

CAWRA Meeting Minutes - 24.01.2019

Apologies were received from Andy Temple, Rebecca Tate, Sue Clark and Stuart Wright.

The Chairman paid tribute to Councillor John Newton and the meeting marked this with one minute's silence. The tribute narrative will be placed on the CAWRA website and posted on all related Facebook pages.

The **Minutes** of the last meeting on 22nd November, 2018 were accepted and adopted as a true record of that meeting.

Reports by:-

Chris Wallis (Membership Secretary):

* Our first ever newsletter was delivered to the nearly 1,600 homes in the CAWRA area in the first couple of weeks of January.

* A massive thank you to everyone who helped to deliver them. If you have any feedback about the newsletter or the deliveries, please do let us know.

* If you did not receive a copy please do let me know. Copies are available at this meeting, or a soft copy is available on the CAWRA website.

At this point the meeting expressed gratitude to Chris for all his hard work to produce and organise delivery of the leaflet.

* We appear to have reached some new contacts and have had a number of new sign-ups to our Facebook page, as well as enquiries about the Litter Pick and Gardening groups. In addition, we had an email enquiry regarding the emptying of dog waste bins - so our visibility has demonstrably increased.

* It's great to see some new faces here tonight - you are most welcome. If you would like to join our email list and have not already filled in a contact form, please do see me afterwards. We only send out a couple of emails a month to advise of upcoming events and do not pass your details on to any third parties or advertisers.

Andy Temple (Secretary) in his absence:

* Apologies for my absence, can I also before I give my report express my sadness at the passing of John Newton he was not only involved with CAWRA but he helped me to resolve a breach of planning which I don't think would have been resolved without his persistence.

* It has obviously been a 'quietish' period over the Christmas and New Year holiday but the website has been kept up to date with additions for the 2 holidays & some more contact links for agency that may be of help, the website will probably be due to a rebuild shortly, websites that are modified frequently can become untidy and fragmented with a rebuild being the only real solution.

* One item that has been raised in various ways is the problem of full litter & dog litter bins, it would appear that some of this problem (I am not sure about the dog litter bins) but it definitely applies for the litter bins is that people are using them instead of their household bins. I personally have seen a car pull up and a person get out and dump a large bag of rubbish in the litter bin which probably half filled it.

Chris Wallis (Treasurer):

* Our current funds balance is £1,865.50. This includes the £1,500 grant received from Thetford Town Council in November towards the community garden project and £147.89 raised by the CAWRA Choir's Christmas Carolling activities.

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* As our projects progress we shall be seeking further funding from partner organisations. If you have any funding ideas or contacts, please do let us know.

* A reminder that not only can you support CAWRA by attending meetings such as this one, by joining in with our activities such as the Litter Pick and Gardening groups, but you can also support us by taking part in 'Our Breckland Lottery' - see our website for more details. If you select CAWRA as the good cause you would like to support, then we receive 50p from each ticket sold. Of course, remember to gamble responsibly and all that...

Rebecca Tate (Project Coordinator) in her absence:

* The Carol singing by the 'Cawraisters' was very successful and enjoyable. The two nights raised £147.89. I hope to continue with this next Christmas time.

* A reminder about the CAWRA Kids logo entries to be submitted by 28th of February 2019 please.

Martin Fancourt (Gardening Group Coordinator):

* Quiet at this time of year. I remember John Newton's help with bulb planting on Norwich Road roundabout.

Rex Ingle (Litter Pick Team Coordinator):

* Successful litter picks on 17th and 18th of January (pictures on the website) and thanks go to all the volunteers.

* Concern regarding the Tesco area where littering is very bad. Will request a meeting with Tesco to see if they can assist in tidying that area.

* Next litter picks are scheduled for Friday 8th and Saturday 9th of February (2019). Meet 10.30am at the Cloverfield Church and Community Centre.

* If any CAWRA residents have areas to be considered for the team to litter pick please contact me. New members for the team are always welcome.

Councillor Jane James (Castle Ward East):

* Reported that full Thetford TC meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 29th of January and that there will be no precept increase for TTC for the forthcoming year.

