

## **CAWRA Meeting Minutes 28-2-2019**

Apologies for absence have been received from Rob & Janice Butler, Bob & Maggie Baldwin, Cllr Jane James & Chris Wallis.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and seconded.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

No activity this month

### **Secretary's Report**

Due to holiday commitments the secretary has not been available for the last 2 meetings so has little to report but it is intended to update the website to simplify it and to remove some of the content which makes it look untidy.

### **Treasurer's Report (not read at meeting)**

The current balance in the bank account is £1,886.10 Nothing further to report this month

### **Project Co-ordinators Report**

It might be possible to have the Rainbows (Junior Girl Guides) to become involved in some way in our gardening projects. We have received 4 entries of proposed logos for the CAWRA kids group and these will be looked at to ascertain the most suitable. There will also be an Easter Egg hunt on Crecy Mews and the surrounding area on Easter Saturday at 11:30

### **Gardening Co-ordinators Report**

The bulbs planted at the end of last year are coming in to flower and some volunteer gardening activities will take place starting in next couple of months - volunteers & possible plant donations are welcome. Also if anybody can suggest any smaller areas that might benefit from planting up could they please let Martin Farncourt know.

### **Litter Pick Co-ordinator's Report**

The last litter pick took place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February and were attended by 13 members over the 2 days - thank you to them for their input. The areas covered were the total length of Green Lane, Norwich Road from petrol station to roundabout, path from Cloverfield Church to Norwich Road and adjoining areas & Rosecroft Way to Hurth Way. About 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the items recovered were recyclables. It is understood that Thetford Town Council is arranging another litter pick at Castle park on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The next litter pick is taking place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March meeting at 10:30 at the Cloverfield Church.

### **Councillor Stuart Wright's Report**

The illuminated bollards at the junction of Hirth Way and Rosecroft Way are to be repaired having been out of action for a significant time. St. Peter's church is having some work done to conserve the buildings fabric. The Guildhall is having improvements made to improve the access to the toilets.

### **Councillor Jane James Report - sent in her absence**

Upcoming events/dates for your calendars from Thetford Town Council:

Zack FM Soul & Funk Night: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Soapbox Challenge: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

The River Day: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July

## Councillor Roy Brame's Report

There is money in the budget to add extra signage for the 20MPH limit on the estate and also repainting of the 20MPH road markings. It is also thought that there may be funding in the budget for Residents Associations to purchase litter pick equipment - this will be clarified at a later date.

The SAM speed limit sign/indicator has been delivered and will be deployed on the various estates including Cloverfield - it was suggested that if the sign was mounted in our estate that perhaps it could be operational but not displaying speeds for a period of say 1 week to ascertain the speeds that are current in the estate to be able to gauge the effectiveness of the SAM. The SAM system not only indicates vehicle speed but it is recorded within the system and it was suggested that perhaps this data might be shared on the CAWRA website etc. Roy has had a report of a vehicle parked on the verge for a significant period but if it is not for sale it is not possible to ascertain ownership to ask for the vehicle to be removed.

## Chairman's Report

The **Community Garden** project for waste ground outside of Community Centre and Church. Still waiting for licence draft from Fiona Culshaw at Breckland DC. She has to wait for their legal team to complete the draft but we should receive this for review very shortly. After some discussion between Fiona and myself Breckland DC have very generously agreed, at great cost, to install fence posts on and around the unprotected Community Garden borders i.e, alongside the Church car park and along the Charlock Road border of the garden. This is another major success for CAWRA.

We have only just received the draft licence for the land. This will be examined and amended in full during a CAWRA committee meeting which will be held to discuss the project and licence in full during March before any signing of the agreement. In view of this we should now gear all our efforts towards finding project partners, sponsors and helpers. A letter for proposed **Community Garden** project support partners can 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 March (28<sup>th</sup>).

After promises made last month to CAWRA, we have finally seen some **Police action** on Hurth Way and Cloverfield during the last week with speeding and ASB / vehicle ASB (bicycle lighting etc) as their priorities. If they are in attendance at this meeting, the Police can bring us up to date with their activities and outcomes in our area. It has been clearly pointed out to them that the majority of speeding / ASB offences occur during the work time rush hours. Visibility of speed watch is always an excellent deterrent.



(Note Twitter posts to the left & below). An officer was also seen measuring speeds outside the Community Centre on Charlock Road and other locations later by 'others'. The comments made were that it was a shame it was school's half term and 8am in the morning when traffic was very light. Can we know the full outcome of this Speedwatch activity on Cloverfield please? Once again, CAWRA had recommended to the Police that it was normally the main 'rush hours' times, am and pm, when speeding offences occurred.



It was raised at the meeting if the speed measured was the 20MPH or 30MPH limit and which is legally enforceable?

Good to see some deterrents now being used and thanks to PC336 Zack Lewis. Please keep it up!

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). I have obtained new information regarding Mobility Scooters and the law which may assist with the situation. These were presented to the latest closed STAG meeting for comments and suggestions. We could also have leave to lobby Breckland DC to introduce new **by-laws** regarding these types of ASB which would greatly assist in the CAWRA area.

**Road signs and markings** in the CAWRA area are to receive attention i.e, cleaning and re-siting. After a telephone discussion with David Jacklin of Norfolk County Council Highways Department and submitting picture evidence to him, we had a 'walk-about' meeting across the main roads of the CAWRA area. David agreed with my concerns, consequently signage at the Rosecroft Way entrance from Hurth Way is to be re-positioned and "20mph" roundels will be painted on the road there. Foliage covering the left-hand side sign will be cut back to allow a full view of the sign. "20mph" roundels will also be painted at various other sections on the main roads throughout the estate. An additional "20mph" sign will be added at the Tesco entrance to Charlock Road. Furthermore the white lines throughout the area will be re-painted. It is hoped that this work can be completed within the next three months. Councillor Roy Brame has generously offered to pay (from his mayoral budget) for any road signage we may be allowed to utilise. This is still under discussion with David.

TC have now purchased a **SAM 2** speeding sign. Thetford Town Council have kindly ordered an extra set of SAM 2 brackets for CAWRA to utilise. I contacted David Jacklin from NCC highways who has kindly given the permission necessary and who will visit next time in Thetford to suggest a site and fixing point.

It was agreed at the January meeting that the new weather-resistant CAWRA 'dog **poop**' notices are now available for members at £2 cost. We have been approached by other RA's regarding selling the notices to them to use. This has been agreed and at a donation of £2.50 each for them into the CAWRA funds.

Spreadsheet of '**Cars for Sale**' continues. There have been no further reports of car sales on the green during this last few months so hopefully the message has gone out that this is not welcome on the community areas. Please be vigilant and report the registration number, phone number, location, make, model and colour of the vehicle. Please also report any vehicles that are obstructing footpaths near your home. Pictures are most useful.

Please report the exact location any **shrubs / foliage** etc that are overhanging public pavements or otherwise causing obstruction and need cutting back.

After recent social media comments, I notified **Breckland DC**, via the section on their website, of a full litter bin on Champion Road. Please note that anyone can and should always report problems with litter bins via the same method.

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.

**Purple crocus and yellow daffodil flowers** should soon be making their appearances around the area after all the planting that happened late last year by our wonderful Gardening Group. 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.

Apologies for the absence of refreshments at this meeting (if there are none). 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.

Next general meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March refreshments at 7:30PM meeting to start at 8:00PM