



*Cantley, Limpenhoe and
Southwood Parish Council*

Annual Report

September 2020

Chairman's Report 2019/2020

Network Rail Road Closures

Early In the year Network Rail informed residents that both Church Road and Station Road level crossings would be simultaneously closed for 9 days in August. A public meeting was held by the Parish Council where residents made it clear that for numerous reasons this was totally unacceptable. Network Rail seemed to be inflexible, however, after much discussion and work by the Parish Council, Jerome Mayhew MP and Andrew Proctor, our County Councillor, Network Rail have agreed instead to close for 4 days which includes only two working days from 22.00 hours on Wednesday 19th August to 05.00 hours on Monday 24th August. Alternative parking arrangements are available on the Recreation Ground and transport to and fro is available. This is still extremely inconvenient, but the best compromise available, so thanks to all who helped achieve this considerable improvement.

Covid-19

In March of this year, as the Country went into 'Covid Lock Down' the Parish Council agreed to set up a community scheme to support residents needing assistance.

Jan Davis co-ordinated a programme of publicity and ongoing support, recruiting a team of 24 resident volunteers. In total 16 residents were helped with shopping, collecting prescriptions, posting letters and receiving advice on how to access further available support and assistance beyond the parish.

In addition, Jan liaised with Acle Parish Council, the Broadland and South Norfolk Community Hib, Acle Food Bank and other Parish Councils, exploring a way of going forward and maintaining a support network for the future.

The Parish Council secured funding from Norfolk Community Foundation to assist the scheme, the residue of which may be used on community projects. Thanks to Jan Davis and all the volunteers for their work and commitment.

Grants to Village Halls

Following a request from Limpenhoe Village Hall regarding financial support to repair the Village Hall roof, the Council agreed that, subject to the requisite number of quotes, a grant of £6,000 would be allocated. In addition, the Council agreed, to be fair, to allocate £6,000 to Cantley Village Hall for projects that were also financially scrutinised by the Council.

Cantley Village Pond

The Council is aware that there is a lot of work to be done on the village pond, and that trees need surveying and necessary works carrying out. The Clerk has sought quotes for a survey and any urgent works that need to be done, but this is currently on Covid hold.

The Village Green, Limpenhoe

Following vigorous enquiries, we discovered that the area on Limpenhoe Hill can be fenced off and made secure, so long as public access is maintained, without planning permission. In January, Councillors met with an officer from the Norwich Fringe Project to discuss a way forward. This officer is going to provide us with a management plan and costings for the village green and Cantley Pond area too, so that we can plan a way forward to hopefully create an amenity area for the Parish. However, this is all subject to Covid delay.

Litter Pick

In September 2019, Jan Davis organised a litter pick in liaison with Broadland District Council, who supplied the necessary equipment, and Cantley School who supplied an enthusiastic group of children and adult helpers to clear the village. It was a very successful event which will be repeated when it is safe to do so.

Planning Matters

Following a planning application for 33 Church Road, Cantley the Parish Council received representation from several residents anxious about the possible loss of mature trees on the site. After liaising with Broadland District Council, they completed a full survey of the trees on the site, and have made all the trees still in good health subject to a Tree Preservation Order, so that whatever development subsequently occurs on the land, the trees will remain protected.

Public Access to Council Matters

Parish Council Meetings have been postponed during Covid lock down but virtual meetings have now been resumed. The link for people to attend will be on the Council website, noticeboard and the Parish Council's new Facebook page. Our regular newsletter, hopefully updated and re-vamped, will be re-started in line with Covid safety regulations. Our Clerk has kept all business up to date. Many thanks to Melanie.

It should also be noted that due to Covid, government policy to hold an annual meeting in May of each year, to elect a new chair and vice-chair, has been suspended until May 2021.

Cantley Staithe Charitable Association

All mooring fees for the current year have been received and all mooring spaces are now taken.

The Parish Council has agreed to pay for the Staithe to be re-surfaced and in addition agreed that the Staithe Working Group would look into the possibility of water and electricity to the Staithe, but all of this is currently on Covid hold.

Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2019/20

Receipts

	<u>2019/20 (£)</u>	<u>2018/19 (£)</u>
Precept and Shortfall Grant	10,134.00	9,347.00
Recycling Credits	0.00	0.00
VAT Reclaim	23.40	205.88
Misc. Including Grants	806.50	298.47
Bank Interest	7.42	4.66
TOTAL	10,971.32	9,856.01

Payments

	Actual 2019/20 (£)	Actual 2018/19 (£)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses; Training	2,901.44	3,130.87
Insurance	582.00	1,264.20
Audit Fees	60.00	60.00
Grass Cutting	1,880.00	1,880.00
Subscriptions	99.81	339.59
Hall Hire	196.00	65.00
Maintenance	0.00	0.00
VAT	81.20	23.40
Contingency	0.00	0.00
Misc. Incl.	12,641.95	169.90
Grants/Projects		
TOTAL	18,442.40	6,932.96

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance at 1st April 2019	19,630.81
Total Income	10,971.32
Total Expenditure	18,361.20
VAT due to Council	81.20
Closing Balance at 31st March 2020	12,159.73

Your Parish Council

The villages of Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood are represented by seven Parish Councillors: Dot Machin (Chair); Steve Bennett; Peter Key; Norma Knight; Brenda Pawsey; Kevin Francis and Jan Davis. The Parish Clerk is Melanie Eversfield.

The Parish Council meets eleven times per year, with the following meeting dates planned for 2020:

17th September 2020 Cantley Village Hall
15th October 2020 Limpenhoe Village Hall
19th November 2020 Cantley Village Hall
17th December 2020 Cantley Village Hall

Parish Council agendas are published on notice boards and the website 3 clear days before the meeting. Minutes are published on the website after they have been approved. Alternatively they are available from the Parish Clerk. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings. A time is set aside for public comments before the meeting begins.

Your representative on Broadland District Council is Councillor Rebecca Grattan who can be contacted on 07787 538560 or emailed on cllr.rebecca.grattan@broadland.gov.uk

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