

CAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 17 OCTOBER 2019
DRAFT MINUTES

At the meeting of the Cawston Parish Council held at the Village Hall, High Street, Cawston on Thursday 17 October 2019, the following members were present:

B. Schuil – Chairman
 J. Buttifant, S. Court, T. Durrant, J. Livingstone, C. Monk,
 G. Sinclair, P. Soanes, S. Spencer

In Attendance

Co./Dist. Cllr G. Peck; One member of the public; L. Mills (Clerk of the Council)

101/089 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from T. Carman, A. Hellewell,

101/090 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

The Chairman expressed an interest in one of the items in his report

101/091 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 September 2019 having been circulated to all members, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

101/092 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Mrs Spencer said that the Grow Make Bake Show is scheduled for the weekend of 5th September 2020

Mr Livingstone asked that the clerk should write to the owner of the permissive path alongside of Aylsham Road to ask that a metre wide strip be left unploughed.

AGREED

101/093 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

The member of the public said that the bench for the playing field had been ordered. He explained how it would be installed and this was **AGREED** by the council.

101/094 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mr Peck reported that he had presented the reading prizes at the local school; the County Council is now trying to set its budget; highways are a continuing matter of concern in some areas.

101/095 FINANCE

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: T. Durrant having checked the invoices against the payments it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the following accounts totalling £3638.32 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.

Craig Holmes Builders, cemetery pillars repairs, £1265.00
 Garden Guardian Ltd, grounds maintenance, £663.09
 Aylsham Computers, printer inks, £95.00
 URM(UK)Ltd, recycling, £36.00
 Administration, £907.33
 E.On, street lighting electricity, £51.90
 RG Buck, hedge cutting, £87.50
 Groundworks UK, pillar caps installation, £532.50

101/096 **PLANNING**

- (i) APPLICATIONS:
20191428, 11 Chapel Street, NR10 4BG; Change section of wrought iron railing to hinge
SUPPORT

20191486, Martintole Farm Annexe, Buxton Road, NR104HF **SUPPORT**

The Clerk to inform Broadland District Council of the Council's views.

- (ii) WINDFARMS/SHERINGHAM SHOAL
C. Monk updated the meeting:
1. Wind Farms

Hornsea 3 (Orsted) - decision was due 2nd Oct. At the last minute the Sec of State (Andrea Leadsom) announced that her decision would be delayed until 31/3/20, to allow further consultation on some offshore issues. I have been in contact with Orsted to see if there had been any movement re onshore/traffic issues, but they just say they are waiting till 31/3/20 to look at the decision.

Thus 31/3/20 will be the first chance we get to see the Planning Inspectors report and recommendations. Meanwhile we continue to lobby for the Offshore Ring Main solution, with Greg Peck involved and George Freeman MP asking questions.

Norfolk Vanguard (Vattenfall) - decision is due 10th December. There might be delays if a Gen Election is called. I now have the final schedules from the parking surveys we carried out in July, if anyone wants to see them.

Norfolk Boreas (Vattenfall) – the Preliminary Hearing will be on the 12th November (1000), with the first Open Floor on the 13th at 1900; I will register for both, and encourage residents to attend the Open Floor. These will be at the Kings Centre in Norwich. Meanwhile we have a chance to submit a response to the representations already published on the PINS website. This has to be done by 4/11/19.

There is a panel of 5 Inspectors this time, and they have already carried out several unannounced visits along the cable route, including Cawston.

2. Sheringham Shoal / Dudgeon extensions – they have applied to PINS for a Scoping Opinion before submitting an application for consent for these projects. Applicants Equinor are 67% owned by the Norway government and are using the same consultants as Vattenfall. Their proposed cable route (Weybourne to Swardeston) goes east of Cawston, past Eastgate and Brandiston.

This is a chance for us to comment on their 310 page scoping report, and we have already spotted significant issues.

We have to respond to PINS by 6th November; in particular the Health section in Equinor's report is weak. First thoughts are to push health issues together with safety, real long term economic costs, the cumulative impacts of these schemes one after another, and the case for the ORM, to try to make sure these are all included in the scope of the PINS inspection.

I have been discussing with other parishes to come up with a coordinated response to these developments, particularly Sheringham Shoal as this is still at the scoping stage, and to get this recognised as a county wide issue.

3. Other points. On Saturday I was at a dinner where Norwich South MP, Clive Lewis, was the principal speaker. I managed to have a chat with him afterwards and he agreed to look at our arguments about the ORM and

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discuss them with his colleague Dr Alan Whitehead, who is the Shadow Minister for Energy & Climate Change. I have sent him a briefing note to set the scene.

I have a place at the **Norfolk ACL Well Being Initiative conference** in Attleborough tomorrow (18/10). This seems very relevant to wind farm issues. George Freeman MP is a main speaker, so I'm hoping to put a question re ORM to him if possible, though demands of Westminster might stop him appearing!

101/097 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The tree has been dealt with beside the Toddlers Play Area on the Playing Field. The tree company confirm it is now as safe as it can be. **AGREED** to remove fencing and reopen area.

Playing field hedge has been cut.

I have spoken to the vicar regarding the area at back of the scout hut. He will look into it and contact the clerk.

Wreaths have been ordered for Remembrance Day

Care Home – the chairman confirmed his interest in this matter and reported as follows:

The Care Home's official address is on Paul Engelhard Way.

The managers address is on Fred Tuddenham Drive.

All delivery lorries come up Fred Tuddenham Drive, where they are faced by a fence.

They have to turn around in a small area, and are starting to damage the section of the road that is privately owned by the homeowners of Fred Tuddenham Drive.

AGREED that Clerk to write to Care Home asking that signage for deliveries be improved and be sent to the Paul Engelhard Way address.

101/098 CLERK'S REPORT

Community Infrastructure Levy for past six months total is £1214.71. Added to first six months of the year the total is £3770.91

Bridge on B1145:

Clerk, Chairman and Cllr Peck met with the Highway Engineer on site.

The sign on Cawston sign is obscured by hedges, these will be cut back which should also improve the vision from the gate form Marriotts Way.

The sign on Reepham side will be moved to near the bridge where drivers' eyes are automatically drawn to.

Edges which are danger to cyclists will be infilled. Unfortunately there is no means to improve pedestrian access.

All the above will be undertaken when the fence is installed over the half term break.

The Highway Engineer also viewed the High Street on the bend near the Old Forge and agreed that the centre lines should be removed along with the installation of road narrows warnings.

He also agreed to cut back existing hedge at junction of Norwich Road and High Street.

101/099 PLAYING FIELD MATTERS

COMMUNITY ORCHARD: Mr Livingstone confirmed that the idea was for some strips of trees, total approx. 20 trees.

AGREED that Mr Livingstone and Mrs Carman should investigate details and costings and report back to Council

101/100 COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Deferred

101/101 PARISH PARTNERSHIP

AGREED to proceed with application for Village Gates at a cost of approx. £4400 in total

101/102 ENVIRONMENT/CLIMATE CHANGE

Mr Livingstone expanded on his paper.
AGREED to create a working group consisting of Mr Livingstone, Mr Court, Mrs Carman, and Mr Monk

101/103 TREES SURVEY

AGREED to appoint Ravencroft Arboricultural Services to update the survey

101/104 PARISHIONERS' CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from a resident of Reepham regarding the bridge. Clerk will reply after works completed

101/105 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA

Mr Court reported that Father Christmas would be visiting the Village Hall on the evening of 6th December. **AGREED** to parking behind Village Hall subject to reinstatement of the grass by Village Hall if damaged.

101/106 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21 November 2019

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.27pm