**Agenda**

**For the Annual Parish Meeting of Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby & California**

**To be held on** **Thursday 27th May at 7pm to be held at All Saints Parish Hall Beach Road Scratby NR29 3AJ**

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1. **To approve minutes of the previous annual meeting of 18th May 2021**
2. **Chair’s report-Andrew Grant**
3. **Clerk report- Philip Stone**
4. **Borough and County Councillor Reports - Cllr.G.Freeman, Cllr.R.Hanton, County Cllr.J.Bensly**
5. **Annual committee reports**

**5.1 Allotments – Cllr Freeman**

**5.2 Edgar Tennant Recreation Ground - Cllr.K.Wendt**

**5.3 Open Spaces – Cllr.D.Troy**

**5.4 Burial Ground- Cllr.K.Wendt**

1. **Other group’s annual reports**

**6.1 Bracecamp Hall – Diane Cooke**

**6.2 Village Centre – K Wendt (Chair Village Centre Management Committee)**

**6.3 All Saints Parish Hall – Cllr. G. Freeman**

**6.4 Bowls Club – Secretary Janet Saunders**

**6.5 Ormesby Lads Club - Phil Myhill, Secretary O.L.F.C**

**6.6 Ormesby St Margaret church report – Rev.J.Wood**

**6.7 Scratby & California environment group- Robert Stephenson.**

**6.8 Ormesby Scratby & California Community Events**

**6.9 Neighbourhood plan-Julia Seggie**

1. **Question and answer session for parishioners**

**Andrew Grant (Chair) 16th May 2022**

**1. minutes of the previous annual meeting of 18th May 2021 None available**

**2. Chair’s report-Andrew Grant**

Dear Residents

It has been an eventful year for all of us and after 2 very different years with covid regulations etc I’m pleased to see a return to how things were.

I became chairman in November and we have seen a lot of new members and departures this year. I pay tribute to all the members that have stood down and wish them well with there futures. I also welcome all of our new members and look forward to the year ahead.

We have several parish council vacancies and also look forward to them positions being filled in the next month.

As a Parish council we have been very proactive with our ambitions on providing the best with our public open spaces. We unfortunately had issues in the burial ground with the maintenance and this has now been resolved. We will continue to strive with our current maintenance on the remaining open spaces and will endeavour to improve them.

In Scratby we have exciting plans for improvements to the Scratby Green, the area around the pillbox, the reopening of the California toilets plus improvements to the entrances of our villages. There are also ambitions in time for a community quarter for Scratby and California but this will be in time and when land becomes available

In Ormesby we have had success in getting the Recreation Ground playing equipment improved and also looking at expanding the play offer where we can.

We as a Parish are now fortunate to have 5 defibrillators dotted around the Parish with another one coming on stream soon.

Our Parish Halls are also being reviewed to see how best they can serve the community and what investment is needed in them. I’m the coming months we will have works prepared to improve them where needed.

The past year has led to some exciting new times within the Parish Council, we have laid many plans down and look forward to working on them in the coming year. I wish all residents a pleasant and relaxing summer.

Yours sincerely

Andy Grant

**3. Clerk report Philip Stone** June 2021 to date

The council during the year welcomed 5 new councillors Andrew Grant Scratby ward, Peter Holley Scratby ward, David Troy Scratby ward, Jo Beaumont Ormesby ward, Philip Nathan Ormesby ward. The council currently have 3 vacancies for councillors. Throughout the year councillor attendance has been very high with all councillors taking an active part in Parish affairs. Direct communication with the public via social media has also improved with regular website and facebook page posts, which the public appear to welcome.

**4. Councillor Geoff Freeman (Ormesby Ward)**

**Ward Councillors Report 2021/22**

Each month I have updated councillors as to the work of the borough council, highlighting any relevant new project or issues that might affect the ward.

It is good to see several of the major projects that have been delayed by the pandemic finally coming to conclusion.

The new market building is approaching completion and the first tenants will move in shortly, phase 2 will follow in the summer with the landscaping to follow during the year. Once finished we will have a modern building that will compliment the historic market place.

Other town centre projects are progressing and the projects to convert Palmers former store into an education and learning centre plus library facilities is well under way.

The new seafront Leisure Centre is due for completion in the summer and will provide superb facilities for both residents and visitors to the town.

Work continues the third river crossing and the new offshore maintenance hub, the former is a major infrastructure project for the borough and the latter provide work and business opportunities for our residents.

Other projects such as the redeveloping of the Conge, The North Key and the rebuilding of the Winter Gardens are progressing well.

All the above is good for our residents in that many of the projects provide opportunities for employment, education and business investment.

It is important to remember that Great Yarmouth as a borough not just the town relies very much on the tourist trade, these improvement will do much to continue the return of visitors to the area, not perhaps in the way that we saw in years gone by but very much as day visits or short breaks to enjoy the facilities that are on offer.

Ormesby ward is a very diverse ward -perhaps one of the most in the borough, moving from the east to the west the challenges of helping our residents does not get any easier-they just change.

The usual concerns of litters, grass cutting, and street cleaning are high on my list as well as my favourite of street lighting.

