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CAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 17 DECEMBER 2020

DRAFT MINUTES

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

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

J Buttifant (Chair)

A. Hellewell, J. Livingstone, C. Monk, V. Purdy,

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

**In Attendance**

L. Mills (Clerk of the Council)

**102/075 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**102/076 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

 C. Monk – judicial review crowd funding

 G. Sinclair – windfarms

**102/077 MINUTES**

 The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 November 2020 having been circulated to all members, were confirmed as an accurate record and will be signed by the Chair.

**102/078 MATTERS ARISING**

 Mr Livingstone asked the Council to thank Mrs Spencer for continuing to look after the defibrillator. The Council readily **AGREED** to do so.

**102/079 ADJOURNMENT**

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

**102/080 FINANCE**

1. BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2021/2022: Deferred to January meeting
2. It was **AGREED** to remove Mr Schuil from the list of signatories and to add Ms Buttifant and Mr Purdy. In future two from four councillors will need to authorise any payments.
3. Accounts for Payment: it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the following accounts totalling £1796.32 be approved and the necessary cheques signed by two authorised members.

  Garden Guardian, grounds maintenance, 815.60

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 Administration, 893.82

 E.On, street lighting electricity, 54.50

 URM (UK), recycling, 32.40

 It was noted that last month’s cheques had been misplaced by Royal Mail and that a new set of payments were made. Clerk will follow up for restitution from Royal Mail.

**102/081 CLERK’S REPORT**

* Parish Partnership application entered and acknowledgment received.
* Casual Vacancy: confirmation has been received from Broadland District Council that there has been no call for an election and the council is now free to co-opt a new member. **AGREED** to discuss at January meeting.
* It was **AGREED** to purchase a replacement litter bin for Toddlers’ Play Area.

**102/082 PLANNING**

(i) APPLICATIONS:

[a] 20202026, Twin Oaks Farm, Little Acorns, Buxton Road, Cawston.

It was **AGREED** to **SUPPORT** this application.

[b] 20202196, Oakways, 12 Aylsham Road Cawston

It was **AGREED** to **SUPPORT** this application.

[c] 20202298, The Woodrow, Holt Road, Cawston.

It was **AGREED** to **OBJECT** to this application as it still appears that the access to and from the main road is unsatisfactory.

 [d] It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should distribute a copy of any letter he receives informing of a new application when he receives it, as is the present practice.

1. WINDFARMS/SOLAR FARM

Mr Monk updated the council as follows:

**Norfolk Vanguard** Fund raising carries on, with a two day Judicial Review hearing set for January.

**Norfolk Boreas** examination closed on 12th October with the Decision due to be announced in April.

**Hornsea Three** the final decision is expected on 31st December. There is a possibility of Judicial Review being requested by the Wildlife Trusts.

No further news from H3and Norfolk County Council over the proposed 105 abnormal 3.3 metre wide cable drum loads. I have asked for paper copies of the relevant drawings to share, but they have not been received yet.

**Equinor (SEP/DEP) –** I’ve written to Nigel Tompkins to confirm that we do want to have regular meetings once further details of their proposals are published, but for now our position remains that set out in the letter submitted to their initial consultation.

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**Parliament –** this week the Government published its Energy White Paper, which includes the following passage:-

*“Initial outputs from the ESO, delivered as part of the review, have shown that taking a more coordinated approach could deliver up to £6 billion in consumer savings by 2050, significantly reducing environmental and social impacts on coastal communities …..*

….. *In order to start delivering these benefits, we will encourage projects already in development, where early opportunities for coordination exist, to consider becoming pathfinder projects. This will help inform the design of the enduring regime.*

*We will consider changes to the current regulatory framework which enable developers to implement innovative approaches, including on anticipatory investment. For the 2030s and beyond, we will redesign the current regime to incentivise more extensive coordination and minimise environmental, social and economic costs.”*

I have written to Jerome Mayhew MP, thanking him for his efforts to date on our behalf and asking him to note the above statement and stress to the Sec of State that **inland** communities, such as Cawston, as well as coastal ones, are hit hard by the current approach.

**Solar Farm** – I am not aware of any further developments

**102/083 PLAYING FIELD**

The Clerk and Mr Sinclair updated the Council regarding hedges and fencing. All is in hand.

**102/084 TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP**

Mr Purdy reported that the group had held its second meeting and he will bring a more detailed report to the January Council meeting.

He asked the Clerk to establish whether the SAM2 can be used on a 50mph zone of the Holt Road.

Mr Sinclair said he will follow up Mrs Spencer’s concerns regarding the flashing yellow signs outside the school.

**102/085 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

Deferred to next meeting

**102/086 PARISHIONERS’ CORRESPONDENCE**

The removal of the bushes in the cemetery has caused concern for one parishioner. This will be further considered at the next meeting.

**102/087 ITEMS OF INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA**

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Budget and Precept 2021/22; Village Hall Committee representative; Website *Mr Purdy*; Windfarms *Mr Monk,* “Shopping List” of proposed projects; Churchyard wall *Mr Livingstone*; Traffic working group; Queen Victoria Jubilee seating area; Fruit trees on Playing Field *Mr Livingstone*, Cemetery bushes.

**102/088 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 21 January 2021 at 7pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.08pm