CAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 16 FEBRUARY 2012

DRAFT MINUTES

At the meeting of the Cawston Parish Council held at the Village Hall, High Street, Cawston on Thursday 16 February 2012, the following members were present:

Mr P E Soanes – Chairman
Mr R H B Howard  Mr J Gilbert
Mr A Lee  Mrs T Carman
Mr D Cook  Mr J Livingstone

Mrs T Wilkinson

In Attendance
PCSO S Bridges; Mr J Joyce (District and County Councillor); Mr LR Mills (Clerk of the Council) and one member of the public

092/153 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Mrs T J Durrant

092/154 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Mrs T Carman (Jubilee/Olympics celebrations)

092/156 MINUTES
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 January 2012 having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

092/157 INFORMATION ARISING
None

092/158 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
A question was raised regarding street lighting at the west end of the High Street.

092/159 POLICE LIAISON OFFICER’S REPORT
PCSO Bridges presented his report. There has been a reorganisation with effect from 9th January. However, SNT still based at Reepham

092/160 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT
The school transport decision is being appealed against

092/161 PLANNING
App no 20120126, field adjacent to The Woodrow, change of use. The Council supports this proposal. The clerk will forward these opinions to Broadland District Council

092/162 FINANCE
a) RESOLVED that payment of the accounts be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.

092/163 JUBILEE/OLYMPICS WEEKEND
Mrs Carman reported on the latest developments. Further dates are: 3 March Race night; 3 April Bingo; 28 April Roy Freeman. Approx £2600 has so far been raised. Temporary Event Notices have been obtained. Insurance policy has been received.
092/163 JUBILEE/OLYMPICS WEEKEND continued
Mrs Carman said that they hoped to have an Historic Vehicle Parade on the 'Olympics Day'. They hoped to use the playing field if the weather was suitable. Council has no objections to this

092/164 HIGHWAYS/PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS
An application was sent to Norfolk County Council. The Parish Council APPROVED this. Mr Livingstone was thanked for his work on this project.

092/165 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY
The Clerk reported that BDC had published its draft schedules and the consultation period would end on 5th March. This was noted

092/166 CEMETERY BINS
Council considered Mrs Durrant’s report and instructed the Clerk to implement her proposals

092/167 ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION
Mr Livingstone asked that the Parish Council give its support to his discussions with the owners of the substation regarding noise issues. Council AGREED

092/168 RECYCLING/CHARITIES
The Council AGREED in principle to opening up the use of recycling monies to bids from groups in the Cawston area. This would begin in year 2013/14. Will be placed on the Annual Parish Meeting agenda. Clerk to report to Council on ways to run the scheme.

092/169 MINUTES/WEBSITES
It was AGREED that draft minutes should be posted on Council noticeboards (space allowing). A monthly report also to be sent to Parish Magazine/Aylsham & Reepham Times/North Norfolk News
Council website is up and running: it can be found at http://cawston-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/

092/170 CLERK’S REPORT
1. Care Home, Fred Tuddenham Way: BDC has established that the current owners are one of the large banks who are actively marketing the site and are keen to see it sold. There has been a lot of interest from buyers but the stumbling block maybe that the individual units are not suitable for any other purpose than Care facilities therefore any buyer will need to be able to finance the purchase and operation of a housing with care unit. The 7 affordable units form a wing off the main building and all their services are supplied from the main building therefore it would be impossible to bring these into use separately from the main building. Even if it were possible the purpose-built units are only suitable for meeting sheltered housing need and they would not meet the requirements of a Registered Provider (Housing Association).
BDC do not have any powers to intervene when the property is being actively marketed. Noted

2. Street Lighting, William Bush Close and Marshall Howard Close. NCC is considering whether to install street lighting on these roads and invites the opinions of the Parish Council. I have received confirmation from NCC that the Parish Council would not be liable for any ‘additional costs in terms of street lighting’ on these developments. However, since they initially wrote to us regarding this matter the rules have changed.
“Street lighting is a concurrent power of the County, District and Parish Councils. However, it is the County Council who will now decide, after consultation with the
092/170 CLERK’S REPORT continued

Local Lighting Authority (District or Parish Council), as to whether street lighting is required on proposed public highways. In this respect, the County Council can challenge any automatic assumption that street lighting needs to be provided on part or all of a new development.” Would the Parish Council like to send a reply? NCC to be asked to canvass opinions of the residents

3. Environment Agency: Septic Tank Project Council supports this initiative

4. Proposed Waste Incinerator, nr Kings Lynn: I have received correspondence from parties representing both sides of the argument. Noted

5. NALC: a) One day event ‘Neighbourhood Planning’ Swaffham 29Feb/Aylsham 7March
b) One day seminar ‘Affordable Housing’ Walsingham 20March
These are both free. More details are available. Noted

6. NCC, Highway Rangers Visit, 12 March. Pothole o/s 40 Chapel street

CORRESPONDENCE

- NALC, Norfolk Link January 2012
- CPRE, booklet, A Guide to Neighbourhood Planning
- Clerks and Councils Direct, January 2012
- NALC, details of ‘Living Well’ grants and funding*
- Norfolk Police Authority, Community Engagement Newsletter*
- Reepham Chamber of Commerce, email encouraging us to sign up to NCC’s ‘Say Yes to Broadband’ campaign*
- BDC: Grow Your Community’ - Older People’s Care and Support Forum, 28th March Aylsham*
- NALC: Free seminar on Community Composting and launch of the Norfolk and Suffolk Community Composting Network, Redgrave and Lopham Fen, nr Diss, 25 March*

092/171 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

Street Lighting on High Street; Websites update; Noticeboard; Primary School Representation; Village Hall grant; Matters arising discussion; Use of land as car parks; Noticeboards on playing field

092/172 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 15 March 2012 at 7.00pm

092/173 AGREED To exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission of Strangers) Act 1960 during discussion of the following confidential item relating to tenders for work

092/174 TENDERS FOR WORK

AGREED that Clerk and Vice Chairman to meet to draw up specification for work

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.