One point of concern is the new planning directive on nutrient neutrality, you will see and hear much of this in future months. Basically, no new building work that involves overnight accommodations will be approved unless the developer can show that the effect of water runoff from a property in no way affects the broads nutrient levels.

This is a major concern for local planning in that although parts of the borough may not be affected if council cannot approve developments and our land supply falls below the 5 year requirement applications in other parts of the borough including ours that would normally be refused may well be approved.

Personally, I am concerned as the work on the new local plan just adopted may not be so relevant.

It is important therefore that we continue to progress the Neighbourhood Plan and bring this to conclusion as soon as possible.

**Councillor Ron Hanton**

**Annual Parish Council Report 2021-22**

I am pleased to present my first report as your Borough Councillor since my by-election win on the

6th May 2021.

You will recall that this by-election was called as the sitting Independent Candidate stood down.

As such, I re-joined the Borough Council in the third year of a 4 year term, with the next Borough Council elections being scheduled for May 2023.

As usual, the year has proven to be both a busy an enjoyable year for me.

Great Yarmouth Borough Council is a Conservative controlled council, comprising of four political parties, namely:

Conservative – 21 members.

United Kingdom Independence Party – 1 member

Labour – 14 members

Independent – 3 Members

The main committees now comprise of.

* • Policy & Resources
* • Economic Development
* • Environment
* • Housing & Neighbourhoods
* • Development Control
* • Licensing
* • Standards
* • Audit & Risk
* • Appeals
* • Employment

These Committees are Chaired by Councillors and are shared among the various political groups.

The Council currently operates under a Committee System.

Councillors also participate on a number of G.Y.B.C. Working Group Committees, as well as representing the Council on numerous Outside Bodies Committees.

For my own part, joining the Council in mid-term, I currently sit on the following committees

Main Committees

Full Council – member.

Development Control – member.

Licensing – Vice Chairman.

Working Group Memberships

Constitution Working Party – member.

Local Plan Working Party – member. 2

Outside Bodies Representation

Great Yarmouth Transport & Infrastructure Steering Group – member.

My private and voluntary activity in the Local Community includes:

Chairman of the Great Yarmouth Safety (CCTV) Company.

Chairman of the 1st Caister Scout Group.

During the year, a number of community concerns and enquiries have been made to me and includes:

* • Road gritting routes.
* • Fly Tipping.
* • Safety and Lighting.
* • Speeding.
* • Parking concerns.
* • Building control.
* • Climate warming.
* • Local Plan.
* • Highways.
* • Boundary Changes (political).
* • Road Signage.
* • Drainage.

Ward Budgets

As part of the approval of the 2021/22 Budget in February 2021 Council agreed to the provision of Ward Budgets of £1,000 per Councillor for the 2021/22 financial year.

Ward Budgets are designed to be as flexible as possible to enable members to address particular issues quickly and decisively.

Ward Budgets should be utilised to address issues which are ward specific, although more than one Member could combine their budgets to address particular issues which fall across more than one ward.

On this occasion my allocation was used to support the following

* • £250 to support the charities that the previous Mayor had nominated prior to her stepping down early in her year of office. (All the Conservative Councillors did the same to ensure that the nominated charities did not miss out).
* • £750 Ormesby St. Margaret Parish Church.

To conclude, I look forward to working with you all in the future.

Great Yarmouth Borough Councillor

Ormesby/Scratby/California.

**County Councillor Bensly**

**Norfolk County Council report for 2021/22**

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| * 70% of Norfolk streetlights converted, or work underway to convert to LED
* 96.7% of highways inspections completed within timescale
* 99.6% of dangerous highway defects dealt with within timescales set out in the Transport Asset Management Plan
* 94% of Looked after Children (LAC) with an up-to-date Personal Education Plan
* Completed 51,000 Adult Social Care Assessments for 20,700 people.
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The 2022/23 Budget

A **£464 million** net revenue budget, **a £25m increase** from last year, with increased spending across key service areas and capital programmes, along with a 2.99 per cent Council Tax rise has been agreed to enable Norfolk to build back better after the pandemic.

**Adult Social Services** will see an additional **£35.4m** of investment, against savings of £10.5m, **Children’s Services** will receive **£23.2m** of further investment, with **a further £10m** this year for the **SEND School Programme**, with £12m against planned savings and **Community and Environmental Services** will see an additional **£11.2m**, against savings of £3.5m.

Within Community and Environmental Services there will be the **£10m pothole fund** to draw upon, **new recycling centres** across the County, **£5m on library upkeep** and extension of services and **£12m on the Better Broadband project**.

There has been substantial **Beryl Bikes and E-Scooters** uptake during the past year, with the average journey being over 3.5km (taking multiple car journeys out of the City) and multiple Local Cycling, Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPS) plans being developed across the County (including Greater Norwich, King’s Lynn, Great Yarmouth and Dereham).

These commitments are in keeping with my Conversative Groups 2021 Manifesto pledges to deliver a better future for Norfolk through:

* Protecting valued services
* Investing in care cervices
* Strengthening community resilience
* Leading on economic development
* Supporting families and young people
* Caring for our environment

**Protecting Valued Services**

**Love Norfolk, Hate Litter – boost for pickers as litter can now be accepted at recycling centres**

As the national Great British Spring Clean launched on 28th May 2021, there was good news for litter pickers as the county council announces that it was able to accept litter at any of Norfolk’s recycling centres.

