At the meeting of the Cawston Parish Council held at the Village Hall, High Street, Cawston on Thursday 21 June 2012, the following members were present:

Mr R H B Howard  Mr J Gilbert
Mrs T J Durrant    Mrs T Wilkinson
Mr A Lee          Mr B Schuil
Mrs T Carman      Mr D Cook
Mr R Madle

In Attendance
Mr J Joyce (County / District Councillor)
Mr LR Mills (Clerk of the Council)

The meeting was chaired by Mr Howard.

093/036 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Mr J Livingstone; Mr P E Soanes; PCSO Bridges

093/037 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Mr Cook and Mrs Carman – Village Hall

093/038 MINUTES
The Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 17 May 2012 having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed by Mr Howard
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093/039 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA
(i) Churchyard Wall. David Gillett to remove the ivy from the walls. AGREED
(ii) Defibrillator. Mr Madle reported that he had managed to contact the relevant Ambulance Trust who referred him to the Suffolk Heartbeat Trust. It appears that a cabinet is required to store the machine. This means that a further £1,150 is required.
   Clerk to contact Cawston Heath Trust to see if they can make a donation.
(iii) Playing Field. AGREED to ask Carl Vout to (a) clear all stumps etc from Chapel street entrance, (b) fill all holes on High Street entrance with binding gravel.
(iv) Street Lighting: obsolete standards to be replaced as they wear out
(v) Cemetery. AGREED to lay pea grit on paths and fill potholes with binding gravel

093/040 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

093/041 POLICE LIAISON OFFICER’S REPORT
In the absence of PCSO Bridges the Clerk tabled the report.
COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Mr Joyce updated the Council on the Kings Lynn incinerator. There has also been movement on the Greater Norwich Development Plan, with it looking more likely that the main expansion of new homes will be in the Spixorth/Sprowston area.

PLANNING

App no 20120291, 10 Paul Engelhard Way. The Council has no objection to this proposal
App no 20120954, 8 High Street. Council supports this application. Clerk to inform Broadland District Council of its views.

App no 20110941, Perrys Lane Farm. The Clerk informed the meeting that the owner had appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against the decision to refuse permission. The Council decided not to add any further comment to those already made.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

(i) RESOLVED that payment of the accounts totalling £2176.92 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.

(ii) Clerk tabled the report of the Internal Auditor. The recommendations were ACCEPTED by the Council

(iii) Clerk tabled a bank reconciliation and first quarterly budget report.

(iv) If there is no Council meeting in August, AGREED that two authorised signatories in consultation with the Clerk to sign any pressing cheques for August.

STANDING ORDERS

In the absence of Mr Soanes it was AGREED to defer this item to the next meeting.

NEW HOMES BONUS

AGREED to inform Broadland District Council that the money will be spent on improvements to the Playing Field and access to the cemetery/allotments/bowls club.

HEDGES

Any specific problems should be sent to the Clerk who will refer them on to the Highways Dept of Norfolk County Council.

SITE ALLOCATIONS PLAN (OBJECTORS’ SITES)

The Council has no comment to make.

CLERK’S REPORT

1. PADLOCK: There was a suggestion at last month’s meeting that the emergency services have a special padlock or key to allow access to playing fields etc. I contacted the Police and they have no knowledge of such a thing.
CLERK’S REPORT (continued)

Therefore I suggest that the gates to the playing field remain unlocked. Noted

2. TREES: I have contacted the Parish Tree Warden and he confirms that the tree near the phone box on Aylsham Road was removed after it was damaged by a lorry. Although this is NCC Highways land he has talked to BDC and they do not believe there is enough space to replace the tree. However he feels there is space nearer the phone box and would be happy to try to get a grant aided tree planted there. AGREED

3. LGPS: There are proposals to change the LGPS from April 2014. The major effect is that from that date it will change from a final salary to career average revalued earnings. It is assumed at the moment that this will result in a slightly smaller contribution from employers (though this is not guaranteed). Does the Council wish to support this new scheme. SUPPORT

4. I have had an email from Oulton Parish Council asking if Cawston Parish Council has any views on the proposed wind turbine to be built by Bernard Matthews at Oulton Street turkey factory. Clerk to write to Oulton PC asking for more information regarding their views

5. BDC have published their review of its Gambling Policy. Does the Parish Council wish to comment? No

6. NCC, PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY: From now on the responsibility for looking after PROWs has moved to the Highways Dept. Anybody can report a problem by using the webform or calling 0344 800 8020. Appeal for volunteers to help maintain the PROWs. Noted

7. CAWSTON YOUTH PROJECT. The Clerk distributed the report from the Youth Project. To be placed on next month’s agenda

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Clerks and Councils Direct, July 2012
- Norfolk Constabulary, Policing Plan for 2012-15*
- Norfolk RCC, Newsletter*

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / NEXT AGENDA

Information:
Kerb on Fairfields damaged by lorries (Clerk to inform Rangers)
Complaints of dog waste on Children’s Play area (Clerk to reissue notices)

Agenda:
Playing Field (entrances)
Cemetery drive
Cawston Youth Project
Bus Shelter (Mr Gilbert)
Recycling initiative (Mrs Carman)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday 20th September at 7.00pm