

Cringleford Parish Council Annual Report

April 2023

This annual report is our last one ahead of the district council elections taking place in May 2023, which will mark the end of our four year term as your district councillors.

This May will also see the Council move into its new shared headquarters building on the Broadland Business Park (owned jointly with Broadland District Council) which is the next step in our collaboration with Broadland District Council which sees us sharing staff to save both councils money. This collaboration and in particular the move to the new offices has generated enough savings already to mean we have been able to freeze our portion of the council tax this year without needing to use any of the councils reserves.

This new building is cheaper to run, using approximately 84% less energy and has extensive solar panels so its running costs are lower going forward and with a significantly reduced carbon footprint.

The Council has also invested in its swimming pools so that they are also heated via renewable energy.

The council is also receiving more requests for help from households who are facing rising costs and we have committed extra resources to help those most in need including more resources via the Help Hub and the District Direct scheme which places council staff in hospitals to help recovering patients be discharged when they are ready if they need adaptations to their home.

In Cringleford South Norfolk Council is allocating funding to help the Parish Council with its purchase of the Yare Valley Country Park and there is also £8m allocated in our long term capital program to develop the future of the Norwich Research Park alongside the investments already made in that site by the Council.

The Council is also working with the local GP practice, CCG and NHS to deliver a new surgery in Hethersett to increase capacity in the Humbleyard practice overall.

We have also supported local community groups including the Patteson Rooms, Keswick Reading Room and the parish councils with small grants to install benches in Cringleford and Keswick.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council and the Clerk and their team for all that they have done on behalf of residents over the last four years and we hope to be able to continue to serve you after the elections next month.

Daniel Elmer and William Kemp