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CAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2020

MINUTES

At the meeting of the Cawston Parish Council held at the Village Hall, High Street, Cawston on Thursday 20 February 2020, the following members were present:

B. Schuil – Chairman

T. Carman, S. Court, T. Durrant, J. Livingstone, P. Soanes.

**In Attendance**

3 members of the public, L. Mills (Clerk of the Council)

**101/155 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from J. Buttifant, C. Monk, G. Sinclair, S. Spencer.

**101/156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

T Durrant – cemetery boundary, and Oakes Playing Field

**101/157 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 January 2020 having been circulated to all members, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**101/158 MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

Mr Soanes said that the mud on the Brandiston Road was very bad. The Clerk confirmed he had spoken with NCC Highways. They felt the matter was not serious and would keep the matter under review.

The Clerk reported he had received a letter from the Secretary of the Bowls Club regarding the boundary of the cemetery. This had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Mrs Durrant declared an interest as the Secretary of the Bowls Club. The Council voted that she should leave the room whilst the discussion took place. Mrs Durrant left the room.

After some discussion it was **AGREED** that the Clerk should reply stating that the Council is happy with the situation as it is and are sure that with goodwill on all sides the matter will resolve itself.

Mrs Durrant then returned to the meeting.

**101/159 ADJOURNMENT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

One member of the public raised a question about the Council’s website. The Clerk agreed it did not look at its best at the moment, but this was due to the providers of the site updating their systems. He said he will try to resolve the issues.

The member of the public also commented on the proposed development of 21 Norwich Road. He was concerned that the amendment to the application was not available on the District Council’s website. He also asked the Parish Council to consider the need for a new footpath to be installed at the site.

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**101/160 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

None

**101/161 FINANCE**

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: T. Durrant having checked the invoices against the payments it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the following accounts totalling £2755.77 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.

Garden Guardian Ltd, grounds maintenance, £663.09

URM (UK), recycling, £21.00

Administration, £1001.19

E.On, street lighting electricity, £53.63

Cawston Village Hall, hire, £56.00

B Schuil, travel/cemetery waterbutt, £115.86

Broxap, public bench, £364.00

Community Heartbeat Trust, defibrillator pads, £81.00

Action Play & Leisure, play equipment repairs, £400.00

**101/162 PLANNING**

1. APPLICATIONS:

20200036, erection of five dwellings, 21 Norwich Road, NR10 4EX

The Council **SUPPORTS** this application provided lights are built as sustainably as possible (preferably zero carbon) and a footpath is installed

20200294, variation of condition, Beechcroft, Holt Road.

The Council **SUPPORTS** this application

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

1. WINDFARMS/SHERINGHAM SHOAL

[a] In anticipation of his absence from the meeting Mr Monk had sent a copy of the following report to all members and it was presented to the meeting:

**Hornsea 3** (Orsted) – new date for Sec of State decision is 1st June. We have submitted comments requesting Cawston traffic issues across all schemes to be included in the decision assessment, preferably all schemes paused to allow for Strategic Review.

**Norfolk Vanguard** (Vattenfall) – New SoS decision date 1st June. We have until 28/2 to put in another submission, which we will do once the Boreas situation is clearer.

**Norfolk Boreas** (Vattenfall) – we had a very positive hearing on 21/1, and a site visit here on the 23rd, when they also went into three properties.

The Inspectors issued Action Points for VF to publish their new traffic plan and call a meeting with CPC, NCC & BDC to discuss alternatives. This took place on 12/2; all three councils came down in favour of an option moving the “mobilisation area” from Salle to the B1149 as the least bad. This would take traffic away from the village. VF still prefers the original plan to go through the village.

A Road Safety Audit, based on their latest scheme, has been carried out and we await the results. These should be available by the end of the month,

The Inspectors have issued a long list of written questions, several of which relate to Cawston. We have to respond by 26/2.

The next Hearings are scheduled in March.

