

CAWRA Meeting Minutes

Meeting: CAWRA	Chair: Rob Butler
Date: Wednesday 28 th June 2017	Minutes by: Sue Clark
Members see separate list	
Others in attendance: Roy Brame, Jane James, John Newton, Gavin Tampin	
Apologies: Neil Glen, Helen Jary	

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	<p>Rob reported that as agreed at the last meeting he had sent an email to Roy and John outlining our concerns regarding the following</p> <p>Speeding Grass cutting - Play area posts and grass cutting Parking and obstruction of the paths by cars and plants</p> <p>Roy and John took up our concerns with the relevant councils and SERCO. Responses below</p>		
2.2	<p>With regard to speeding, we are still awaiting a response to the speed limit. However, the consensus is that we will be more successful enforcing a 30mph limit. With an advisory 20mph. It is disappointing that Hopkins Homes appear to have been more successful with their 20mph request than we have. Roy will continue to work on this on our behalf.</p>	RB	August 17
2.3	<p>Community speed watch – volunteers requested. Rob and Jane have applied. If accepted they will attend training.</p>		
2.4	<p>Play area - we have been assured that the posts are temporary until grass-cutting season has ended. The group will monitor this. The current posts are not satisfactory. The area is full of weeds again and looks unattractive.</p>		
2.5	<p>Grass cutting has increased which is an indication of the positive impact we have had on SERCO. However, agreed further improvements needed and we need to continue to monitor. A spreadsheet has been set up to help monitor SERCOs' activity.</p>		
2.6	<p>Car sales – all members to report incidents to Rob with telephone number, registration number and location of the car. Rob also collating this information.</p>		
2.7	<p>Big lunch was very successful and subsequently several people have joined the Facebook group and people were interested in what the group were hoping to achieve.</p>		
2.8	<p>We still need translations of our information sheets to try to get our message out to all the residents.</p>		
2.9	<p>The meeting of all the chairs of the residents associations in Thetford as promised by the mayor is yet to be organised.</p>		

3	Secretary's Report - Andy Temple		
3.1	Nothing to report this month		
4.	Treasurer's Report		
4.1	Discussion on the application for the £300 grant and projects for which we are applying for the grant. All agreed that the projects would be the setting up of the group and attending the Fusion event. Next year we will have to think of any actual project but this year the set-up of the group will be sufficient.	FG	August 2017
5.	Councillor reports		
5.1	Roy - County Council Friday at 1pm for Roy will walk around the key areas with a highways representative. He will get clarification of the speed limits and the relevant road traffic act. He will feedback to the group next month.	RB	August 17
5.2	John – District Council John has asked STAG for their advice on the speeding issues. They have suggested the 30mph limit as reported under the chair's report. Grass cutting – different areas have different schedules. John has asked for a map and clarification of the relevant schedules, He will report next month. Weeds are an issue across Thetford; Terry Jermy has taken this up with the relevant people. New Developments in the town – planned work refurbishment of toilets in September. River developments are underway to open up cycle ways and river access between Thetford and Brandon. There are some tree stumps in a variety of locations, which are due to be carved by a local wood worker/carver who has completed work in Bury St. Edmunds. An extensive bulb-planting project across Thetford planned for the autumn. Requested that all members sign up for the town newsletter.		
5.3	Jane – Town Council 22/23 July – River festival A wide variety of activities encouraged all to attend Thanked the 3 gardens that opened in our area for the Thetford Open Gardens day		
6	Current issues		
6.1	Publicity for the group We would like to have a higher profile and agreed that we need to have leaflets promoting the Association in several different languages. Committee need to source translators see chairman's report	Committee	August 17
7	Police – PCSO Gavin Tampin		
7.1	Informed the meeting of his role including promoting diversity.		

7.2	Gave recommendations on our to engage with the different communities. The settled communities who have families are most likely to join the group. We could try to contact them via the library and SureStart programmes. The communities which are predominantly male are less likely to join as they are here to work and don't tend to mix as much.		
7.3	We could ask some of the international shops in the town to advertise the group and our events, maybe something like a polish food fayre including the shops? Busy Bees nursery may also be able to help. The Catholic Church may be able to help with translations.		
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>8.1 Ideas for the promotion of the group Fusion event – 12/8 on Melford Common. A stand has been booked for CAWRA and Rob asked volunteers to contact him. If we have enough people, a rota could be organised, so that people do not have to stay all day. Jane volunteered to assist. We have donated a raffle prize. This should be a good event for us to promote the group.</p> <p>8.2 Litter around Tesco – this is particularly bad again. Tesco are responsible for this area and need to be contacted.</p> <p>8.3 It was requested if a litter bin could be placed at the Hurth Way end of Green Lane. Roy said he would raise this with the council. He asked if there were any other locations where we wish bins to be installed to email him..</p>		
9	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>26th July 2017 at 8pm</p>		