CAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 21st MARCH 2019
DRAFT MINUTES

At the meeting of the Cawston Parish Council held at the Village Hall, High Street, Cawston on Thursday 21st March 2019, the following members were present:

Brian Schuil – Chairman
Thelma Durrant, Simon Court, Graham Sinclair, Jane Buttifant
Andrew Hellewell, Stephanie Spencer

In Attendance
Lloyd Mills (Clerk of the Council), District/County Councillor Greg Peck
And 4 Members of Public

100/173 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies for absence were received from James Livingstone and Paul Soanes.

100/174 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION
Graham Sinclair declared an interest regarding windfarms

100/175 MINUTES
The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st February 2019 having been circulated to all members, were considered and confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

100/176 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA
Stephanie Spencer reported that the recent Lego event in the Village Hall had been a success, and the profits from refreshments covered the cost of the hire of the Village Hall.
The GMBS team intend holding an Open Gardens event on 30th June, although they are yet to hear from Tesco’s re the possibility of a grant

100/177 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK
None.

100/178 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT
Mr Peck reported that Norfolk County Council was raising their precept by 2.99%. Broadland District Council will not be raising theirs.

100/179 PLANNING
None
100/180  **FINANCE**

(i)  **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** Thelma Durrant having checked the invoices against the payments it was **AGREED** that payment of the following accounts totalling £5249.30 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two signatures.

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(ii)  **INSURANCE:** having considered the three quotations provided by the brokers it was **AGREED** to appoint Hiscox Insurers for a period of three years commencing 1st April 2019

100/181  **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chair confirmed the church gates have been refurbished and refitted. They look excellent.

100/182  **CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the following:

(i)  **Parish Partnership Scheme:** he confirmed Norfolk County Council had approved the scheme. The Chair then signed the acceptance form

(ii)  **Dog fouling:** Broadland District Council have now expanded the rules regarding owners allowing their dogs to foul any public area. This now includes any areas used by the public, so places such as the Playing Field and the Cemetery are covered. The maximum fine not clearing up after your dog is now £1000 with on-the-spot Fines of £100

100/183  **WINDFARMS**

It was **AGREED** to open the floor for this discussion to allow interested members of the public and District/County Councillor Greg Peck to take part

Chris Monk, a member of the Windfarm working group, reported that he had sent submissions to both inquiries. He understands that another 20 residents have also done so. ITV Anglia News had featured Cawston, as have Radio Norfolk and the EDP. There will be a site visit on Monday re Vanguard with an open hearing in the evening. There will be further hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Chair confirmed he will be attending on behalf of the council.

Simon Court said that alternative routes have been sent to all authorities.

Cllr Greg Peck said that he had been unimpressed by Orsted attitude towards ‘openness’. He stressed that it was important people kept good records of their meetings with companies – their concept of ‘consultation’ may contrast to other peoples’ ideas. He said that at the moment the main objective was get the depots moved from Oulton.
100/183 WINDFARMS (continued)

There is still a push for an offshore ring main. This may be too late for the present applications but there will be many more over the coming years and this option would be of great benefit.

There followed a discussion re alternative routes.

Another resident said he was trying to find the original design criteria for the bridge on the B1140. He wants to know whether it was designed to carry the weight of many HGVs. He will try to contact Network Rail’s bridge maintenance contractors.

100/184 CHURCHYARD WALL

In the absence of James Livingstone this item was deferred

100/185 CAWSTON CHAMPION 2019

In the absence of Theresa Carman this item was deferred

100/186 PARISHIONERS’ CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence regarding an overhanging tree, having been previously circulated, was discussed. The tree in question is on private land and overhangs another resident’s garden. The resident feels that this has not been properly discussed by the council. However, minutes show that the council has had a monthly report on progress since September 2018.

The resident asks that the Parish Council contribute to the costs she has paid for works to the tree. It is strongly refuted that any member of the council or its staff had promised this would happen. The Clerk advised that it was probably outside the council’s power to fund works to trees on private land. The Council felt that they had tried to help as much as they can. This applies especially to the Chair. It was AGREED that the council would not fund any costs attached to the works to this tree. Clerk to inform resident of the council’s views.

100/187 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA

(i) INFORMATION:
[a] Rabbits on the Playing Field: The Chair reported that Paul Soanes had been in contact with the owners of the neighbouring land. The owners have agreed to the council going on their land to deal with this problem. It was AGREED to obtain advice form pest controllers.
[b] Lights on Fairfields: Clerk has been following this up, but it may take some time
[c] Litter pick: the Chair collected all the equipment form Aylsham Town Council on Wednesday
[d] Care Home: is understood to be opening in April
[e] Grant for trees: it was AGREED to not apply this year
[f] Grant from Calor Gas for Rural Communities: it was AGREED that Stephanie Spencer should complete the application form on behalf of the council
[g] Cricket on the Playing Field: following a request from resident Mr Spencer it was AGREED to allow a weekend friendly cricket tournament in late August. The same conditions re insurance etc will apply as the same event two years ago.

(ii) FUTURE AGENDA: Cawston Churchyard; Cawston Champion

100/188 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18th April 2019

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:11pm