From the 28th, anyone who picked a small amount of litter in the county was (and is still able to) bring up to three bags of the waste to a recycling centre for disposal. People looking to organise a group litter pick are still urged to contact their district council who can help provide bags, grabbers and arrange for collection of the waste collected.

**£29m ‘pothole prevention’ work now well underway across Norfolk**

Pavements, cycleways and roads all benefited from the county’s £29m maintenance programme taking place right across Norfolk this year.

The crucial upkeep work is a key part of the £42 million budget for roads and infrastructure that was agreed in February 2021.

This year £4.5m is being spent on maintaining pavements and paths, for example a £167,000 scheme to remove the existing worn and uneven pavement surface on Kennedy Avenue in Gorleston and replace it with a new smooth asphalt surface will be getting underway in late July.

**Brand new £1.9m Norwich South recycling Centre opens today**

Norfolk’s newest recycling centre opened to the public in December.

The £1.9m recycling centre is the sister site to the new Norwich North recycling centre that opened on 22nd September. Together the two sites will provide improved recycling facilities for the growing greater Norwich area.

As the new Norwich South recycling centre opens at Harford, just off the A47/A140 junction, staff bid farewell to the old site at Ketteringham that closed yesterday.

The move to a larger site allows room for a one-way traffic system to smooth traffic flow and reduce queues, low-level bins meaning people will not have to climb steps to recycle their waste, and there is plenty of parking for cars, bicycles and vehicles with trailers.

**Fire and Rescue staff presented with awards**

The achievements of staff across Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service have been recognised through employee awards.

A ceremony to present the awards was cancelled due to the pandemic, so senior leaders have visited some of the recipients of the 2021 awards individually and will continue to do so when Covid-19 restrictions allow.

As well as honouring staff with long service awards, categories also included fundraiser of the year, making a difference awards and leadership accolades.

**Council wins national award for its work with the armed forces**

Norfolk County Council has been recognised for its outstanding support of the armed forces community in Norfolk, following an announcement from the Ministry of Defence.

The local authority has been given the Gold Award, the highest honour handed out through the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme.

The award is given to organisations that employ and support those who serve in the armed forces, service leavers, veterans and their families, with the Gold Award also acknowledging the Council’s partnership working through the Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant Board.

This includes successfully addressing a significant gap in the dental service provision in the West of the County. It negotiated with the Ministry of Defence and NHS England, to ensure the opening of a new dental practice for serving and civilian families at RAF Marham and the surrounding area.

**Investing in care Services**

**Plan to tackle adult social care's winter pressures**

Plans to support Adult Social Services with the expected “winter pressures” have been unveiled.

A report was heard by Norfolk County Council’s Cabinet in December saying that Adult Social Services across the country are facing unprecedented challenges. However, here in Norfolk practical solutions are being put in place.

The report said: ‘Norfolk Adult Social Services face a level of unprecedented challenge in 2021/22 as a result of the pandemic, with national and local workforce shortages, rising demand in hospitals and the community and the continued infection risk posed by COVID-19 as well as other recurring respiratory viruses such as flu.’

Adult Social Services received 20,279 calls for support between April and October this year – an increase of 9,400 over four years.

Action being taken by the Council includes:

* Expanding action to support people at home or, where appropriate, in short term residential settings
* Stepping up the council’s care recruitment campaign, to tackle staff shortages
* Providing wrap-around support for care settings
* Providing assistive technology, with 100 video phones sent out to homes
* Improving capacity in the Norfolk First Response service
* Supporting mental health services, with three new step down services

**Norfolk to take a step closer to new integrated approach to health and care**

Norfolk County Council has agreed their support for new local Health and Wellbeing Partnerships, putting local communities at the heart of health and care in their area.

Under the Health and Care Bill, Integrated care systems (ICSs) are being established in all areas of the country to drive changes that are intended to lead to better, more joined-up care for the population.

Much of the activity to deliver integrated health and care and improve the population’s health will happen more locally in the places where people live and work, meaning the new Health and Wellbeing Partnerships will play a key role in driving forward this activity.

**Strengthening community Resilience**

**A new single point of contact for flooding in Norfolk has been launched, allowing residents to report any sort of flooding quickly and efficiently**

In the event of flooding residents can call 0344 800 8013 to report it.

Alternatively, residents can continue to report flooding online via [**our flooding pages**](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/safety/floods).

The new number gives residents a single point of contact and allows reports to be made swiftly.

Different agencies respond to different types of flooding, which has historically made reporting a flood by telephone more complicated when and where it is not possible to ascertain the source of floodwaters. The new number provides a single point of contact making the reporting of flooding quicker and easier.

Where there is a potential risk to life from flooding people should still call 999 immediately.

**Flood Reserve Fund spending agreed**

Norfolk’s Cabinet considered the allocation of the council’s £1.5m Flood Reserve Fund to support urgent works, repairs and to enable recommendations from flood investigation reports.

The Reserve Fund was set up in the annual budget for 2021/22 agreed by the County Council in their budget meeting in February.

The Cabinet meeting, held on 6th September, discussed the proposed allocation of the funding, including £695k for additional highway and ditch maintenance and £365k for drainage asset improvements.

