CAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 19 JANUARY 2017

DRAFT MINUTES

At the meeting of the Cawston Parish Council held at the Village Hall, High Street, Cawston on Thursday 19 January 2017, the following members were present:

Brian Schuil (Chair)
Theresa Carman, Richard Coard, Thelma Durrant, Graham Sinclair, Stephanie Spencer, Simon Wilkinson

In Attendance
James Joyce (County Councillor) and Lloyd Mills (Clerk of the Council)

098/139 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received, and accepted from Jane Buttifant, Andrew Hellewell, James Livingstone, Paul Soanes, Greg Peck (District Councillor) and PCSO Bridges

098/140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

098/141 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 December 2016, having been circulated to all members, were considered. They were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair

098/142 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Village Hall Sign: Stephanie Spencer reported that the Village Hall Committee were now looking into the possibility of a sign to go along the front fence.

098/143 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

098/144 POLICE LIAISON OFFICER’S REPORT

In the absence of PCSO Bridges the Clerk tabled the report.

098/145 DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

(i) COUNTY COUNCILLOR: James Joyce said the main item of interest is the discussions regarding the budget for the forthcoming year. The Council meets to finalise the matter on 20 February. He pointed out that should there be a rise in the precept most of it would be reserved for Adult Social Services. He expected a decision regarding the future of the school crossing patrol on Tuesday. Schools in the area are doing very well.
(ii) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: In the absence of Greg Peck the Clerk tabled the District Councillor’s report:

"On Monday the 9th January I attended the launch of the Reepham Dementia Group, this has been organised as part of Broadland District Council's 'Grow your community' Project.

It is supported by not only Broadland District council, Reepham Town Council and Norfolk County Council but also a number of other local organisations who have an interest in supporting dementia sufferers. This group will meet at Kerri's Farmhouse Pine in Reepham every second Monday of the Month from 12 - 2 pm (excluding Bank Holidays). It is open to anyone with memory problems and their carers. It provides a quite area for people to meet with friends, relax away from home and share stories and support. Please advise anyone in Cawston that you think might benefit from this initiative.

Again under Broadland’s ‘Grow your Community' project, next Saturday the 21st January there is a ‘Heat & Eat' event to be held in St Michaels Church Community Hall in Reepham. All are welcome and there will be a number of organisations present such as Age UK, Handyperson +, Joy of Food, etc., with whom you can speak to learn how to stay safe and well this winter. Broadland District Council Energy Team advisors will be on hand to offer tips on how to save money on energy bills. A free slow cooker workshop will be running alongside the event and is available to those in receipt of means tested benefits and over 65 or who have a long term health issue."

098/146 PLANNING

Thelma Durrant declared an interest (neighbour), addressed the meeting and did not vote.

20162200, The Stables, Haveringland Road, Eastgate, NR10 4HF : Relocation of stable block, and construction of four single storey dwellings with detached garages.

There does not appear to a proper strategy for surface water drainage. Over recent years the Council has been working with the Highways Dept of Norfolk County Council regarding the regular flooding of the road next to this site. Much of this water emanates from the site. The County Council have had to take action regarding this situation and the area is still a cause for concern.

The Parish Council is also concerned that the proposed access to the site is unsafe. Finally, planning application 20061002 which gave retrospective permission for the stables on this site and we draw attention especially to the Reasons for the Decision given in the document granting permission. It is believed these to still be relevant today and mitigate against the present proposals. It was AGREED to OBJECT to this application. Clerk to inform the planning authority.

098/147 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman had attended the recent SNAP meeting. He had also undertaken some work on the playing field equipment
098/148 CLERK’S REPORT
(i) The Brownies had asked if they could plant a tree on the playing field. AGREED subject to agreement regarding type, maintenance, and position.
(ii) The Clerk had attended the first of the “Community Engagement” meetings with the Police

098/149 FINANCE
(i) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Thelma Durrant having checked the invoices against the payments it was RESOLVED that the payment of the following accounts totalling £1796.20 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.
   - Garden Guardian Ltd, grounds maintenance, £655.49
   - T. Lubbock, safety inspection and recycling area tidy, £43.80
   - Fenland Leisure Products, safety inspection, £80.00
   - TTJones, street lighting maintenance, £27.00
   - C Mead, cemetery tidy, £50.00
   - Admin salary/costs, £908.11
   - URM(UK)Ltd, recycling, £31.80

098/150 PLAYING FIELD
The Chairman further explained the works he had undertaken following the safety report. The Council thanked him for doing this. He also reported that the football goal nets had been deliberately cut away. He had reported this to the Police. He also recommended that the goals be moved to allow the ground to replenish. It was AGREED to do this when the weather improves.

098/151 2017 PLAN
(i) VOLUNTEERS’ EVENING: Flyers have been sent to the printers. It will also be published in the Parish magazine along with an article for the EDP.
(ii) OTHER PLANS: it was AGREED to hold a “vegetable show” in late September or early October. Stephanie Spencer will write an article for the Parish magazine.

098/152 STREET LIGHTING
Clerk to obtain information regarding process and estimated costings to help with decision.

098/153 CPRE
Council discussed the CPRE’s campaign regarding housing developments and decided not to support it at this time.

098/154 PARISHIONERS’ CORRESPONDENCE
None

098/155 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA
AGENDA: 2017 plan (vegetable show, volunteers’ evening), dog fouling

098/156 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday 16 February 2017 at Village Hall, commence 7.00pm

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.18