

# CAWRA Meeting Minutes

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| <b>Meeting:</b> CAWRA General Meeting   | <b>Chair:</b> Rob Butler     |
| <b>Date:</b> Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018  | <b>Minutes by:</b> Sue Clark |
| <b>Members:</b> separate list available on request  |                              |
| <b>Others in attendance:</b> Jane James, Roy Brame,   |                              |
| <b>Apologies:</b> Police Representative, Maggie Baldwin, John Newton, Malcolm, Rebecca, Felicity and Tom Duchesne |                              |

| Item | Minutes/Action   | Action by whom | Action by when |
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| 1    | <p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed</b></p> <p><b>Actions from the previous meeting</b> - All actions would be picked up in the reports</p>   |                |                |
| 2    | <p><b>Chairman's Report – Rob Butler – see attached report</b></p> <p><b>Actions from the report</b><br/>2 accidents in a week on Charlock Road, both accidents resulted in cars mounting the pavement. Police failed to attend to either incident.<br/>AGM 27<sup>th</sup> June – Tea and coffee to be served from 7.30 with the meeting to start at 8pm</p>  |                |                |
| 3    | <p><b>Secretary's Report - Andy Temple</b></p> <p>3.1 Website updated with an additional section on responsibilities of the different councils, also which Thetford Town Council wards cover the estate with street idents..</p>   |                |                |
| 4.   | <p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>4.1 £242.65 is the current balance. There have been some stationary and printing costs.<br/><br/>Breckland 'Good Cause' Lottery. We need people to support CAWRA in this as the cost of the garden will far exceed the grants we will apply for to carry out this work.</p>  | All            |                |
| 5.   | <p><b>Councillor reports</b></p> <p>5.1 <b>Roy Brame</b> – Thetford Governance Review of boundary between Croxton and Thetford. This is now in the second stage and will run for 10 weeks from 16<sup>th</sup> April<br/><br/>Actions - The link will be on the CAWRA Facebook page after this meeting. The committee will write a group response.<br/><br/>Speeding – Thetford Town Council SAM2 deal completed<br/><br/>Highways have been informed about hedges over paths and letters will be sent to houses where this is a problem. Roy stated that these letters will focus on support that can be offered to help with the problem rather than being punitive.<br/>Roy asked that people inform him when they see cars obstructing paths.<br/><br/>Potholes – please report, Hurth Way has been reported.</p> <p>5.2 <b>Jane James</b><br/>Jane congratulated Roy on becoming the next mayor of Thetford.<br/>Jane informed the group that she has been elected as the Town Council Rep on the Greater Thetford Development Partnership. The next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> April and she will report on this at our next meeting. She agreed with the committee that Thetford Town Council's website is poor and needs improvement.<br/>Jane shared the following dates and encouraged our members to support.</p> | Committee      | February 2018  |

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|          | 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – Soapbox Derby – at which they need volunteers<br>26 <sup>th</sup> May – Secret Garden Party<br>27 <sup>th</sup> May - Spring into Summer Market   |     |  |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Current issues</b>  |     |  |
| 6.1      | The proposed Community Garden<br>A consultation document handed out to all present and the Chairman asked everyone to share this with their neighbours. The document is available on the CAWRA website and Facebook page. We need this to be a true community garden from the start. We will need funds to be raised and the garden to be what residents would like to see within the strictly defined guidelines so that people will use it when it is completed. |     |  |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Litter Pick</b>   |     |  |
| 7.1      | Next litter picks are 27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> April – litter pickers required  | All |  |
| 7.2      | We have been issued with the litter trolley, litter pick hoops and a ‘long-reach’ picker   |     |  |
| <b>8</b> | <b>AOB</b>   |     |  |
| 8.1      | Our best wishes to John Newton for a speedy recovery.  | All |  |
| 8.2      | Family Fun Day – this will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting but any suggestions and volunteers would be gratefully received by the committee  |     |  |
| <b>9</b> | <b>Date of next meeting:</b><br><br><b>25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8pm</b>   |     |  |

## 28.03.2018 – Chairman's Report

(\* further information given at meeting )

- Since last meeting cancelled due to the highly inclement weather we can advise that CAWRA has had some more successes. More later. I held meetings with **Tina Cunnell**, TTC Clerk, and **Rev Helen Jary**.
- **TRAG, Thetford Residents Action** will launch end of March / April 2018. Does not replace individual RA's but enhances and strengthens all of our positions. Others welcome to join TRAG (no agencies or councillors etc).
- **CAWRA flyer** is now available in English, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian and Lithuanian – will soon have Latvian and Czech. John Newton assisting. Pricing for 500 -1,000 double-sided **leaflets** for drop – volunteers? **Colour Fuzion** Event - 11.08.2018 - volunteers to 'man or woman' the stand?
- **Community Garden** project for waste ground outside of Community Centre and Church. Councillor John Newton has spoken to Breckland DC about lease of land. Tesco project award – up to £4,000 potential - plus other potential funding.
- Letter for proposed **Community Garden** project support partners was forwarded to Tom Duchesne to obtain support e.g. Thetford Garden Centre / fencing company etc. Plot measured at 2,000M<sup>2</sup> (Update by Tom?)
- **Family Fun Day** project in 2018 – was going to join in with Church Fun Day but that is not being held this year so if we're going to do it we need to start organising now – support from Tesco, Warburtons etc. Volunteers to help out please?
- New '**dog poop**' notice. Now ready for strategic posting in Spring onwards during time of litter picks.
- Spreadsheet of '**Cars for Sale**' continues. Have not had any further reports of car sales on the green during this last month. After being reported **Portico** van now parks on the road but others still obstruct footpath.
- **Litter Pick** – now received additional equipment required from Breckland DC for which we are very grateful. More later from Rex.
- **New for 2018** – Breckland Community Lottery. CAWRA can earn revenue (50% of ticket value) for promoting and selling via our Facebook page (and website?). We need to sell more tickets for our community!
- **Community Speedwatch** – Ongoing issue. Car damaged area near Centre on Sun 25.03.2018. Previous crash into lamppost next to Cloverfield Church on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018. Police are not helpful at all! Later from Roy Brame re. speeding signs / survey strips etc. TTC purchase of speed sign – progression etc?
- Possible '**Feral**' juvenile gang behaviour spreading to the CAWRA area. Members urged to contact us and Police immediately if anything occurs. You can call 01953 424455 which is direct line to Wymondham Police Headquarters. Still no new PC's in Thetford despite withdrawal of support officers.
- **CAWRA 1<sup>st</sup> AGM** now to take place on Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>. 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tea, coffee, biscuits etc will be served.
- Move future meetings date to Thursdays? (Neil Glen bookings).