

KELLING PARISH COUNCIL

Chair – Councillor J. Mills



MINUTES OF THE KELLING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY, 2025 AT 6.00 PM IN THE READING ROOM, KELLING

Present:-

Chairman – Cllr. J. Mills, Cllr. D. Ellingham,
Cllr. T. Griffin, Cllr. I. Grundy and Cllr. C. Hill.

County Councillor E. Vardy.
District Councillor V. Holliday.

Julie Chance – Clerk.

One member of the public also attended the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. A. Cunningham and Cllr. P. Randell.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Attached.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY, 2024.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2024, having been circulated, were taken as read, **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

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4. VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS' REPORTS

4.1 Kelling CE VA Primary School:- Attached.

4.2 Kelling Heath Trustees:- Attached.

4.3 Friends of St. Mary's Church:- Attached.

5. QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None received.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at
6.05pm

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Kelling Parish Council

Chairman's Report for 2024/2025

It has been a relatively quiet year in Kelling but nonetheless the Parish Council been involved in a number of areas.

Website – The new Parish Council website is up and running with more information, history and news than was available on the previous version. My thanks go to Councillor Ina Grundy for her work re-compiling the directory and to Norfolk ALC for making it all possible.

Asset of Community Value – With the help of Parish Councillors, members of the public and our Clerk, we have re-established the Tea Rooms as a continuing Asset of Community Value.

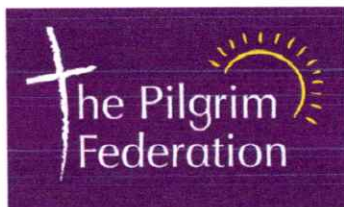
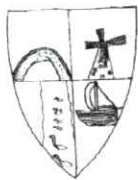
Orsted – Thanks to Councillor Andrew Cunningham for his work over the past couple of years keeping an eye on the behaviour of the contractors concerned in the extensive work bringing powerlines through the village. The works are at an end for us and all that remains is for the temporary road signs to be collected.

Speeding - though the parish has been an issue for some time but having secured the loan of a SAM 2 speed monitor, we were able to analyse speed data and present samples to the local constabulary. This has resulted raising the awareness of speeding issues and the police have carried out a few low-level speed checks. We continue to re-site the two speed monitors to remind drivers of prevailing speed limits. It is appropriate to thank Councillor Philip Randall for this continued work. Whilst community speed watch has been discussed, there is still a need for committed volunteers before this can develop.

The War Memorial - has been repaired with thanks to Hindle Stone Masons for their efforts. It is fitting as we celebrate 80 years since VE Day that we remember once again all those parishioners who gave their lives for this country in the First and Second World Wars

The matter of repairs to damaged kerbs in The Street remains unresolved but NCC Highways are aware and have agreed to add this work to their list.

Finally, I would like to thank our Clerk, Julie Chance for her sterling work over the past year and for keeping us all in order!



"As God's Children, we all play our part in making learning irresistible within our Federation community."

Kelling VA CE Primary School – Annual Report to the Parish Council

What a busy and successful year it has been for the school, which continues to go from strength to strength and is a thriving community of pupils, parents and staff who all go 'above and beyond' to support each other.

This year, we have joined with the other schools of the Pilgrim Federation in events such as the annual Founding Day at Upper Sheringham Church, sports events, the pantomime at King's Lynn Corn Exchange and Year 5 and Year 6 residential visits to How Hill and Norfolk Lakes activity centres.

We have continued to utilise the local churches at Kelling and Weybourne for the Harvest, Christmas and Easter services which are well attended by the parent body and other members of the community.

We have organised a number of fundraising events throughout the year, including Red Nose Day, where children from Key Stage 2 organised a sponsored walk to Sheringham and were joined by the younger children who were completing their transport survey while in Sheringham then took part in singing outside Tesco's. The school also took part in a Christmas Carol Service at Gresham's to support EACH.

The two older classes visited the Lyceum Theatre in London to see 'The Lion King' while the Key Stage 1 children visited Amazona Zoo. We still have weekly Celebration Worship, where parents are invited to on a Friday morning to share successes.

The outside area we were developing last year is now complete and all children use the space for outdoor learning. This year we plan to revamp our library and are fundraising for this.

Here's to the next successful year!

Mr Platt and Mr Snowden

April 2025

Kelling Heath Trustees Annual Report 2024/ 2025

Kelling Heath, an SSSI, is managed jointly with the Salthouse and North Kelling Heath Management Group, previously the Salthouse Heath Trustees. The area to the west of Pudding Lane and most of the land to the south of Holgate Hill road is owned by the Kelling Heath Trustees.

During 2024 / 2025, we have carried out routine cutting of bracken, from the middle of July. This is the only effective method of controlling bracken, other than a chemical, Azulox, the use of which is presently banned.

We are only permitted to carry out work on the heath between October and the end of February. During this period we removed several potentially dangerous trees from Muckleburgh, and on the heath, we cut overgrown areas of gorse. Also on the heath, we cleared an area of gorse and scrub, and scraped the top soil off to encourage heather regrowth. This is also beneficial to wildlife, especially Wood Larks.

Kelling Heath Holiday Park did some scrub clearance for us, several days work using their equipment and labour, for which we are very grateful. We also had the North East Norfolk Conservation Volunteers for three afternoons, clearing gorse from overgrown pathways, which was very helpful.

In February, Norfolk Wildlife Trust lent us four British White cattle for conservation grazing on Muckleburgh. They were on site for eight weeks and did an excellent job.

On the heath, the very rare Silver Studded Blue butterflies had a poor year, which appears to be down to the wet spring and early summer. Hopefully, they will bounce back this summer. The Kelling Estate very kindly gave us a couple of tonnes of used road stone for filling the potholes in the heath car park.

Philip Randell
Chairman

Friends of Kelling Church

Financial Year 2024/25

As you are all aware, the Friends of Kelling Church was formed in 2022 to raise funds to improve the church's facilities and to create a Community Hub that would benefit the local community and, hopefully, stave off potential closure.

We have a few challenges increasing the Sunday congregation of the church due to many factors, aging population, fewer permanent residents and dated facilities. However, we had a successful year last year with our fundraising and a different direction on how we will improve the facilities. We have decided to purchase a wooden pavilion style room with a kitchen, toilets and a small meeting room as temporary facility whilst we still try to raise the funds for a more permanent building.

The highlights of last year are as follows.

1. Increased membership. (Up 60%)
2. 24 Music & Meditation events held that raised over £2,200 from donations. These events have grown the audience weekly from a start of around 10 people watching up to around 50 audience members at the last few concerts.
3. Greeting Card sales. Our cards have been designed by local resident Adrian Taunton and are on sale at St Mary's, Ali's Café in Weybourne and in the Old Reading Room in Kelling. We have had sales of nearly £1,000 since January 1st

4. The creation of a Peace Garden in the grounds of Kelling Church. This involved removing weeds and ivy from a ruined side of the church, removing a lot of big stones from the soil, turning over the soil, laying a membrane and gravel base, purchasing a wooden bench, creating a foundation for the bench to sit on and planting shade loving plants. This space was inspired by a former church warden, Michel Whiting, who sadly died suddenly on Christmas Eve. She was an enthusiastic Friend of the Church and a passionate environmentalist. We plan to create a Wild Flower Meadow in the grounds of Kelling Church in memory of Michele.
5. We have a full programme of Music & Meditation planned for this year that has already started with numbers up on last year.
6. Increase in total revenue by 71%
7. Decision to have a “Pavillion” style building as a temporary measure as we carry on raising funds.