raising money for the car park project, as well as all the other activities of the parish council throughout the year.
- 4. Report by the Parish Council Playground Committee:**
Cllr Pickering reported on the many events that had gone on during the year, proceeds from which had been reserved for the car park as the fundraising efforts had been focused on this project. The playground committee had purchased a tractor rocker for use by small children, which had proved popular, and a breach in the fence had been repaired. Various small maintenance tasks had been completed, ready for the next health and safety inspection. The playground committee was thanked for its report.
- 5. Report by Parish Council Car Park Committee:**
Cllr Skipper echoed Cllr Cook's thanks for all the hard work that had gone into fundraising for the car park during the year, and expressed some frustration that there was not more to report on the progress of this important project during the year, as the parish council was still waiting for the finalisation of the lease for the land, which he hoped would soon be concluded.
- 6. Report by District Cllr Chris Brown:**
Cllr Brown reported that the combined administration of South Norfolk/Broadland would soon move fully to its new location in the Horizon Centre, saving £700k per year. The environment would be key in the coming year, with a new strategy and targets. There had been good progress on the Greater Norwich Local Plan, although "nutrient neutrality" had caused problems in some areas of the district this was being overcome. Temporary housing had become a significant issue, with the district looking to purchase more properties to accommodate those in need.

Reports by village organisations:

The clerk read out a report from the Ellingham United Charities, which had been a positive year for the charity, with a small increase in applications for assistance, all of which it was able to fulfil. The charity also expressed frustration that the car park lease had taken so long to conclude, but hoped that it was now near completion.

Cllr Wright reported on behalf of the Kirby Cane Charities that it had distributed £2150 to people and organisations within Kirby Cane, and welcomed requests from residents who need support for themselves or for others.

Cllr Cook reported on behalf of the Kirby Cane Memorial Hall Committee that work continued to improve the hall – the old bowling green to the rear had been refenced, new LED lights had been fitted with a view to reducing the hall's future electricity bills,

and the floor in the main hall had had some work done on it but would require some further investigation. The committee had welcomed two new members during the year, and was grateful for their support.

The clerk read out a report from Newgate Allotment Society, which relayed the efforts of allotment holders to deal with the extremely hot, prolonged summer of 2022, although signs for the coming season were good. The Allotment Society thanked the Ellingham United Charities for their continued support.

Cllr Skipper reported on behalf of the parish council's planning committee that the committee had met during the year to consider in depth the Regulation 19 consultation on the VCHAP element of the GNLP, and had relayed residents' concerns about the plan as part of the consultation.

8. Matters raised by residents:

There were none.

9. Any other business:

There was none.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.28pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated.....