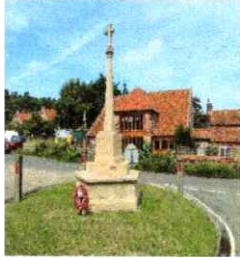


KELLING PARISH COUNCIL

Chair — Councillor J. Mills



20th May, 2026

Minutes

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. Chairman's Report.

Chairman's Annual Report: 2025—2026

It has been my honour to serve as the Parish Council Chairman over the past year. While it has been a relatively quiet session, we have successfully concluded several notable pieces of business.

Key Achievements & Community Events

Digital Presence: The new council website was completed and officially signed off in May 2025, improving our communication with the parish.

Beach Clean: On the May Day Bank Holiday, parishioners and council members joined forces for a community beach clean. My thanks go to the Kelling Estate team for their invaluable help in transporting refuse from Kelling Hard to the collection point.

Asset of Community Value: We successfully renewed the listing for the Old Reading Room. I would like to thank Cllr. Tim Griffin for his diligent liaison with the premises owners during this process.

Highways & Infrastructure

- Maintenance: We addressed several highways issues, including repainting white lines, cleaning signage at the Triangle junction (Bridge Road), and installing bus stop markings at Weynor Gardens.
- Ongoing Works: Unfortunately, no progress has been made regarding the repair or replacement of kerbstones along The Street. This remains a priority on our agenda. Hornsea Project: Work in our area has concluded, with sites respectfully restored to agricultural use. We expect the removal of temporary signage once overall final works are completed.

New Equipment: The Council has ordered a SAM3 traffic monitoring unit to replace the unit currently on loan from Cley Parish Council. This was made possible through donations from County Councillor Eric Vardy's fund and the Parish Partnership. Speed Monitoring: Local police conducted several speed checks this year. While outcomes are pending, I want to extend my continued thanks to Cllr. Philip Randall for his hard work in moving the equipment and maintaining the batteries.

Acknowledgments

I would like to thank our clerk, Julie Chance, for her successful management of the Parish Partnership and ACV applications.

Finally, we bid a fond farewell to Eric Vardy, who has stood down as our County Councillor. We thank Eric for his tireless hard work, regular attendance at our bi-monthly meetings, and consistent updates. We wish him the very best in his retirement.

James Mills

3. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May, 2025.**

To agree the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May, 2025.

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4. **Village Organisations' Reports.**

4.1 Kelling CE VA Primary School — Head Mr. Snowdon to report.

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 sports days, the local pantomime, an Art exhibition in Salhouse church, Key Stage 1 wild outdoor learning and Year 5 and Year 6 residential visits to How Hill and Norfolk Lakes activity centre.

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 our School Council have continued with fundraising events throughout the year, including: Red Nose Day and Children in Need.

Weekly Celebration Worship where parents are invited to on a Friday morning to share the successes of the children are still a highlight of school life.

As we work to continue enhancing school life, plans are in place to celebrate our 150 year anniversary in September and to develop our school library to turn into a woodland reading area.

Here's to the next successful year!

Mr Platt and Mr Snowdon. April 2026

4.2 Kelling Heath Trustees — Cllr. P. Randell to report.

Kelling Heath, an SSSI, is managed jointly with the Salhouse and North Kelling Heath Management Group, previously the Salhouse 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. The trustees also own Muckleburgh Hill which is a county wildlife site on the north side of the main A149 coast road.

During 2025 / 2026, as usual, 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 and Muckleburgh Hill between October and the end of February. During this period we removed several potentially dangerous trees from Muckleburgh Hill, and on the heath, we cut overgrown areas of gorse. Also on the heath, we cleared a couple of areas of gorse, scrub and trees, and scraped the top soil off to encourage heather regrowth and reduce gorse 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 seven British White cattle for conservation grazing on Muckleburgh. They have been on site for ten weeks and are doing an excellent job. On the heath, the very rare Silver Studded Blue butterflies had a better year than in 2024, mainly down to drier and warmer weather.

Philip Randell, Chairman

4.3 Friends of St. Mary's Church — Cllr. T. Griffin to report.

Friends of Kelling Church 2025

The Friends of Kelling Church had another good year of fund raising as it works towards the ambition of raising the funds to get water and toilet facilities in the church.

A highlight was completing the Peace Garden, dedicated to Michele Whiting, who died suddenly in late 2024. The funeral and a well-attended Memorial Service were held at St Mary's. At the end of the Memorial Service, Michele's family officially opened the Peace Garden. Here, in the garden, you can sit on a bench and look at the wildlife that frequents the churchyard.

The Music & Meditation series continued throughout 2025. These weekly concerts are becoming more popular week after week. Attendance was up 53% on 2024, and the money collected to use towards the supply of water and toilet facilities was up 56% on 2024.

We have developed a great working relationship with Gresham's School. For many weeks we have had a bunch of their sixth formers attend the church on Friday afternoons to help clear the churchyard of Hog Weed and other weeds as we try to develop the churchyard into a wildflower garden. This is an on-going project that will make the churchyard even more attractive to visitors.

We have started the process of gaining planning permission and a Faculty from the Diocese to have a wooden cabin placed in the churchyard. This will house the toilets and a kitchenette. If we are successful in gaining the various permissions this will greatly reduce costs of getting functioning toilets in the church and reduce dramatically the need to lay pipes across potential unmarked graves

and the problems that will cause. We are working with the Kelling Estate to "tap into" their water mains and sewage pipes which will again greatly reduce costs.

Music & Meditation carries on in 2026 with a full programme planned for this year.

5. Questions and Answer Session for Members of the Public. - None

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