

**Minutes of meeting held at 8pm on Thursday 26th 2019 at
Cloverfield Church and Community Centre**

Present: CAWRA committee comprising of :

Rob Butler – Chair

Martin Fancourt – Gardening Group Co-ordinator

Rex Ingles – Litter Pick Co-ordinator

Natasha Salawu – Secretary

Rebecca Tate – Project Co-ordinator

Chris Wallis – Treasurer & Membership Secretary

Robert Whittaker – Research Co-ordinator

CAWRA members: Bob Baldwin, Cllr. Roy Brame (Breckland & Thetford Town Council), Cllr Mike Brindle (Breckland & Thetford Town), Cllr. Janice Butler (Thetford Town), Neil Glen,

Apologies: Maggie Baldwin, Cllr. Jane James (Breckland Councillor), Cllr. Stuart Wright

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

Minutes of previous meeting 25th July 2019 adopted and agreed, currently available on CAWRA website and in print before this meeting.

	Item	Action
1.	<u>Secretary's Report</u> – nothing to report at present.	
2.	<p><u>Membership Secretary's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership levels remain stable with over 200 members on the Facebook group and a couple of dozen more on the email list, • Due to inclement weather conditions, CAWRA did not attend the Fusion event over the summer. • We are aware that not everyone is online or has access to email. We are therefore currently investigating the feasibility of having a phone number for CAWRA - either an '03' number that costs the same to call as a standard 01/02 geographic number and would be included in people's inclusive call allowances 	CW/RB