Councillor Roy Brame (Castle Ward East and Town Mayor):

* Announced the forthcoming Mayor's Ball in April.

* Queried the police representative, PC Zack Lewis, regarding the 20mph speed signage in the CAWRA area. Response was that the police will not prosecute at 20mph. There is also a lack of suitable signage in the area. Robert Whittaker commented about the legality of the signage and lack of police action.

PC 336 Zack Lewis: (warmly welcomed as only the second attendance by the police to a CAWRA meeting)

* Gave a brief description of local concerns and police actions to be taken in the CAWRA area in February. Deterrent to speeding would be a priority with vehicle ASB and unlit bicycles. He would maintain further contact with the Chairman and advise police actions as necessary.

Rob Butler (CAWRA Chairman):

* The **Community Garden** project for waste ground outside of Community Centre and Church. Waiting for licence draft from Fiona Culshaw at Breckland DC. I have replied to their initial concerns and they are happy with that

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response. I have asked about grass cutting situation and Fiona is researching SERCO's contract with regards to this area. The **Garden area map** is to be amended after church land information was received from Tim Peacock (only affects small area of land at entrance to the church car park).

* Through both STAG and separately, I have had meetings / communication with the **Police**; PC's Zack Lewis and Paula Gilluley. I have obtained new information regarding Mobility Scooters and the law which may assist with the current disturbing situation. It was suggested that a CAWRA Twitter account should be set up (see Andy Temple).

* **Road signs and markings** in the CAWRA area need attention i.e, cleaning and re-siting. I created explanatory information which has been passed to TTC Planning Committee and NCC Highways dept.

* TTC have now purchased a **SAM 2** speeding sign. CAWRA is one of the two RA's to have registered our interest in loaning of the SAM 2. This is to be shared (on a fortnightly basis) between interested RA's. TTC's planning committee's latest response is that, subject to permission from NCC highways department, there will be a SAM2 placement on Cloverfield. TTC have kindly ordered an extra set of SAM 2 brackets for CAWRA to utilise. I contacted David Jacklin from NCC Highways Department who has kindly given the permission necessary for installation and who will visit next time in Thetford to suggest a site and fixing point.

* The successful new weather-resistant CAWRA '**dog poop**' notices are available for members at £2 cost. We have been approached by other RA's wishing to buy the notices for them to use. This was agreed at a price of £2.50 each.

* Spreadsheet of '**Cars for Sale**' continues. No further reports of car sales on the green during this last two months so hopefully the message has gone out that this is not welcome on the community areas. Please take number of and report any vehicles that are obstructing footpaths near your home. Pics are most useful.

* **Breckland DC** has replaced the missing fencing on Campion Road. Thanks go to Steve Hitchman and Fiona Culshaw at Breckland DC. There is also a new general purpose litter bin situated there.

* Once again, residents are urged to **contact the Police** immediately if anything illegal or to the detriment of the CAWRA area occurs. If safe to do so, please try to obtain picture or video evidence and log time and date etc. You can call 01953 424455 which is direct line to Wymondham Police Headquarters.

* Very soon the **crocus and daffodil flowers** should be making their appearances around the area after all the planting that happened late last year by the CAWRA Gardening Group. If residents know of any other swathes of land in our area that would like to be bulb planted ready for next year then please notify Martin Fancourt as TTC have offered the free use of the bulb-planting machine and also some bulbs as the town is looking to enter the 'Britain in Bloom' competition.

There were no other issues raised and no further business.

In closing, the Chairman reminded the meeting that **future CAWRA meetings** will open at 7.30pm for refreshments and discussions etc. Tea, coffee, ('bottomless') and biscuits,cakes etc will be served (50p pp – proceeds to CAWRA funds). The General Meeting will start at 8pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and stated that the next meeting would be held on February 28th, 2019. The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Key: CAWRA = Cloverfield and The Willows, inc. St Andrews Residents Association; RA = Residents Association

TTC = Thetford Town Council; BDC = Breckland District Council; NCC = Norfolk County Council