This funding will be used for work on the 285,864 metres of drainage grips and 31,037 metres of kerb drains on Norfolk’s highways, as well as operations to clear some of the county’s 145,305 gullies that help drain rain water.

**Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance formally adopts Strategy**

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA) has formally adopted an overall Strategy, designed to enable county wide responses to flooding across all agencies involved.

The Strategy, which lays out the NSFA’s vision, objectives, approach and structure, is a major milestone in the development of the Alliance, which was founded earlier this year to bring together all agencies and partners involved in planning for and responding to flooding in Norfolk.

**£1million awarded to community groups across Norfolk**

Community and voluntary organisations across Norfolk were set for a major cash boost as the recipients of the [**Norfolk Social Infrastructure Fund**](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/grants-and-funding/norfolk-social-infrastructure-fund) were announced.

Norfolk County Council has handed out £1.02 million to 25 different organisations, with grants ranging £3,400 all the way up to £250,000.

In total, the fund saw 64 applications with funding requests that totalled almost £5million. This was more than double the number of applications received last year.

**Leading on Economic Development**

**Ground-breaking partnership to provide Covid-19 recovery support for Norfolk**

Norfolk County Council and New Anglia LEP were part of an ambitious cross-border project which helped to deliver a unique package of Covid-19 recovery support for local businesses and people.

The C-CARE (Covid Channel Area Response Exchange) initiative, funded by the Interreg France (Channel) England programme which has allocated €2.2m for C-CARE in Norfolk, was set to reach businesses and people that were been hit hardest in the pandemic.

Drawing on a range of expertise from local government, enterprise and tourism in the UK and France, the project supported people at risk of exclusion from the labour market and businesses at risk of closure.

C-CARE aims to reach 4,500 people and almost 2,000 businesses through its pilot initiatives which include skills training to help individuals find new routes into employment or starting a business, and advice and grants aimed at helping companies reset their business models in response to the pandemic.

In Norfolk the project will work to support over 600 people into employment or self-employment and provide support for up to 800 businesses.

**Norfolk to get faster broadband thanks to new Government funding**

Hard to reach premises in Norfolk are to receive between £115m and £195m of funding as part of the Government's Project Gigabit to provide 1GB per second broadband to up to 119,000 premises. Contracts will be awarded from February 2022.

Rural homes and businesses across Norfolk and Suffolk will get next-generation gigabit broadband brought to them under a £5 billion plan to level up internet access across the UK.

It means families no longer having to battle over bandwidth and will give people in rural areas the freedom to live and work more flexibly, with the speed and reliability needed to start and run businesses.

**Supporting families and young people**

**Vulnerable young people in Norfolk have chance to take New Roads with launch of dedicated support service**

A new service to support some of Norfolk’s most vulnerable young people to live within families and achieve their full potential launched on 1st June 2021.

New Roads was set up by Norfolk County Council with significant investment to give young people access to a dedicated support team that sticks with them, understands them, and helps them to achieve and succeed.

Based out of two hubs, in Dereham and Norwich, the service provides young people with education, life coaching and speech and language therapy, as well as access to short term residential beds and foster care placements to help meet their needs.

The aim is to give young people stability, reduce risk-taking behaviour and help to avoid the need for long-term residential care, as well as longer term costs to themselves, the wider system and communities.

**Hundreds of free activities available for children and young people this Easter**

Bookings are now open for [**The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun**](https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/), a programme of free activities that will run over the Easter holidays for 5–16-year-olds across Norfolk.

The scheme is provided as part of the government’s Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme and is being delivered by Norfolk County Council in partnership with Active Norfolk.

After the success of HAF over the Christmas break and some brilliant feedback from parents, it’s returning from 4 April though till 19 April with free activities for children eligible for means-tested free school meals. There’ll be a fantastic range of activities taking place including outdoor adventure sports, dance and drama and circus skills across the county. With so many activities on offer, children will have an excellent range of ventures to take part in and may even discover a new passion.

**Free online business summer school for 16-25-year-olds in Norfolk**

There are so many options to choose from when leaving school - like apprenticeships, university, work experience, getting a job…

Or how about starting a business? It may seem a daunting idea at first, but there’s lots of free help on offer.

Started in August 2021, the Business & IP Centre (BIPC) Norfolk, managed by Norfolk County Council’s Library and Information Service, ran a free online Summer School for 16-25-year-olds to help them decide whether starting their own business might be right for them.

**Plans for thousands of new school places in Norfolk**

More than a dozen new primary schools could be needed in Norfolk in the next decade, to cater for growing pupil numbers in areas of development.

A report to Norfolk County Council’s Cabinet highlighted the scale of school development that is likely to be needed to support Norfolk’s growing communities. It addresses both demographic changes and population growth from new housing.

The report, discussed by members on 31st January, provided a snapshot of the council’s plans to ensure there are sufficient school places for Norfolk children aged four to 16.

Alongside district councils, the County Council expects to secure nearly £100m in developer contributions for the proposed new and extended schools but if all of the places are needed, a further £191m would need to be found.

Some of this will be met by Community Infrastructure Levy and government grant contributions.