	<p>or possibly a mobile number. We also need to consider the logistics of who would man this!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are planning our second newsletter and hope this will be ready for distribution at the end of October/early November, in good time for the activities planned in the run up the festive period. If anyone would like to help deliver some newsletters for us, please do let me know. We had lots of help delivering our first newsletter at the start of the year which really helped to spread the load. The newsletter was well received and generated interest in CAWRA including Facebook and email contacts and meeting attendance. <p><u>Treasurer’s Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We currently have nearly £2,000 in the bank. Following the committee’s unanimous decision not to proceed with the Community Garden Project, we will shortly be contacting Thetford Town Council to discuss re-purposing the grant they made to us last year - we have a number of community benefit projects in mind that we hope Thetford Town Council would be amenable to supporting. The number of people taking part in the Our Breckland Lottery choosing to support CAWRA has increased slightly. Breckland are holding a marketing/membership event in October that I will attend with a view to increasing support through this funding channel. Our Breckland Lottery is currently our largest source of income after council grants. Cashbook and Accounts statement attached. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>CW/RB</p> <p>CW</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Project Co-ordinator’s Report</u></p> <p>I am thoroughly enjoying my role as "Project Coordinator" and am planning to organise various events in our area; some of which will be used to raise money for CAWRA projects.</p> <p>Here are some dates for your diary: On St. Andrews, neighbours are coming together on Sunday 6th October at 9am to plant bulbs and wildflowers. I would like to thank Cllr. Janice Butler for her commitment to the area, which has recently seen a tidy up.</p> <p>A” Window Wanderland “ will run from Saturday 26th October at 16:30 - Saturday 2nd November 10 pm. During the summer, one resident suggested a “Window Wanderland”. The idea is to inspire our community with an all-people- friendly, window-display-based walking trail. Autumn seemed a perfect time to do it, as Halloween brings crowds to the area and Diwali (festival of Light) falls at this time too! So in October we are encouraging all residents, no matter their religious view or where they're from in the world, to come together and decorate windows, for a “Window Wanderland”. I am hoping that by decorating windows residents may feel</p>	<p>RT/ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p>better connected as a community. So please do get involved and SEE your neighbourhood, in a new creative light. Autumn half term is 21 - 25th October, so I am hoping to encourage CAWRA Kids to get involved during the break and possibly get groups of people working together on this project. I have been in touch with the EDP, who are happy to advertise for us.</p> <p>Carol Singing Practice from November and hitting the streets in December 2019. Our carol singers will be back again this December. An online poll has given us a wonderful selection of songs including Silent Night, Once in Royal David’s City, Deck the Halls, We Wish You A Merry Christmas, Away in a Manger, Hark the Herald Angels Sing and Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer! I hope to start practice on Thursdays starting in November and everyone will be welcome!!! This year I will be putting together a route and giving everyone laminated song sheets, so that it can run a little more smoothly. David Brooks has kindly said he is happy for us to use lanterns once we have let him know dates, so, it is important that we get some dates together very soon. Thursday seems to be a popular choice, so I suggest we put December 5th, 12th and 19th in the diary. We could even do Boxing Day, if people fancy it.</p> <p>As for 2020...</p> <p>I'm hoping to combat the feeling of loneliness that people so often feel in the New Year. I'd like to have a "Lantern Parade" in January 2020. I propose making lanterns from junk, recycled from Christmas. I would love to walk a route from Cloverfields Church & Community Centre, that passes local schools and returns back to the car park here. It would be lovely to have a band and make it a real festival of friendship! It would be great to gain backing from local businesses and schools. The idea of a lantern competition is appealing too and could raise funds to help towards other CAWRA projects. Any thoughts or help with this would be gratefully appreciated.</p> <p>This week I attended an online workshop with Eden Project Communities. We discussed inclusion and it really was food for thought in terms of CAWRA moving forward and creating better links with our community. I'd like to try and make 2020 a year to really build bonds with all residents and become a completely inclusive group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>ALL</p> <p>RT</p>
4.	<p><u>Research Co-ordinator’s Report</u> Rob Whittaker reports he is investigating which council is responsible for upkeep of Green Lane.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Gardening Group Co-ordinator’s Report</u> Nothing to report at present.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Litter Pick Group Co-ordinator’s Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAWRA would like to thank Cllr. Roy Brame for the trolley donation which has been a big help on the litter picks and will also assist the gardening group. • Litter Picks 23rd & 24th August – 8 volunteers covered Green Lane, Charlock Rd, Rosecroft Way, St. Andrews and The Willows paths and green areas, Admirals woods path area and Norwich Rd from petrol station to Tesco • 20th September & 21st September – 12 volunteers Green Lane, Charlock Rd, Rosecroft Way, St. Andrews, Willows paths and green areas, Admirals woods path area. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Litter Pick dates: Friday 25th October and Saturday 26th October meeting at Cloverfield Community Church carpark at 10.30am – Children under supervision welcome, please dress for cold/wet weather, gloves advisable. 	
7.	<p><u>Councillors', Agencies', and Police Reports</u></p> <p>Roy Brame – Councillor for Castle Ward, Thetford Town Council & Breckland District Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted ‘# 30 for Thetford’ campaign. Currently in discussion with Highways Agency to reduce statutory speed limits in Thetford to 30 mph which requires a change in law. Mac McDonald to meet local business forum to gain support for the campaign. Speed limit to run from Sainsbury’s to Norwich Road roundabouts and Diss to Mundford Road roundabouts. • Shared proposed sticker to place on wheelie bins to reduce speeding. Currently surveying interest from local residential groups and will take forward if approved. • Variety of bids/proposals in the pipeline and will divulge details once approved. • Phase 1 housing sold and residents to move in shortly. • Infrastructure report to be made public shortly, pedestrian crossing, improvements to ‘Ark’ roundabout, also plans for traffic calming and cycle lanes. • ARK public house site, no definite news on demolition. • Fly-tipping – Breckland have prosecuted fly-tippers on peripheries of town but not in centre of town as this isn’t being reported. If unreported the Street Team remove the items and this isn’t passed onto Enforcement. <p>Mike Brindle – Councillor for Priory Ward, Thetford Town Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulated the CAWRA team for effectiveness and particularly to the Chair who has evolved the team and worked to introduce new members of the committee. • Supports the ‘#30forThetford’ campaign and feels now is the time for this to be implemented. • Requests CAWRA formally support the road safety campaign. <p>Janice Butler – Councillor for Castle Ward, Thetford Town Council I am liaising with Hopkin Homes re. St Andrews land upkeep and getting bulbs from TTC.</p> <p>Jane James - Councillor for Castle Ward, Thetford Town Council & Breckland District Council. Report read out by Rob Butler.</p> <p>Please accept my apologies for not being with yourselves this evening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The layby/bus stop on Hurth Way near the Green Lane crossing has been cleared so people can safely stand on the footpath and the overgrowth has been cleared so the bus stop sign is visible. 	RB

