

## Meeting Minutes 25-10-2018

**Apologies** were received from Cllr. Jane James & Cllr. Roy Brame

**Meeting Minutes** the minutes of the last meeting dated 27-9-2018 were accepted and passed as a true record of that meeting.

**Community Garden** project for waste ground outside of Community Centre and Church. Further submission regarding planting ideas and general ground surface type etc need to be submitted to Breckland DC. This is already 'in hand'. The CAWRA Committee has a separate meeting scheduled to discuss the submissions and devise the plan for forwarding to Breckland. Funding possibilities via Tesco project award – up to £4,000 potential, a costed plan will need to be produced before this application can be made. CAWRA has been awarded a medium-size grant of £1,500 from Thetford Town Council - £300 of which is the annual grant usually for month to month running costs and £1,200 going to the Community Garden Project.

Letter for proposed **Community Garden** project support partners will be presented to obtain their support e.g, local garden centre / fencing company etc. Plot measured at 2,000M<sup>2</sup>. This is an ongoing project and the Project Manager and Garden group coordinator will present their findings at the next meeting.

As CAWRA attended the **Colour Fuzion** Event as a publicising event – this for the second year running – I believe that it is correct for the Fuzion Team in Thetford to be recognised as an 'active' CAWRA partner and therefore to be allowed to advertise on the CAWRA website and Facebook pages for which purpose a copy of the Colour Fuzion logo is required along with permission to use it.

Additional copies of the new CAWRA '**dog poop**' notices were available for members to collect at the meeting. These are for strategic posting in areas where dog fouling is most prevalent. It has been found that the laminated copies of the notices currently produced are proving to be not very durable in wet weather so a more durable alternative is being sought.

Spreadsheet of '**Cars for Sale**' continues. No further reports of car sales on the green during this last two months so hopefully the message has gone out that this is not welcome on the community areas. Please take number of and report any vehicles that are obstructing footpaths near your home. Pics are most useful.

**Litter Picks.** Two litter picks were held this month & Rex Ingle felt that although we are still collecting a considerable amount of litter it is a far less severe problem than it previously was & hopefully future litter picks will not only help to keep the litter down but encourage people to pick their own little area and this does appear to be happening. The next litter picks will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November.  
Meeting at 10.30am on both days at the Cloverfield Community Church.

**Community Speedwatch** – After serious lobbying at the STAG Open Meeting this month which was attended by the Norfolk PCC, TTC have now have 2 SAM speeding signs. CAWRA is one of the TWO RA's to have registered our interest in loaning of the SAM 2. This will be shared (on a fortnightly basis) between interested RA's. After questioning Inspector Walmsley at the Open STAG meeting re. zero progression for traffic survey strips in our area (despite the Police being reminded at open and closed STAG meetings) it was said that survey strips have been installed in the estate but nobody at the meeting recollected having seen their location.

**Breckland DC** have removed the fallen tree on The Willows and have been requested, as a matter of urgency, to replace the fencing (Campion Road, and the repair/replace the gate (on Peter Drive).

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. New PC's have been recruited for Thetford.

We remain aware of current disturbance issues in a CAWRA area. It is important that these disturbances are accurately logged as this assists the authorities to take action. CAWRA has produced a basic **Disturbance Log Sheet** to assist in the recording of continuous and regular disturbances which can then be forwarded to the relevant authorities (explain). This sheet will be available via the website and hard copies made available on request. It was mentioned that the problems in the St. Andrews area have reduced recently but this may be a temporary situation will continue to be monitored.

It is reported that **Tesco** Thetford and Bristol are looking to sell off some of their car parking area for additional retail and fast-food premises. Costa Coffee and Burger King have been mentioned. CAWRA would object to any planning application unless written assurances can be given that these additional vendors agree in writing to be fully responsible for the collection of litter on a 100% continuous daily basis.

**Bergamot Play Park** entrance gates had been converted into 'self-closing' type which keeps deer etc out. These gates were damaged and have now been repaired by TTC staff. Please note:- **dogs are not allowed inside the play park fenced area under any circumstances**. CAWRA has requested separate notices to this effect to be placed actually on both entrance gates by TTC. This area has recently received the attentions of the Gardening Group and we have now received 2,000 purple crocus bulbs via Thetford Rotary Club and other plants and shrubs via TTC funding which has been agreed. New members are welcomed for the **CAWRA Gardening Group**.

We are currently collecting pricing for 2,000 double-sided **leaflets** for a drop – we will require volunteers for delivering the leaflets? There are 1,577 properties in the CAWRA area.

**TRAG, Thetford Residents Action** will launch end October 2018. Does not replace individual RA's but enhances and strengthens all of our positions. Others welcome to join TRAG (no agencies or councillors etc).

It was suggested that a sign should be printed to position at the Bergamot Play Area to credit CAWRA with the planting.

Councillor John Newton reported that the new ward that will come in to being on the new Kingsfleet estate is still to be named and may possibly be either Saxon or New Saxon but this is still to be confirmed. Also the trees that have been removed along the A1075 where the entrance to the Kingsfleet estate will be, it has been commented on social media that too many trees had been removed but the estate entrance will have slip roads in both directions so will extend for a considerable distance along the road. Cllr Newton is attending a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November specifically relating to fly tipping. The Highway Rangers will be coming to Thetford and one of the possible tasks they will be undertaking will be cleaning of signs eg Hurth Way. The repairs on the River Thet are being assessed by the environment authority and it is possible the river will be left in it's new course.

The floor raised a request for a litter/dog dropping bin near Crecy Mews Cllr. John Newton said he would look in to what could be done. It was also asked if carol singing might be taking place on the estate & whether a neighbourhood watch area is viable for at least part of the estate.

Next meeting is the last for 2018 and will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>