**Inspectors praise support for children in care in Norfolk**

Most children in care in Norfolk are well looked after and receive good support for their emotional and mental health and education, Ofsted inspectors have found.

A team of Her Majesty’s Inspectors visited Norfolk County Council in October for a two-day focused visit of the council’s services for children in its care.

In a letter detailing their findings, inspectors said that social workers know their children well, listen to them and help them to understand their experiences.

Ofsted’s visit follows a [**similar focused visit in 2019**](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/news/2019/10/consistently-strong-decision-making-helping-families-get-the-right-help-first-time), which looked at how the council responds to child safeguarding calls and referrals. Following that visit, inspectors described the quality of decision making as “consistently strong”.

**Caring for our environment**

**Carbon cutting commitment central to new county transport plan**

A plan set to drive the county’s transport policy for the next 15 years was discussed by County Councillors in August.

The ambitious Local Transport Plan has at its heart the aim to support a growing economy, strengthen communities and reduce our impact on the environment.

A carbon cutting commitment is central to the transport plan which supports the county council’s pledge to achieve net zero carbon by 2030, which Councillors adopted as part of the authority’s Environmental Policy in November 2019.

**Buzz created as pollinator paradises set for Norfolk roadsides**

Tripling the number of Roadside Nature Reserves in Norfolk were among a range of green measures considered by County Councillors last July.

Fewer cuts for rural roadsides, a pollinator action plan, and 188 more roadside nature reserves are all on the cards as part of plans to boost biodiversity along roads and paths across the county.

Also on the agenda were plans to help boost cycling and walking across the county, and development of a new verge management policy which will include information for parish and town councils wishing to take on responsibility for verge cutting in their local area. The aim is to help involve local communities more in decisions about verge management near them.

**A busy first year as we come out of this terrible pandemic and more to do but it’s a great privilege to serve my home villages here in the East Flegg Division and I’m forever grateful.**

**As ever if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.**

**Thank you.**

**Kind regards**

**james**

1. **Annual committee reports**
	1. **Allotments – Cllr Freeman**

**Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Allotments.**

May 2022

Currently all plots are taken with 55 plot holders. We still have a waiting list for plots.

The majority of plots are well cultivated however as usual on allotment sites you get-for whatever reason neglected and overgrown plots.

These are a problem in that they are nuisance to the people whose plots who border them as weeds, vermin etc. spread across to other plots.

Fortunately, this is only 3 or 4 plots that needs serious attention and the allotment working party will be meeting shortly to discuss resolving the issue.

All hedges that border the site are well kept and generally our site is tidier than most of the sites across the borough.

We will be holding an open day in August to encourage new members and we do welcome visitors to the site, it is surprising that people often comment that they did not know there were allotment in the parish!

Otherwise the plot holders enjoy the fresh air and exercise cultivating their plots.

**Please note: When leaving the site if you are a plot holder take care, parked vehicles on both side of the road and the roadside vegetation do reduce the visibility. Unfortunately, many drivers using Cromer Road do not keep to the speed limit.**

The verge to the west of the site has been cut and this will be cut regularly throughout the growing season.

Application for a plot in writing please to the parish clerk

Geoff Freeman

* 1. **Edgar Tennant Recreation Ground - Cllr.K.Wendt**

Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council

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Edgar Tennant Recreation Ground Report

The recreation ground continues to be an area enjoyed by parishioners and is maintained by contractors on a contract with the parish council.

The Trustees of the recreation ground met 14th March 2022 and a decision was made to dissolve the Charity which was set up some years ago and was dormant. This decision was reported to the Charities Commission and the Charity has now ceased.

The pavilion although in need of refurbishment is still being actively used by Ormesby Lads and remains a useful area for changing rooms and kitchen area. Ideally the pavilion needs a re-fit and hopefully this could looked at in the future by looking for grants and other funding that may become available.

The recreation ground is now sitting in a new committee under the remit of the Open Spaces Working Party.

Kathryn Wendt

Chair of the Recreation Ground Working Party

May 2022

* 1. **Open Spaces – Cllr.D.Troy**

Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council

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Report: Open spaces Working Party

On the 5th October 2021 the Open spaces Working Party was adopted and formed with the following member’s Dave Troy (Chair), Kathryn Wendt, Syliva Bigg, Robert Hill, Robert Hirst, Peter Holley and Justin Rundle.

Our first meeting was held on 18th Jan 2022 at 11am and was attended by 4 councillors. We made an inspection of the 3 villages within our parish and took notes of the works we thought needed carrying out, highlighting those most urgent.

It was noted after complaints that the lime trees on the Ormesby village green were so overgrown that they were causing a danger to passing busses. The trees were attended to promptly and a tree survey wad carried out to identify possible dangerous trees within the parish. The tree that was very part funded by Steven Scott-Greenard has now been planted and is flourishing.

The green and the ramp at Scratby are due for a major overhaul and works were agreed to enhance the area. These works will include but not limited to; longer toilet opening hours, regular strimming of the ramp verges and planting. Repair of French-Drain and installation of a new bench. Our most ambitious project is the transformation of the Scratby green, with plans to level and clear the area, plant a double hedge to hide bollards, replace and move handrails, remove some of the existing huts altogether and relocate two of them alongside several new huts.

