

## CAWRA Meeting Minutes 25-4-2019

### Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Rex Ingles

### Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last minute were distributed and were passed as being an accurate record of the previous meeting

### Membership Secretary's Report

Membership levels are stable on both Facebook (about 200) and the email list (nearly 30)

We also post details of of meetings etc. on other relevant forums, for example the St Andrew's neighbours page, which reaches out beyond our core membership

### Secretary's Report

Website still requires an update to make it less cluttered.

We have received a second quotation today for the Community Garden project groundwork which was sent to committee members for consideration.

Andy Temple (CAWRA secretary) announced his intention to stand down as secretary.

### Treasurer's Report

Current bank balance is £1,900

The bulk of our funds are reserved for the community garden project - more of which to follow in later reports.

Work on costings for the garden project continue by various members of the committee and we have contacted Norwich Road Residents Association about possible sharing of insurance costs

### Project Co-ordinator's Report

A successful Easter egg hunt was held on St. Andrew's.

The logo for the CAWRA kids group has been a modified as well as original versions and a vote will be held on the CAWRA facebook page to determine the most liked version.

Another "Big Lunch" event is to be held on St. Andrew's - Crecy Mews on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Many people from St. Andrew's and Cloverfield enjoyed the wild bird walk organised by Peter & Corrina Turner and it is hoped to perhaps do more to enjoy & help protect the local wildlife.

### Gardening Group Co-ordinator's Report

A date has been set for the project to tidy up path edges beside the Community church this will be at 9:30 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

### Litter Pick Co-ordinators Report

Last litter pick was held on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April with the areas covered being Norwich Road from petrol station to Tesco's, Trafalgar Wood, Paths & Green areas on Willows, Charlock Road and adjacent areas by Tesco & garden centre. Those attending Ms Wright, Mrs James, Mrs Butler & Messrs Ingle, Temple, Glen & Whittaker

It is generally felt that the overall amount of litter on the estate is decreasing and hopefully this trend will continue.

Mr Neil Glenn pointed out that one house has renewed it's fence and left the old timbers etc in Green Lane & also 2 rubble bags of rubbish have been dumped in Green lane

Next Litter pick will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30 meeting at Cloverfield Community Church.

### Research Co-ordinator's Report

A freedom of information request had been made with reference to the police speeding survey on Cloverfield and the results showed that 10% of drivers would be liable to prosecution & 0.6% were driving at over 31MPH

The status of the SAM2 system is still awaited as the lamppost mounted bracket hasnot yet been fitted

## Councillors Reports

### Mayor Roy Brame

It had already been noted about the garbage bags in Grren Lane (apparently the bags had Serco stickers on which showed that they couldnot be picked up as part of the househpld collection as they were not in a bin) Serco have been informed and should collect them.

The VW Polo on Charlock Road parked on the verge with no MOT or Tax and the owner has been identified & will be contacted to move it.

Norwich Road residents association are happy to share public liability insurance if this is possible - possibly other residents associations as well.

### Councillor Stuart Wright

7<sup>th</sup> May will be an open council meeting at the Carnegie Rooms at 7:00

17<sup>th</sup> May will be the Mayor Making Ceremony

The breach in the Little Ouse river bank is due for a temporary fix by the Environment Agency in May

### Councillor Jane James

20<sup>th</sup> July will be the River festival with craft projects leading up to this date producing "Sockfish" and "Jellyfish" these are being held on Tuesday's at the Guldhall Tea Rooms - 10:30 & on Thursday's at Riverdale

### Chairman's Report

The **Community Garden** project for waste ground outside of Community Centre and Church. Having received the draft licence form Breckland's solicitors CAWRA committee has met, discussed and queried some of the clauses with Breckland. We are currently assessing their response to these queries. 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.

The fence posts have been installed around the unprotected proposed Community Garden borders i.e, alongside the Church car park and along the Charlock Road border of the garden. Installation took place on 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019 and were carried out by Adrian Welsh of RFT / Flagship as sub-contractors to Breckland DC. This is another major success for CAWRA and we thank Fiona Culshaw and her Breckland team for helping us to achieve this.

We should now gear all our efforts towards finding project partners, sponsors and helpers. A letter and setting up of meeting appointments for proposed **Community Garden** project support partners will be presented to them to obtain their support e.g, Thetford Garden Centre / ground works companies etc. The plot is measured at 2,000M<sup>2</sup>. The Project Manager and Garden Group Coordinator will update us with any partners, sponsors and helpers 'successes' at the next general meeting in May (23<sup>rd</sup>).

Breckland Police post more regularly on Twitter than on other social media platforms. Residents may find this interesting and wish to follow them on Twitter.

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 are to receive attention i.e, cleaning, re-siting and some signage additions will be made by Norfolk CC Highways Dept.

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, also are there any areas that would benefit from a gardening project?

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.

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 sees the **elections** take place for Town and District Councillors. Despite requests to do so, candidate's literature has not been allowed to appear on the CAWRA website or Facebook page. This is because CAWRA is a non-political association as our constitution states - but it might be worth noting that perhaps those councillors who have been most active in their support of CAWRA deserve your vote?

STAG (Safer Thetford Action Group) are trying to limit any new off licenses in Thetford and to possibly even reduce the number & they have also been monitoring the use of King Street by bicycles, mobility scooters etc.

**Any Other Business**

It was pointed out that there is a commonly used crossing point on Charlock Road at the end of the green area next to Cloverfield Community Church which is heavily used by families with children & dog walkers and could there be an application for a proper crossing.

A reminder that **future CAWRA meetings** 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). The General Meeting will start at 8pm.

The next General Meeting will be held on May 23rd.