

## **CAWRA Meeting 25-7-2018**

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mayor Roy Brame & Councillor Jane James.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting [25-4-2018](#) were accepted and passed
3. **Chairman's Report**

The police have stated that due to the delays in the use of the 101 non emergency number 999 should be used to report motorcycles in the woods as this will enable the police to catch the culprits in the act.

CAWRA have been accepted to have a stand at the upcoming Fuzion event at Melford Common Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August, volunteers to help "man" the stand were requested.

The ongoing Community Garden project needs some more input with suggestions for the form the project should take. The form will remain on the website for people to add suggestions and comments – deadline 7<sup>th</sup> September We have a standard letter for applications to businesses for support or donations. Rachel Wood of Thetford Open Gardens has offered to help with the submission of any plans to Breckland District Council.

The recent Big lunch at St. Andrew's was very successful and once again helped to promote community harmony and friendships.

Laminated "Dog Poo" notices are available from Rob Butler, if you are having problem with dog fouling in your area please record any evidence you can to pass on to try and stop the persistent offenders.

The Cars for Sale parked on the green areas problem does seem to have lessened but if any are seen please report them with phone number etc. to have them removed and also to catch persistent offenders.

The 20MPH speed limit on the estate still has not been made enforceable so there has been no progress with community speed watch & also traffic survey strips that were promised have not been employed. An article about 20MPH speed limits will be appearing on the website.

Bergamot play area has had self closing gates added and may be an area suitable for a gardening group project.

CAWRA multi lingual flyer is now available in English, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Lithuanian, Latvian and shortly also in Czech

Request for a quote for 2,000 flyer leaflets are out and will be ordered when quotes received.

There was a further road accident on the estate this week when a speeding van left the road demolished a lamp post and collided with a house.

The Thetford boundary change forms have been submitted to Breckland District Council who are having a meeting at [9:00AM on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August](#) this meeting is open to the public and CAWRA will be having representation more people are welcome.

At the recent STAG meeting the police admitted they have not fulfilled there previous promises with regard to ongoing problems in the town.

It has been decided to move the CAWRA meetings to Thursday's on the future.

### **4. Secretary's Report**

The website has been updated to include the AGM report and latest activities.

An email has been received from Roy Brame with reference to "Highway Rangers" requesting any areas that can be addressed by the Highway Rangers team and what works they can undertake. The deadline for any requests for work to be done is 1<sup>st</sup> August – details will be added to website.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The balance at the bank is £281.56, including credits of £14.00 from the Breckland Lottery, and £4.00 from refreshments at the AGM.

We are in the process of arranging online banking in order to provide an up to-date balance for each meeting, as the monthly statements do not always reflect this. The latest statement dated 5 June 2018 does not, for instance, include the deposit of £4.00 made on 9 July 2018.

We are presently working on the application to Thetford Council, which must be submitted by 31 August 2018, for the higher grant of £2,000 which will enable us to start work on the piece of ground adjacent to the Cloverfield Church car park we hope to be allowed to adopt. As mentioned at previous meetings, we would be very grateful for any suggestions as to what residents would like to see on this piece of land to make it a valuable community resource. Obviously the more suggestions we have from residents, the greater our chances of receiving the grant are, so please give this some thought.

We are in the process of getting quotes for a leaflet drop to the 1577 houses in the CAWRA area to encourage

support for the work of association to enhance our environment. Best practice means we must have 3 quotes, and I am awaiting the third so we can proceed.

Also more participants are required for the Breckland Lottery with their donation going to CAWRA.

## 6. Councillors Reports

### **Stuart Wright**

There is a grant available which could be used for the community garden project and we should make an application for a grant even if we do not have a fully formulated plan at this time.

Also it is possible that some improvement to pavements or pedestrian access areas can be made dependent upon size & extent of work a possible area for this improvement is the area adjoining Norwich Road.

Also Stuart highlighted the situation regarding street lighting if you need to report a street lighting problem any lamp post with a yellow label is the responsibility of Norfolk County Council not Breckland District Council.

### **John Newton**

The overgrown nettles on Green Lane have been cut back.

The Community Governance Boundary Change comment forms have been filed with Breckland District Council who are accepting the comments from all forms approx. up to 6,000 in total.

As mentioned previously the next meeting with regard to the possible boundary change is on 8<sup>th</sup> August.

## 7. Common Issues

It was reported that the nuisance use of motorcycles in Trafalgar Wood is still a problem, there are even underage children riding motorcycles in to and out of Trafalgar Wood on public roads, as mentioned earlier this should be reported to the police on 999 to enable the culprits to be caught, it is known what family they are and that they are also responsible for other nuisance to neighbours (bonfires, loud parties and noise in the early hours of the morning) and it was suggested that this might be a case for a community officer to visit.

## 8. Litter Picks

Rex Ingle the litter pick co-ordinator reported a successful litter pick on Green Lane on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July the next litter pick will be in August with the date TBA.

## 9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** 27<sup>th</sup> September