

CAWRA Meeting Minutes

Meeting: CAWRA	Chair: Rob Butler
Date: Wednesday 25 th October 2017	Minutes by: Sue Clark
Members see separate list	
Others in attendance: Roy Brame and John Newton	
Apologies: Tom Duchesne, Neil Glen, Jane James, Andy Temple, Bob and Maggie Baldwin, Martin Fancourt	

Item	Minutes/Action	Action by whom	Action by when
1	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed</p> <p>Actions from the previous meeting</p> <p>All actions would be picked up in the reports</p>		
2	<p>Chairman's Report – Rob Butler</p>		
2.1	Community speed watch – we are not on the list, we have raised our concerns regarding this and on 11 th this will be discussed by the speed watch team. Chief Inspector Paul Wheatley agrees with the group that Cloverfield must be included.		
2.2	Litter Pick this is now being organised by Rex and he has a team of 4 people organised for the 17 th November to clear one area, and then another pick is arranged for the following day, more people are required for this, as this will cover a wider area. It was agreed that Rex will use the website as a way of informing people when and where litter picks will be held, and people can then sign up to join in via the website. All pickers covered by Breckland insurance. Rob to send Rex contact details for Breckland DC		
2.3	Car sales – Rob is still collating this information, but there appears to have been a decrease in car sales on Cloverfields.		
3	<p>Secretary's Report - Andy Temple</p>		
3.1	Nothing to report this month		
4.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p>		
4.1	£300 grant received and banked.		
5.	<p>Councillor reports</p>		
5.1	Roy Brame - County, District and Town Council Discussed with the group the role of the PCO is being replaced by 20 police officers in the Breckland area. Thetford police station will not have a front of house service; the public will have to make appointments. The station is always manned, and a yellow phone box system is in place.		
5.2	Roy is investigating purchasing a portable read your speed sign. He will be working with the Town Council and their partners on the three best sites for this. He will be able to give further information on progress next month.	RB	Nov 17
5.3	'Buddy' System for dog walkers – Roy suggested that this is something that CAWRA could promote through the website. This would not only reassure those that may be concerned about their safety with the dark evenings but is also a way of providing company for those that may be facing issues of loneliness. Thetford currently has a campaign to fight loneliness. Those present agreed this could be a feature on our website. Andy to be asked to put on the website	JN	Nov 17

5.4	<p>John Newton – District and Town Council</p> <p>John has requested a report on abandoned 101 calls. He is concerned that people abandon their calls as people have reported to him they can wait for up to 30 minutes for a response. When he receives the report, he will share with the group. He is aware that the local newspaper has also requested the same report under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>Public Space Protection Order commencement slightly delayed due to printing error.</p>	AT	Nov 17
5.6	<p>Litter on Green Lane is still a major issue, as is the narrowing of the path – John reported that Breckland are looking into who is responsible for this and will report findings next month.</p> <p>Bins are being reported as overflowing – John asked people to use the Breckland website ‘Report It’ section to report any issues with bins. It was suggested that bins could be numbered to make identification easier when we are reporting.</p>	JN	Nov 17
6	Current issues		
	Publicity for CAWRA		
6.1	We still need translations in Latvian and Czech languages of the CAWRA flyer.	Committee	Nov 17
6.2	<p>CAWRA still needs more members attending the meetings. The committee are concerned that we must be as fully representative as possible of the residents of the area. Promotional activities for CAWRA will continue.</p> <p>CAWRA partners</p> <p>Our Facebook page and website does not allow any advertising presently. Rob proposed that in recognition of support from some businesses we should allow them to advertise in some way, this is an acknowledgment of our appreciation. Rob gave the example of Chilterns putting our flyers in all their new sales and rentals welcome packs. They wanted to promote their services and events on Facebook. The rule of ‘no advertising’ unless they are active CAWRA partners would stand. There was a suggestion that we have a ‘thank you’ page and ‘partner’s’ page on the website and Facebook page.</p> <p>A vote results - majority was that we would allow this.</p> <p>3 members of the committee administer the Facebook page: Martin, Andy and Rob</p>		
7	Greater Thetford Partnership		
7.1	Changes to the GTDP team have happened.		
7.2	343 houses are expected to be granted planning by the end of the year. They are technically in Croxton but will clearly have an impact on services in Thetford. The infrastructure is expected to take 5 years after the houses are built. CAWRA to monitor progress and campaign against any detrimental effects on our area.	Committee	Nov 17
8	AOB		
8.1	<p>One member of the group asked if there was anything, we could do about messy gardens. John responded that if the property is rented the property owner could be contacted. However, if owner-occupier there was nothing that could be done unless it was over the path and an obstruction.</p> <p>Reminder to all the next meeting is the last for the year. No meeting in December</p>		
9	Date of next meeting (the last one in 2017):		
	22nd November 2017 at 8pm		