We then had our second Open Spaces Working Party meeting at the Scratby green on the 31st March 2022 which was attended by 2 councillors and the clerk. Our main objective was to discuss the relocation of the existing huts and positioning of the new huts. We surveyed the area and agreed that we could locate 8 new 10ft x 8ft huts in a line near the path and 2 of the original huts at an angle near the toilets.

The bus shelter on Beach Road, Scratby has been renovated and decorated, and a new notice board is to be fitted. The funding has been obtained by Cllrs Wendt for a converted phone box, a bench and platers next to the bus shelter. A new bench will be located on the green by the garden centre, along with a new flag pole and a flag which is to be designed by the school children of Ormesby.

The bus shelter on Cromer Road, Ormesby has been decorated and the concrete bollards on the green have been repainted with 2 fold down bollards to be installed soon. On the Memorial green in Ormesby the village sign which was in a state of disrepair due to rot is to be replaced and will hopefully be in situ before the Queens Jubilee Celebrations. The bollards at the war memorial that were damaged by a car have now been repaired or replaced.

The toilet block in California has been obtained from GYBC for a peppercorn and once refurbished will be open for use by the public. The area around the pill box and the verge along California Road have been cleared of vegetation and rubbish. 15 bollards will be installed to the left of the pill box to prevent parking, this space will also be landscaped.

The defibrillator situation has greatly improved, from only a few we now have 7 (including the Spar) throughout the parish.

The Open Spaces Working Party should be proud of what has been achieved within the last 6 months and hopefully we can continue to improve and enhance the Open Spaces of our parish to make it an even more pleasant environment to live in.

**5.4 Burial ground**

Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Burial Ground Report

The burial ground committee have met a couple of times within the last year. One of the main changes has been instructing a new contractor for mowing the burial ground and strimming around the graves. We now have a contractor who is maintaining the area to a standard which is much improved, especially around the graves and headstones.

The burial ground now has two new green benches at either end, new dog fouling notices displayed and two new waste bins.

Future plans are for the memorial area to be extended to allow for further cremations and a new row for burials. New rubber mats are to be placed at the rear of the church to replace the old worn out ones.

Following an incident in the burial ground in March 2022 the parish council have initiated an investigation to ascertain the circumstances and to ensure that their policies and procedures are up to date.

Kathryn Wendt

Chair of the Burial Ground Committee

May 2022

1. **Other groups annual reports**

**6.1 Bracecamp Hall – Diane Cooke**

**Bracecamp Parish Hall**

**Report for year 1st Nov. 2020 to 31st Oct. 2021**

The committee can report that it has been another strange year for the hall as it has been closed most of the time due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Bracecamp Hall reopened at the end of May 2021 when some of the restrictions were lifted. Not all groups will manage to return, due to the nature of their clubs (Tea dances and Bridge Club) but we hope to welcome them back when the situation changes.

There have been a few new clubs starting, more badminton and art groups, and more have expressed an interest for the future.

There have been a number of changes to the trustees over this year resulting in a larger committee and more people helping with the day to day running of the hall, which makes it easier for everyone.

The committee continues to run the hall with the best interests of the community at heart, keeping the hire charges affordable and reinvesting any income back into improving the hall.

Due to covid 19, there hasn’t been any major work/expenditure this year, as shown in our annual accounts (attached).



**6.2 Village Centre – K Wendt (Chair Village Centre Management Committee)**

On 24th February 2022 a meeting was held by the Trustees of the Village Centre (parish councillors acting in their capacity of Trustees of the Village Centre) and a new Management Team was formed as follows: Cllrs Robert Hill, Mick Cheetham, David Troy and Kathryn Wendt.

At the first meeting held by the new Management Team, Kathryn Wendt was voted as Chair and at further subsequent meetings two people were co-opted: Mandy Veneer in the capacity of doing the Centre’s advertising and Julia Seggie our Financial Officer.

David Troy is managing the bookings for the Centre and I can report that we have few block bookings from the NHS, a couple of weddings and children parties are always popular. In time we are hoping that more groups will use our hall along with the occasional events already booked.

We cannot give details currently of our financial situation due to delays form Lloyds Bank on the transferring the mandate to our Management Team. I can however inform the council that our financial end of year for 2019/2020 has been lodged with the Charity Commission and our 2020/2021 is currently being completed. Our finances have been somewhat depleted due to COVID however we are working to keep the hall well maintained including repairs of the building as and when necessary. Soon you should see the signage of the Centre looking new and sparkling and repairs to the notice board.

The Management Team have plenty of ideas for the future. We recognise that we have a great asset within our community for everyone to use and we are enthusiastic and excited for the forthcoming twelve months.

Kathryn Wendt

Chair Village Centre Ormesby

May 2022

**6.3 All Saints Parish Hall – Cllr. G. Freeman**

All Saints Parish Hall –Scratby

2021 like the previous year was dominated by the pandemic.

It has been a very challenging year managing the volume of people who use the facility, trying to ensure their and others safety but helping to keep local groups and the other activities going but in a safe environment.

Our cleaning team Alex and Yvonne continue to keep the building clean and ready and our thanks to our users who have co-operated with us. The environmental health department at GYBC continue to offer advice and we welcome the regular checks that are in place.