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overgrowth at the bus stop at Rosecroft Way/Foxglove Road has been cut back following use of the NCC report It function. • The broken fencing on Rosecroft Way by the footpath up to Bluebell Close was also reported via NCC website reporting but I have been advised that this is Breckland Council’s responsibility and it has been passed on. I have chased this up as I was advised this was being passed on over 2 weeks ago. • I have been working with the Chair of the Safer Thetford Action Group on the #30forThetford campaign which seeks to reduce all the 40mph speed limits in Thetford to 30mph. Whilst there are the obvious benefits in relation to accident damage at lower speed, it is hoped that this step may also assist with congestion on busy junctions such as those along Mundford Road including from the Recycling Centre, Station Lane, Croxton Road and Churchill Way, London Road such as at Sainsburys and the new retail development and also Rosecroft Way onto Hurth Way, making it easier to pull out into the flow of traffic. • Thetford Town Council recently awarded the Freedom of the Town to David Osborne in recognition of his many years work researching, sharing and promoting Thetford’s heritage. I was saddened to hear of his recent passing. • Breckland Council have had several successful fly tipping enforcements and prosecutions recently so I would encourage residents should they see anything to report it as soon as possible as this is an issue that the council are focusing on at present. • Thetford Town Council have agreed to a “Honoured Citizen Award” and “Junior Good Citizen Award” as a means of acknowledging residents’ contributions to the town and the dedication of time for the good of others. <p>Dates for the diary: 13th October – Frankie Valli & Four Seasons Tribute Act at the Carnegie</p> <p>9th November – The Pure Floyd Show, Carnegie</p> <p>15th November - 4MG Live Magic Show, Carnegie</p> <p>29th November - Christmas Lights Switch On</p> <p>13th December: Mayor’s Carol Service, St Cuthberts Church & Christmas Party Night, Carnegie</p> <p>Friday 8th – Sunday 10th May 2020 – VE75 celebrations and commemorations in the town</p>	
8.	<p><u>Chair’s Report</u> (* further information given at meeting. c/o = carried over from last meetings)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL/MF</p>

	<p>‘Britain in Bloom’ competition next year so are keen to beautify all areas, particularly ours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder that dates and times for future CAWRA meetings will be announced as soon as possible. Tea, coffee, (‘bottomless’) and biscuits etc will be served (50p pp – proceeds to CAWRA funds). • c/o The Community Garden project for waste ground outside of Community Centre and Church. Having received a negative response from Breckland DC regarding cutting of the grass, we held a CAWRA committee meeting to decide whether CAWRA should take the licence or not. Costs for capital equipment and insurances are prohibitive so without BDC cutting the grass, as they are now doing again, we would not be in a position to take up the full licence. After discussions the committee decided unanimously and with regret to forego the licence opportunity. Breckland were informed and didn’t seemed surprised by the decision stating that their disappointment as the fencing had been installed at great expense. On the positive side, the fencing is having a good impact on the area. 	
9.	<p><u>Any Special Local Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ‘Big Climate Fight Back’ initiative was mentioned to take place on 30.11.19, Cllr. Butler to enquire if the local councils are taking part. • CAWRA to send Thanks to Reverend Helen Jary before her departure for her new 	<p>Cllr. JB</p> <p>RB</p>

CAWRA meeting Thursday 26th October 2019 8.00pm (TBC)