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CAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 17 SEPTEMBER 2020

DRAFT MINUTES

At the meeting of the Cawston Parish Council held online via Zoom

on Thursday 17 September 2020, the following members were present:

J Buttifant (Chair)

S. Court, T. Durrant, C. Monk, G. Sinclair, P. Soanes.

**In Attendance**

1 member of the public,

L. Mills (Clerk of the Council)

**102/028 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from J. Livingstone, G. Sinclair, A. Hellewell and Co/Dist Cllr G Peck.

**102/029 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None

**102/030 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 August 2020 having been circulated to all members, were confirmed as an accurate record and will be signed by the Chair.

**102/031 ADJOURNMENT**

1. COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT: None
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

**102/032 FINANCE**

1. Accounts for Payment: it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the following accounts totalling £1970.07 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.

Garden Guardian, grounds maintenance, £815.60

E.On, Street lighting electricity, £56.31

Administration, £1078.36

URM, recycling, £19.80

Clerk confirmed that a pay rise had been agreed by the relevant trades unions and authorities. This was backdated to 1st April 2020 and the above includes this payment.

1. Picnic seats and tables for playing field: Following consideration of the three quotes obtained by the Clerk he was asked to contact two of the companies regarding costs of delivery and installation details

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**102/033 CASUAL VACANCY**

It was **AGREED** unanimously to co-opt Mr V Purdy with immediate effect.

Mr Purdy took his virtual seat.

**102/034 CLERK’S REPORT**

* Payments received:

Recycling 2019/2020 : £1040.96

Small business grant : £10,000.00

VAT reclaim: £3933.35

* Confirmation of receipt of payment re windfarms judicial review has been received. Announcement of whether permission to progress with review is expected by the end of September.
* A new letter from the Chairman of the Bowls Club has been received.
* Hand sanitisers have been installed in the village by BDC

**102/035 PLANNING**

1. APPLICATIONS:

None

1. WINDFARMS/SHERINGHAM SHOAL

C. Monk updated the council as follows

The biggest news item this month is the revelation, in a virtual meeting requested by Hornsea Three, that they propose to run 105 x 3.3 metre wide cable drum abnormal loads through the village in a two month period. This after we had been assured that they would not be using abnormal loads. They suggest they can do it by either removing parking along the High Street or closing the footpath on the southside and asked us for comments. We rejected both suggestions as impractical on safety grounds, and the disruption to traffic would be immense. H3 are due to meet NCC to discuss this – we wait for the outcome.

We continue to engage on Norfolk Boreas; deadlines have been extended so we now have submissions 28/9, 7/10 & 12/10. We reported the H3 issue as this surely undermines their Road Safety Audit and Highway Intervention Scheme.

We have sent a number of requests for clarification to both companies and await their responses. The declared construction period for H3 NV & NB is 6 years, from 2022 to 2028. This excludes any pre-construction and commissioning work. They are ignoring Equinor (SEP/DEP) which could start in 2024 and extend beyond 2028, so this is not a short term issue.

1. Following consideration of the Clerk’s report it was **AGREED** to respond to the White Paper at the next meeting

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**102/036 PLAYING FIELD**

1. RABBITS: Clerk had asked six companies for quotes. Three declined and other three had asked for more details. Of these one definite quote has now been received.
2. TREES AND HEDGES: Clerk had contacted the contractor and agreed for works to be undertaken soon.

Following discussions with hedge rabbit companies it became clear that the hedge on industrial side would need cutting back.

Mr Sinclair had also been in contact with the tree surgeon regarding the trees on Chapel Road side and he would be forwarding a quote.

The Clerk hopes to co-ordinate all these works over the coming months.

**102/037 PARISHIONERS’ CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A parishioner had contacted the Chair with the following queries:

[a] Sign near roundabout on Holt Road/B1145 pointing to Dial House. Clerk to contact BDC Planning

[b] Village Hall car park not open leading to blocking of gates to playing field, obstructing emergency vehicles. This was passed to Mr Court as the Committee representative.

[c] Bench in cemetery has been damaged by contractor again. Clerk said that contractor will be replacing though this is complicated by the original no longer being manufactured. Clerk had been in contact with donator.

1. Another resident had contacted the Clerk asking if the Council would install gym exercise equipment on the playing field. The Clerk was asked to investigate costs.

**102/038 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA**

1. INFORMATION:

Mr Soanes asked if there had been any further movement from Saffron Housing re affordable Housing. Clerk to contact them for update

1. AGENDA:

Website *Mr Purdy*; Windfarms *Mr Monk/Mr Court*; “Shopping List” of proposed projects.

**102/039 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 15 October 2020 at 7pm. Online via Zoom

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20pm