At the meeting of the Cawston Parish Council held at the Village Hall, High Street, Cawston on Thursday 20 June 2013, the following members were present:

Mr P E Soanes – Chairman:
Mrs T Carman; Mrs T Wilkinson; Mr B Schuil;
Mr J Livingstone; Mr A Lee; Mr R H B Howard;

In Attendance
four members of the public

094/025 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr J Gilbert; Mr R Madle; Mrs; T J Durrant; Mr LR Mills (Clerk of the Council);

094/026 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

094/027 MINUTES

The Minutes of the annual meeting held on 16th May 2013 having been circulated to all members were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

094/028 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

(i) CHURCHYARD WALL:  BDC has confirmed the award of a £3000 grant towards the cost, subject to satisfactory completion of the works

(ii) HIGH STREET PAVEMENT: works should now be completed. The Clerk has asked NCC for the 25% refund as promised by them in January.

(iii) BUS SHELTER: No further news

(iv) Mrs Carman raised the issue of the Parish News circular that she had been working on. The meeting confirmed that CPC will pay for the printing, Mrs Carman asked whether she should include news about the village champion and whether members would support the placing of the plaque in the village hall foyer. Members AGREED on both suggestions.

(v) Members asked that the Clerk investigate and report on progress on the Cemetery shed repairs

(vi) Members asked that the Clerk investigate the costs of obtaining another football net.

094/029 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO S.N.A.P.

RESOLVED that the Chairman, Mr P E Soanes be appointed to serve on the Reepham Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel for the ensuing year
094/030: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to speak

(i) The allotment hedge maintenance was raised. Members asked that the Clerk to the Council check the contract and the maintenance regime.

(ii) Mr Burton (who requested that it be minuted that he was representing the Clerk to Oulton PC council) raised the issue of the proposed solar farm on Heydon Road:
This will be discussed under planning matters below, but the current position was discussed. At present the potential applicant just submitted a 'screening' to Broadland DC. Broadland DC will then review this to decide what level of application and process will be required by the application. Mr Soanes said that he thought that Broadland DC would keep affected members of the public informed and that he would be willing to call a public meeting if the application progressed and there was concern among parishioners.

094/031: POLICE LIAISON OFFICER’S REPORT

Stephen Bridges tabled his report.
There was discussion about the overgrown hedges near the Market Place. These had now been cut back after the County Council had been contacted.
Members requested that the Clerk follow the same procedure regarding the overhanging hedges between the village Hall and the High St.
There was discussion about the graffiti on the playing field shelter. Police are investigating. Members agreed to look a it after the meeting to discuss the most appropriate course of action.

094/031: DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

None

094/032: PLANNING

20130697 Land West & North East of Heydon Road Solar PV Farm – screening opinion

This screening opinion did not invite a response from members. Nevertheless, members requested that the Clerk to the Council write to Broadland District Council expressing their serious concerns about the proposals.
Mr Soanes reiterated the position expressed above regarding consultation.

20130671 Land adj Field House, Norwich Road. Dwelling and garage with access – to extend time limit for implementation
Members voted to support this application

Mr J Wright 20130687 Ratcatchers Inn, Norwich Road. Erection of single storey front & side extensions and decking area
Members voted to support this application

094/033: PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED that payment of the accounts totalling £2285.58 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.
094/034: SUBSTATION

Mr Soanes read out the email from Scira reporting on their communications with parishioners. There was some discussion about whether Scira had made an appropriate response to the letter from the Clerk. Members were concerned that Scira had not proposed any remedial action. It was agreed that the Clerk would distribute copies of the letter he had sent to Scira after the May meeting, and that he would be asked to write them another formal letter asking for specific proposals as to how they were proposing to reduce the noise. Members were concerned that Scira’s efforts were going into proving that the noise doesn’t represent a nuisance, when the opinions expressed at the public meeting clearly demonstrated that there was widespread concern.

094/035: REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

- I have been obtaining quotes for the proposed works to Playing Field Chapel Street entrance and Cemetery driveway. I hope to table them for Councillors’ consideration at July meeting.
- I have also received tenders for works to Beech tree at High Street. These will also be tabled at the next meeting of the Council.
- I have contacted Norfolk Foundation regarding possible funding from the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund (regarding a water supply to the allotments). They feel that this project would be highly unlikely to receive funding under their scheme as it does not fulfil their criteria. However, I shall contact Anglian Water to try and find out how much such a scheme may cost.
- I have asked Tony Lubbock to have a look at the telephone kiosk at Eastgate.
- I have confirmed the date of the ‘annual walk’ with the PCC as Thursday 18th July. Meet at south porch of church at 6pm.
- Annual Return has been sent to Auditors with supporting papers.

094/036: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

(i) The Care Home
(ii) Emergency Plan update
(iii) Broadland grants for LED lighting
(iv) Motor bikes coming through village on Friday evenings
(v) Website

094/037: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th July 2013

094/038: To exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission of Strangers) Act 1960 during discussion of the following confidential items relating to employment conditions

095/038: Council approved an increase in the Clerk’s salary of one scale point to be backdated to 1st April 2013, as per his contract of employment