As we return to almost pre pandemic levels the number of people using the facilities is extremely high.

As part of a study by Nottingham University into the effects of how charities are recovering from the pandemic we have been monitoring movements of people in and out of the building every 4 weeks since the beginning of the year. This information will be used to assist the charity sector and see what long terms affects the pandemic has had on community buildings. Many weeks we see over 800 people movements in and out of the building

Like many community buildings we applied for and received financial aid in the form of grants from a number of sources. This has enabled us to give all of the regular non-profit groups a 50% reduction in their monthly hire charge. This started in October2021 and has been extended to the end of June 2022.

Bookings for parties are now at the highest level since the hall was built, mainly owing to the number of parties that were cancelled due to the pandemic.

Upgrades to the heating system are now complete and showing a good reduction in the amount of energy used. During the summer of 2022 we will complete the changeover to LED lighting units throughout the building.

We have replaced and upgraded the Wi Fi with a high speed hub and Router-This is giving excellent connectivity throughout the building and the grounds.

The CCTV system is fully compliant and registered with the ICO

The function room is now 100% wireless both audio and video using Apple Play.

The main hall will be converted later this year.

Our health and safety procedures / inspections along with our safeguarding policies have been reviewed and recorded.

Our new website that was put on hold during the pandemic will go live this summer with online booking features and a live diary of events.

Our only concern is the rising cost of energy, we are working to ensure that we reduce our consumption. Thankfully we are in year 2 of a 3-year contract and hopefully prices will have stabilised before the need to renew our contract.

Geoff Freeman

**6.4 Bowls Club – Secretary Janet Saunders**

Ormesby Bowls Club reopens for the 2022 Season on Saturday 23rd April when we are hoping for the majority of our old members to rejoin and a few new members.

We have entered two teams in the Federation League, the Yarmouth League, Men’s and Ladies’ Malta Cup and also the Roving Cot. We are also hoping to hold some friendly matches against local Clubs and of course we have in house competitions.

Over the winter months two or three of our members have looked after the green as we have had a lot of work done on that and it is really looking good. Some of our members did, with the permission of the Parish Council fill in some potholes on the Car park outside the Club at the Club’s expense, and we are now hoping to fill in further potholes up to the East Gate.

We are hoping for an enjoyable and successful Season.

**6.5 Ormesby Lads Club - Phil Myhill, Secretary O.L.F.C**

This season we finally got back to a full fixture list with the season ending next week, it's been very pleasing to see the field back to full use and the children enjoying their football once again. We continue to grow and this year had ten teams competing across two leagues and three venues with games played at Hemsby, Flegg FDC and of course Station Road where the majority take place. When including our Little Viking group of 4-6 year olds we have around 140 children on our books. We have had one of our teams win their league and two others reach Cup finals with one coming home with the silverware, two other teams made it to semi-finals.

Off the pitch we have been pleased to have our tea room back in action, not only does this raise funds but it also allows visiting teams the chance to get refreshments after their journey with many saying how welcoming it is.

We have spent over £1,000 on a new external toilet door, a new line marking machine and this very day we have purchased a ride on mower, the latter has become necessary due to the erratic service provided by the contractors, its now almost three weeks since the last cut and last Friday I spent three hours getting the pitch cut with our small petrol mower so game could go ahead on Sunday.

We are waiting for the go-ahead to brick up the unused door that is falling apart and this will cost us over £400. There has been an increase in dog mess on the field which is not good and we regularly have to remove mess from pitches before playing. We plan to hold our first tournament in three years on 6th and 7th of August and look forward to seeing the field full of people again with around 1,000 people expected over the two days. Finally I would like to thank the Clerk and Councillors for their support and assistance and look forward to a continuing good working relationship in the future.

**6.6 Ormesby St Margaret church report - Rev.J.Wood**

***Report from Ormesby St. Margaret with Scratby Parish Church***

Like many church communities across the country, St. Margaret’s found itself adjusting to the restrictions and regulations brought about by the Coronavirus pandemic at the beginning of 2021.

Church services were not held between Christmas 2020 to Easter 2021 due to the pandemic and national lockdowns. During the lockdown periods church members were kept in touch by way of the weekly emailed Pew Sheet, and a pastoral support system was created whereby key church leaders had pastoral support lists of parishioners to call on the telephone etc regularly.

The parish and wider benefice were in a period of vacancy as the previous Rector had moved posts just before the pandemic hit. During the vacancy the church was helped by the ministry of retired clergy, particularly The Revd Charles Powles; however, the lion’s share of official ‘Sunday’ ministry was exercised by Margaret Parish, the benefice’s Licensed Lay Minister. Churchwarden, Catherine Jordan, played a pivotal role in ‘keeping the wheels turning’ during the pandemic and much fell on her shoulders regarding covid safety measures, securing clergy cover, as well as caring for the people and fabric of the church.

In March the diocese advertised for a new Priest-in-Charge who would be incumbent of the benefice as well as an Assistant Priest in the South Trinity Broads parish - with pastoral responsibility for the churches of Filby and Mautby - and licensed also to the Martham Benefice. In April, following a recruitment process, The Revd Jo Wood was appointed as Priest-in-Charge, and she was licensed at the beginning of September.

