ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Cawston held in the Village Hall, High Street, Cawston on 16 May 2019 the following were present:-

Mr B Schuil - Chairman of the Parish Council
Seven Local Government Electors of the Parish
In Attendance:
Mr LR Mills - Clerk of the Parish Council

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 April 2018, having been circulated to all residents present, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from J M Buttifant, A Hellewell, P E Soanes

3. ANNUAL CHARITY REPORTS FOR 2017/2018

The Clerk of the Council gave the meeting reports of the accounts of the following trusts administered by the Council for 2018/2019

Rodwell Trust Charity : Clifford Pye Charity : Bernard Deeley Trust

It was resolved that the reports be accepted.


The Trustees have generally had a quiet year on the Heath, now being the sixth year of our HLS Agreement.
This also included the wildlife activity being quiet maybe down to the late cold snap we had in Spring.
Norfolk Wildlife Trust have done a lot of cutting back to try and keep the gorse, brambles and bracken under control while at the same time trying to create varying heights of heather growth and the ponies are still trying to do their best eating what they can.
Our resident cider drinkers changed their habits for a short while leaving many cans on the side of the lane down to the heath after we put a notice up, but they have now reverted to leaving them wherever.
Two bits of good news is that thanks to two observant parishioners the police have apprehended three criminals on the heath, one of whom you will have read about or seen on the television who has stolen thousands of birds’ eggs form our heath and other sites around Norfolk and has now been prosecuted. The second arrests were two men that were breaking into vehicles on our car park and other quiet parking sites in north Norfolk. We would urge people to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police. Lastly I would like to thank all the Trustees for all their work and support again this year.

5. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF CAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2017/2018

Welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting. Cawston Parish Council is made up of 11 members of the public from the Parish.
The Parish Council is at the first tier of local Government, but in spite of this we have responsibilities to maintain, replace and improve the facilities in this Parish. Our main expenditures are St. Agnes Churchyard, The Cemetery, The Oakes Play Field and 27 of the street lights in Cawston.
This year we have spent money on the Churchyard wall in Goosepie Lane, also the gates at the west end have been repaired and renovated. The vehicle entrance to the Playing Field has been dug out and a new surface installed. The kerbs at the junction of High Street and Church Lane have been lowered to help pedestrians. This was a jointly funded project with Norfolk County Council. The next project to receive this 50/50 funding will be to have the bus stop area opposite the cemetery lowered and concreted later this year. We continue with our three monthly inspections on the playing field equipment. These show up some faults which are becoming more costly to rectify. Our annual litter pick in March was again successful, nearly as many bags of rubbish collected as last year. I suspect there will be as many again next year. We have had a new post installed so the SAM2 speed monitor can now be used in Sygate. This appears to slow traffic when it is in position but some people still drive over the limit.

The Lunch Club is still running successfully and thanks must go to Cllrs Stephanie Spencer, Jane Buttitant, and Theresa Carman. Last September’s Groww, Make, and Bake Show was an outstanding success and will be taking place again. During the past six months the Council has had many meetings with Orsted and Vattenfall, the two windfarm companies who want to bring much more traffic through our village.

I would like to thank all councillors for their work over this past year, Mr Lloyd Mills our clerk, Mrs Natasha Carver our locum clerk while Lloyd was off work, and Mr Greg Peck our County and District Councillor.

6. **POLICE LIAISON OFFICER’S REPORT**

   None

7. **RESIDENTS’ QUESTIONS**

   There was a short discussion regarding use of land at Eastgate.

   There being no further business the Chairman closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.17pm