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CAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 15 OCTOBER 2020

DRAFT MINUTES

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

on Thursday 15 October 2020, the following members were present:

J Buttifant (Chair)

S. Court, T. Durrant, J. Livingstone, C. Monk, V. Purdy,

G. Sinclair, P. Soanes, S. Spencer.

**In Attendance**

1 member of the public,

L. Mills (Clerk of the Council)

**102/040 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from T. Carman, A. Hellewell and Co/Dist Cllr G Peck.

**102/041 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

C. Monk – judicial review crowd funding

T. Durrant – Bowls Club

G. Sinclair – traffic petition

**102/042 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 September 2020 having been circulated to all members, were confirmed as an accurate record and will be signed by the Chair.

**102/043 MATTERS ARISING**

Mr Livingstone reported he had tried to contact the contractor regarding churchyard walls but had been unsuccessful. He will try again.

It was reported that Mrs Schuil had cleaned up and tidied around the war memorial in the cemetery. The council expressed their thanks. Clerk to write letter for signing by Chair.

A question was raised about the location of the American flag for the memorial on Booton Road. Chair to contact previous chair.

**102/044 ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**102/045 FINANCE**

1. Accounts for Payment: it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the following accounts totalling £1912.16 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.

Garden Guardian, grounds maintenance, £815.60

E.On, Street lighting electricity, £54.50

Administration, £818.82

TTJones Electrical, street lighting maintenance, £40.84

URM, recycling, £23.40

OTW Imaging, covid signs, £159.0

1. Picnic seats and tables for playing field: having reviewed three quotes it was **AGREED** to order two benches and tables from Earth Anchors at a cost of £1081.

**102/046 CLERK’S REPORT**

* Saffron Housing: following on from the proposed social housing scheme the Clerk had contacted Saffron Housing in February and September but had received no response.
* The Clerk had received a phone call regarding parking for deliveries at a local shop. He asked the resident send him an email but this had so far not been received.

**102/047 TRAFFIC MATTERS**

It was **AGREED** to adjourn to allow the member of public present to speak on this matter.

*The resident explained that she had set up an online petition which will be presented to the council in the future. She is especially concerned that much of the traffic using Norwich Road and Aylsham Road go faster than the 30mph speed limit. This is especially concerning during scholl times. She feels there should be a 20mph limit near the schools. She also felt the “slalom” policy favoured by NCC Highways and the Police actually makes the roads more dangerous.*

After considering recent correspondence received regarding this issue along with Mr Monk’s paper it was **AGREED** to form a Working Party to look into the issue of traffic through the parish and to report back to the Council on its deliberations.

It was **AGREED** that the Group would initially consist of Mr Monk, Mr Court, Mr Sinclair and Mr Purdy from the Council. Ms Recket was also invited to join the group as the concerned resident.

**102/048 PLANNING**

1. APPLICATIONS:

[a] 20201776, Solar Farm, Land off The Street, Cawston

It was **AGREED** to object to this application. Concerns include potential light pollution and noise. The Council feels there is a need for assurances re the overall environmental impact. Also strong concerns regarding battery storage safety and emissions. It is felt it is also an abuse of agricultural land. It is also noted that the proposed Equinor cable will go through the site after its construction.

Mr Livingstone will compile a full list of concerns.

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**102/048 PLANNING continued**

[b] 2020124, Meadow View, Easton way, Eastgate.

It was **AGREED** to support this proposal

1. WINDFARMS/SHERINGHAM SHOAL

C. Monk updated the council as follows

The Judicial Review application on Norfolk Vanguard has now been given High Court permission to proceed to a substantive hearing, early in the New Year. A crowd funding site has been set up to raise funds to help with the legal costs of this step, at

https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/offshore-wind-power-without-de/

I have been asked to act as an “Ambassador” for the Crowd Funding appeal. All donations, however small, make a difference.

The Norfolk Boreas examination closed on 12th October; we put in a powerful and detailed final submission. The Decision is due to be announced in April.

In their final submissions, NB added a commitment not to take any abnormal loads through Cawston.

We continue to try to engage with Hornsea Three and Norfolk County Council over the 105 abnormal cable drum loads that they propose. While H3 claim to be discussing this with NCC, Highways told us “We have not been made aware of this proposal … We received a brief email from the consultants saying they wish to speak to us, but not what about.”

We have a last opportunity to respond to the Sec of State on H3 by 2nd Nov.

Equinor (SEP/DEP) no developments this month.

At the end of September National Grid published the “Offshore Coordination Project” report. This is part of the Government review, and is a consultation document with a closing date for responses of 28th October.

They conclude that there would be a likely saving of £6billion if an Offshore Transmission Network (OTN) approach were to be adopted.

This confirms what we have been arguing all along, just changing the name from ORM. We now have to lobby Government to include current projects.

1. GOVERNMENT’S PROPOSED PLANNING CHANGES

It was **AGREED** to respond by agreeing with and fully supporting the NALC response and to fully **OBJECT** to these proposals

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**102/049 PLAYING FIELD**

1. RABBITS: Following consideration of the quotes received it was **AGREED** to appoint Greenscape to install rabbit proof fencing at a cost of approx. £3820 for 300m.

Clerk and Mr Livingstone and/or Mr Sinclair to meet with contractor to agree finer details (discuss five year guarantee, cost or reduction per metre for more / less fencing)

1. TREES AND HEDGES: It was **AGREED** to appoint D. Gillett to lower hedge on Chapel Street boundary and remove three tress at a cost of £860

**102/050 REMEMBRANCE 2020**

After some discussion it was **AGREED** that there should be no official Act of Remembrance at the war memorials in 2020.

It was **AGREED** that there should be quiet solemn laying of wreaths on behalf of the Council.

Clerk to ask John Gilbert of he will perform one or both. If he is unable to do so it was **AGREED** that Mrs Durrant and Mrs Spencer should do so.

**102/051 WEBSITE**

Deferred to future meeting

**102/052 FUTURE PROJECTS**

Deferred to future meeting

**102/053 PARISHIONERS’ CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A parishioner had informed the Clerk that she had set up a free swap and share library on Stocks Loke. Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks.
2. A further letter had been received from the Chairman of the Bowls club regarding the boundary. It was **AGREED** the Clerk should reply that at present the Council shares their concern but do not feel in a position to discuss the matter at present.

**102/054 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA**

1. AGENDA:

Website *Mr Purdy*; Windfarms *Mr Monk/Mr Court*; “Shopping List” of proposed projects; Churchyard wall *Mr Livingstone*; Traffic working group; *Mr Soanes* asked the Clerk to provide a financial report; Queen Victoria Jubilee seating area *Mr Purdy*; Fruit trees on Playing Field *Mr Livingstone*.

**102/055 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 19 November 2020 at 7pm. Online via Zoom

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.27pm