Church services were moved from 10.45am to 10.30am for a trial period and moved into a defined pattern of Holy Communion on first and third Sundays led by Revd Jo and Morning Prayer on second and fourth Sundays led by Margaret. Key seasonal services such as Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, All Souls’, and Christmas services were all. St. Margaret’s also celebrated a number of weddings and baptisms in 2021 and funerals were conducted either in church or the crematorium for parishioners. We are blessed to have the services of our organist, Mike Farman and are thankful of our church family who are involved in services.

The church was lovingly maintained the fabric and its precious items – inside and outside of the building - by a committed group of volunteers who also keep the building looking beautiful. Church is also open daily during daylight hours, again dedicated volunteer lock and unlock on a rota system.

We are looking forward to what the next season in our church civic and worshipping life brings.

The Revd Jo Wood

Priest-in-Charge

**6.7 Scratby & California environment group - Robert Stephenson**

For most of the last year our focus has been on supporting the proposed bid for a Rock Berm at Hemsby.  Progress has been made in preparing the plans and GYBC has now given planning permission.  Permission is still awaited from the Marine Management Organisation.  The proposal is for three different options depending on what level of funding can be obtained.  Coastal Partnership East (CPE) are currently looking at where they can find the appropriate funding.

In the meanwhile we have recently suffered some more scouring of the beach and loss of sand.  Hemsby has lost more dunes.  The Scratby Gabions have protected the base of the cliffs, but in the recent easterly winds, some of the gabions in the northern section have been undermined.  Some have now collapsed and others are at a dangerous angle. CPE have put up some barriers and warning signs.  CPE are currently in discussion with the Environment Agency about what to do going forward.  As a bare minimnm we would like to see the Gabions repaired, albeit that we believe that the foundations need to be put in further down.  In an ideal situation we would like to see the rock berm extended to cover the northern section of Scratby beach which has been under attack by erosion.  Given the erosion at Hemsby, the gabions at Scratby are now in front of the Hemsby dunes.  As such, unless something is done to protect the Hemsby dunes, we will continue to see the sea get behind the gabions and attack and erode the dunes at Scratby.

We will continue to work with all parties to try and get the defences for our coast that we deserve.

**6.8 Ormesby Scratby & California Community Events**

The OSC (Ormesby, Scratby & California) Community Events group was set up last year with the sole purpose to provide lots of different types of events for the residents of our villages.

The main event of 2021 was the summer fete on the village green in Ormesby at the end of July. This was very well represented by people from all villages as well as visitors from the surrounding areas. Some of the attractions on the day were donkey rides, coconut shy, birds of prey, Vikings and Star Wars to name but a few. The fete was also well attended by lots of stalls selling various items. The fete continued into the evening with the brewery and band.

Due to the overwhelming success of the Fete, we are already well ahead in our planning for the 2022 summer fete which will be held on Saturday 30th July and promises to be bigger and better.

Events for 2021 continued with the Christmas Fete on the 4th December at All Saints Parish Hall.

The start of 2022 has seen lots of planning for events for the year.

We have already held a Spring Quiz on 19th March which included a fish & chip night and was very well attended and received.

Our next planned event is the Queens Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June. Everyone is invited to come and join in and bring their picnics, tables, and chairs. Afternoon tea is available (bookable in advance) as well as ‘the opportunity to have you photo taken with the queen’. Tombstone Brewery as well as various charity and craft stalls will also be in attendance.

After this, we have our Summer Fete on 30th July which we have mentioned above.

At the end of August, we have planned a front garden / garage sale with the opportunity to decorate your front garden with a nautical theme.

We have organised a trip to Thursford Christmas Spectacular (which is now sold out) on Monday 14th November.

We are busy organising events for the second half of the year and these will include a race night, Christmas lunch event and Christmas market.

All the above events will be advertised on our Facebook page, as well as posters around the villages. You can also contact us on **osccommunityevents@gmail.com**

 **6.9 Neighbourhood Plan**

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. They are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to plan for the types of development to meet their community’s needs and where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

We have been progressing well with the plan and we have just had the grant approved to allow us to continue to completion the neighbourhood plan for our villages. This is expected to be completed by the end of March 2023.

The approval of the grant allows us to continue with the next steps which is for us to prepare all the information for the pre-submission draft of the plan and work with the consultants to get it ready for consultation.

The pre-submission plan will include the vision and objectives for the villages, planning, policies, housing, green spaces, sustainable drainage, landscape, heritage assets, transport, community-based policies and maintenance of footpaths, speed management etc.

We have taken all the information that was received from the consultation last year and any suggestions that met the criteria have been added and will be assessed for inclusion into the plan.

The design codes report was started and due to the pandemic stalled last year. We have successfully been able to get funding for a new design codes report to be written and work will commence on this in the middle of May.

We have also managed to secure funding for a housing needs assessment report, which will at look at any options to allocate **(there may not be any)** which will include considering levels of development, reviewing available sites, site assessment, consultation, choose site and writing the allocations policy. This is currently at review stage with the consultants who are assessing the needs of the village and villagers.

Its going to be a very busy period for the neighbourhood planning team so we look forward to seeing you around the village.

If you would like more information or be part of the team, please email neighbourhoodplanning@ormesby.org