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**101/162 PLANNING** (ii) continued

We also wait to hear whether PINS will hold another Open Floor hearing in this area, as requested, so that residents get a fair chance to air their views. If they do agree to this we would probably only get quite short notice, so would need to act quickly to notify residents.

**Sheringham Shoal / Dudgeon extensions** (Equinor)– still at the scoping stage.

We continue to lobby for a strategic national plan and the **Offshore Ring Main** alternative approach. I have been invited to a meeting of MPs at Westminster in March, organised by George Freeman, as one of a handful of Parish and Action Group representatives.

Norfolk & Suffolk groups have given a lot of information the Environment Editor of **the Times** for a feature about the threat to the East Anglian countryside, which we hope to see published soon.

[b] It was **AGREED** to reimburse Mr Monk for any expenses incurred on the meeting with George Freeman MP in March

[c] The Chairman reported that he had met with Jerome Mayhew MP to discuss the problems; the Chairman had also met with the Inspectors on their visit to the village on 23 January; a further meeting was held by PI re Vattenfall earlier in the week.

**101/163 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

SNAP meeting – one of the agreed priorities is anti-social behaviour on the playing field

We are still waiting for the works to be completed on the bridge as agreed by Norfolk CC Highways

New water butt has been installed in the cemetery

A sign had been blown off at the playing field. A resident had very kindly repaired it.

The play equipment has been cleaned by the chairman’s wife. The council expressed its thanks for all her hard work.

**101/164 CLERK’S REPORT**

Would council like to meet with the new MP Jerome Mayhew. *Will wait till the council has matters to raise*

Employer’s contributions to Norfolk Pension Fund will rise by 0.5% each year for the following three years. *Agreed*

High Street area at junction with Church lane. Clerk confirmed he had contacted Clarion Housing but had no response, regarding the collapsed wall. *Noted*

**101/165 VILLAGE CHAMPION/VOLUNTEERS’ EVENING**

This will be held on a Friday in late May/early June, and will follow the same format as last year. Mrs Carman will co-ordinate and invite groups etc.

It was **AGREED** that the council will fund the refreshments

**101/166 GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN**

The site allocation preference was noted and supported. Council would like to see zero carbon homes, infrastructure improvements, allotments, additional parking for the school, and improved public transport.

The council was unimpressed by the quality of information available at the Roadshow

**101/167 TREES**

Mr Livingstone had spoken with the survey contractor and the recommendations are:

Cut ivy in churchyard and from poplar tree in playing field.

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**101/167 TREES continued**

Also elm/poplar in a hedge on the playing field.

Mr Livingstone and the chair will investigate further.

**101/168 LITTER PICK**

The chair confirmed the date as Saturday 28th March, starting at 9am

**101/169 PLAYING FIELD**

1. Football goals need moving and some more equipment requires cleaning. Mr Livingstone and the chair will liaise
2. Letter from the Oakes Memorial Trust

Mrs Durrant declared an interest as secretary and took no part in the discussion or vote

The council has postponed setting the trees whilst discussions continue.

It is felt the word ‘orchard’ is giving the wrong impression re the intended size. It will be a line of trees, of small area which will not impinge on any sports activities. It will also be located far away from the toddlers’ play area.

The grounds maintenance contractor is happy with the proposals and it is hoped the community will help to look after them.

Mr Livingstone and Mrs Carman will produce a clear plan.

A question was asked about the constitution of the playing field and who is responsible for it. This is to be investigated.

**101/170 PARISHIONERS’ CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**101/171 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA**

The Clerk reported that he had contacted NCC Highways regarding Mr Soanes concerns at parking on the junction of Fairfields and Aylsham Road. Highways had responded that they do not feel there is a problem at the moment.

AGENDA: Village Champion, Playing Field, Sustainable Cawston, Greater Norwich Local Plan

Review actions taken following letter from parishioner (minute 101/133)

**101/172 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 19 March 2020

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.43.pm