

**Minutes of meeting held at 8pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at  
Cloverfield Church and Community Centre**

Present: CAWRA committee comprising of Rob Butler (Chair), Martin Fancourt (Gardening Group Co-ordinator), Rex Ingle (Litter Pick Co-ordinator), Natasha Salawu (Secretary).

CAWRA members: Bob Baldwin, Janice Butler (Thetford Town Councillor), Brad Flisher, Neil Glen, Mike Holbrook, Ed O'Connor, Jacob Salawu, Stuart Wright (Breckland Councillor).

Apologies: Maggie Baldwin, Jane James (Breckland Councillor), Rebecca Tate (Project Co-ordinator), Chris Wallis (Treasurer and Membership Secretary).

Welcome: Chair Rob Butler opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Minutes of previous meeting AGM held 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 adopted and agreed, currently available on CAWRA website and in print before this meeting.

**Annual Reports:**

**Membership:** Nothing to report at present.

**Projects:** Apologies for my absence. We are having one last trip with our neighbours. I am sad to see The Hall family go. Max did a wonderful job carrying the bucket at our Christmas carol singing. Today marks the launch of CAWRA kids on Facebook! I wanted to get the children living in our area more involved with our community and to strengthen their environmental, moral, social and cultural development through various activities/ events.

This summer I will be posting ideas on the CAWRA kids page of things to do, in the hope that it will promote well-being. Please encourage people living in the area with children to join our group. The garden centre kindly donated soil, pots and seeds to CAWRA. I have decided to use these next year (spring) as part of Sunflower comp.

I am keen to organise the "Lantern Parade" this autumn. I would like suggestions on a date that works (I was thinking half term). At the end of the parade, I thought it would be good to have various vendors. It would be great to involve the church with this too. Have a lovely summer everyone!

**Gardening:** no activities due to recent heatwave, scheduled for later in year.

**Litter: June:** Litter Pick took place from Cloverfield Church and Community Centre on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019 and Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. Those in attendance were Mrs Wright, Mrs Butler, Mrs Baldwin and Messrs Ingle, Baldwin, Glenn, Holbrook, I & N Fortune. Areas covered were Green Lane and the grass off Green Lane, Rosecroft Way complete, The Willows (all grass areas / River Frontage and play areas), Admirals Wood complete, Norwich Road (petrol station to Tesco's, plus the wooded areas to Norwich Road).

**July:** Litter Pick took place from Cloverfield Church and Community Centre on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2019 and Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2019. Those in attendance were Mrs Wright and Messrs Kitchens, Temple, Ingle, Glenn, and Whittaker. Areas covered were Green Lane complete, Rosecroft Way, Charlock Road plus green areas, Norwich Road, petrol station to the roundabout, Hurth Way to the slip road onto Cloverfield

Next Litter Pick Dates are Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2019 and Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 going from Cloverfield Church and Community Centre at 10.30 both days.

## Councillors Reports:

Mr. Stuart Wright: Thetford entered into Anglia in Bloom for first time this year, money has been spent on improving foliage to council owned sites. Businesses in town centre have embraced the competition and helped to improve aesthetics. One of the categories for the judges was Community involvement and the judges gave good feedback. The council hope for further Business and Community involvement for next years competition. Breckland Council have begun to prosecute Fly Tipping.

Mrs. Janice Butler: River Thet trees update, some have been removed due to foliage and access. Foliage in Green Lane has received many messages regarding overgrowth. Mrs. Butler has contacted Breckland Council they advise that natural foliage needs to be preserved to encourage local wildlife and the requirement is to allow for 2 people to walk side by side only. Photos have been sent to Breckland Council to illustrate the level of overgrowth.

Mrs. Butler has spoken to an Ice-cream sales van which is trading without a license for the local area. The business name AYAANS is registered in Peterborough with 2 vans however they are not licensed to trade in Breckland which could impact on health & safety and hygiene standards. Mrs. Butler has spoken to the vendor twice regarding being unlicensed for the local area and he has stated he has no intention of stopping. The unlicensed trade has been reported to Citizens Advice who subsequently report to Trading Standards.

**Chair Report:** (\* further information given at meeting. c/o = carried over from last meetings)

- c/o The **Community Garden** project for waste ground outside of Community Centre and Church. Having received a response from Breckland DC regarding cutting of the grass, there will be a final committee meeting to decide whether CAWTA should take the licence or not. Unfortunately, it is looking increasingly unlikely. Costs for capital equipment and insurances are prohibitive so without BDC cutting the grass, as they are now doing again, we will not be in a position to take up the full licence. Nothing will be signed until we are 100% happy that such actions will be safe and long-term for both CAWRA and for Breckland DC. We will still seek to be allowed to plant flower and shrub beds on the area and if we are successful then we will seek sponsors.
- Please remember that Breckland Police post brief details of incidents and activities regularly on Twitter. Residents may find this interesting and wish to follow them on there.
- As the Police have limited resources it has been suggested that 'non-detailed' examples of offenders caught in the Town centre should be 'publicised' via social media under **CPN** (Crime Protection Notice).
- **Road signs and markings** in the CAWRA area have received attention i.e, cleaning, re-siting and some signage additions have been made by Norfolk CC Highways Dept. Our thanks go to David Jacklin.
- TTC have now purchased a **SAM 2** speeding sign. Thetford Town Council has kindly ordered an extra set of SAM 2 brackets for CAWRA to utilise. David Jacklin from NCC highways will

visit the CAWRA area once again the next time he's in Thetford to suggest a site and fixing point.

- Please report the exact location any **shrubs / foliage** etc that are overhanging public pavements or otherwise causing obstruction and need cutting back.
- If residents know of any other swathes of land in our area that would like to be planted ready for next year then please notify Martin as TTC have offered the free use of the bulb-planting machine and also some bulbs. TTC will enter the 'Britain in Bloom' competition so are keen to beautify all areas, particularly ours.
- As usual, there will be no meeting in August. The next General Meeting will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> and will start at 8.15 as the room is being used prior to that for a children's party.
- A reminder that **future CAWRA meetings** after September will open at 7.30pm for refreshments and **discussions with committee members, agencies, councillors** etc. Tea, coffee, ('bottomless') and biscuits etc will be served (50p pp – proceeds to CAWRA funds).

**Any Other Business:** Member Mike Holbrook reported on the green area on Bergamot Way which is overgrown and requires cutting. The area was designated as not for cutting due to protected plants however those particular plants are no longer growing at this site.

The Chair thanked all for their attendance on this particularly hot evening and the meeting closed at 8:40pm. He reminded attendees that future meetings will be starting later due to room booking conflicts.

Next meeting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 8.15pm