

CAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 19 JULY 2018
MINUTES

At the meeting of the Cawston Parish Council held at the Village Hall, High Street, Cawston on Thursday 19 July 2018, the following members were present:

Brian Schuil – Chairman
Jane Buttifant, Thelma Durrant, Andrew Hellewell,
James Livingstone, Graham Sinclair, Paul Soanes, Stephanie Spencer

In Attendance

One member of the public, County and District Cllr Greg Peck., Lloyd Mills (Clerk of the Council) and Sam Watts, Hannah Beeslee, and Mick Loftus (Saffron Housing Association)

100/045 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Theresa Carman

100/046 RESIGNATION OF MR COARD

The resignation of Richard Coard as a councillor was acknowledged. All members of the Council thanked him for his work over the recent years and wished him well in his new home.

100/047 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None

100/048 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 June 2018 having been circulated to all members, were considered and one change was requested by the Chairman. Minute 100/040 Memorial Plaque: to delete the phrase *in principle*. This was **AGREED** and with this change the minutes were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

100/049 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Peck tabled his report:

Due to the tragic and unexpected death of Cllr Cliff Jordan who sadly died only a few weeks after being diagnosed with lung cancer we have a new leader at County Hall. Cllr Andrew Proctor who was the Leader of Broadland District Council has been elected as the new leader of Norfolk County Council.

This left a vacancy at Broadland and the new leader there is Cllr Shaun Vincent. This has led to a reshuffle of the Cabinet at Broadland. I have had the honour of being appointed to the Cabinet. I am the Chair of the Broadland Lead Member Group (a cross party group) which together with our opposite numbers in South Norfolk has spent the last ten months overseeing the production of a feasibility study looking at the potential benefits of a collaboration agreement between the two

100/049 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (continued)

councils. On the 12th July an historic decision was taken by Broadland District Council and South Norfolk District Council to embrace a strategic collaboration and for one joint officer team to be established to support two autonomous councils. This is intended to be the starting point to accelerate growth and prosperity in a new combined area with the potential to deliver savings of around £8.6 million over the first five years. The combined focus is on driving economic growth, housing growth and improving the services delivered to provide enhanced benefits to 260,000 residents and 10,000 businesses. The shared services partnership is intended to make us more efficient and strengthen our hand when working with partners and attracting funding from central government. It will also increase our ability to take advantage of commercial opportunities to deliver better value for our residents.

Mr Peck answered questions relating to the recycling charges imposed by NCC and their effect on fly-tipping.

Mr Peck left the meeting as he had another meeting to attend on this evening

100/050 SAFFRON HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Sam Watts, Development Officer at Saffron Housing, gave a short presentation on the history and aims of the Association. They now concentrate on providing affordable rented property and equity sharing ownership.

They are trying to establish whether Cawston parish has such a need. If so they would be interested in developing on any exception sites.

Having spoken to Broadland District Council, they now need the agreement of the Parish Council to conduct a housing survey of the residents to determine any needs.

Having taken questions and discussed their ideas with the Council Mr Watts and his colleagues left the meeting.

Council discussed the ideas and AGREED to support a housing survey being conducted to establish what needs there are. Clerk to inform Mr Watts of their decision.

100/051 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

James Livingstone reported that the Village Hall Committee had started looking for quotes to retarmac the entrance way to the Playing Field. They are hopeful of help/financial contribution from the Parish Council.

Some disquiet was expressed by members about the carpark being closed when the hall is not in use. This has led to cars npw blocking the entrance to the field, causing problems for the grass cutter and bin emptying teams. Concern also expressed regarding the inability of emergency services being able to access the field.

Chairman will phone Village Hall Committee Cair to discuss these matters.

The Clerk reported that following a meeting between the Vicar, the Chairman, the contractor and himself on site, agreement had been reached regarding the maintenance of the 'Wildlife Area'. The PCC will organise and fund the annual raking off after the cutting.

100/052 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

None

100/053 PLANNING

App no 20181006, Wood Farm Barn, Brandiston Road: carport.
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.

100/054 WINDFARMS

Council considered the paper prepared by Mr Sinclair regarding Orsted's plans for underground cables and how their installation works will affect the Parish.

It was **AGREED** that Orsted have not sufficiently considered the impact their activities will have, especially through the village itself.

It was **AGREED** that Mr Livingstone shall register the Council as an interested party with the Planning Inspectorate, and that Mr Sinclair will prepare an initial response.

Council then considered the paper prepared by Mr Sinclair regarding Vattenfall's intentions. Although their plans have yet to be accepted by the Planning Inspectorate it would appear that there will be an equal amount of traffic disruption (if not more) as Orsted.

100/ 055 FINANCE

- (i) ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: Thelma Durrant having checked the invoices against the payments it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the following accounts totalling £2286.02 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.

Eybone Ltd, litter bins, £219.97

Garden Guardian Ltd, grounds maintenance, £646.92

T. Lubbock, safety inspection and recycling area tidy, £43.80

E.On, street lighting electricity, £38.12

Administration, £767.71

Bounceroo Events, marquee (GMBSHOW), £363.50

Reepham Printing Services, booklets (GMBSHOW), £182.00

URM(UK)Ltd, recycling, £24.00

- (ii) The Clerk tabled the bank reconciliation dated 30 June. He also confirmed that the bank accounts transfers requested last month have been carried out. The Business Savings Account now equates to current Earmarked Funds, whilst the Current account contains the general reserves.

100/056 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The picnic tables on the Playing Field have been renovated, though they will need replacing soon.

The Chairman's wife Kathleen has cleaned all the plastic equipment in advance of the school holidays. The Council again thanked her for all her work.

The original plaque on the US War Memorial has been removed by Mr Howard for renovation. It will be replaced in time for the unveiling of the second plaque on 2nd September.

100/057 CLERK'S REPORT

It was **AGREED** to support Mr Parsons request to Norfolk County Council Highways for a white line to be painted on the road in Fairfield's at the rear of his shop.

100/058 STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to adopt the revised Standing Orders, as attached to these minutes

100/059 GROW MAKE AND BAKE SHOW

Mrs Spencer reported that sufficient funds have been received to pay for the hire of a marquee. All brochures have been delivered. Any donations of tombola prizes are welcome, as is any assistance members can offer on the day.

100/060 SAM2

The reports distributed by Mr Wilkinson were considered.

100/061 GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN

The 'Mapbook' of the most recent sites put forward was considered. It was noted there will be a consultation period later in the year.

100/062 CHURCHYARD WALL

Mr Livingstone will contact the contractor to discuss future works.

100/063 PARISHIONERS' CORRESPONDENCE

None

100/064 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA

INFORMATION: disappointment was expressed that the Council has received no acknowledgment from the school regarding the £1000 grant that the Council had obtained on its behalf.

AGENDA:
Windfarms
Parish Partnerships

100/065 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20 September 2018

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05pm