



Caen Meadow Working Group (CMWG) meeting notes

Thursday 20th April 2023, 6.30pm at The Hub (URC), Norwich Road.

1. ATTENDANCE

- a. Present - Bill Dashley, Cllr Barry Fiske, Veronica Mowat (Chair), Nigel Robertson. Angela Ireland, Nicky Nichols, Ruth Rhead.
- b. Apologies – Ionie Lyons.
- c. Cllr Barry Fiske is leaving the Council, but intends to remain on this group. Nigel Robertson has applied to be co-opted to the Council at the May Full Council meeting and will become the Council representative for this group.
- d. Veronica Mowat resigned from May onwards as she is moving out of Wroxham. Nigel Robertson was elected as Chair.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Drainage grate at the top of MHL – needs clearing. Clerk to contact Highways. **ACTION CLERK**
- b. **COMMUNICATION – use of the Forum – NR.**
Low uptake. To maintain until the end of the summer and see if usage increases.
- c. **FENCE ON MALT HOUSE LANE (MHL) – NR**
NR has applied to Land Registry to reinstate the original boundary. Have written to Trafford Estate but no response to date.
- d. **MEMORIAL PLAQUE – member of the public has requested a memorial plaque on one of the new benches at the Meadow. Need to agree if the plaque can be attached retrospectively and a minimum donation figure at Full Council.**

3. BINS – roll top bin order – CM

The 1100l roll top bin has been ordered directly with Veolia on a lease basis. Awaiting delivery details. If the bin is not required it immediately it can be stored at the Cemetery and then wheeled back in the warmer weather.

4. FIRE RISK – NN

Meeting took place on site with a Firefighter to discuss the ways to reduce the risk of fire and it spreading to the houses adjoining the Meadow. In the event of a fire the Fire Service would wish to take a fire engine directly onto the Meadow, preferring to reverse in. Any vehicles parked into/across the main gateway would obstruct the entrance and the fire tenders reversing circle. The Fire service would support double yellow lines across the gateway to ensure this access is available 24/7. The Fire Service would also prefer that a standard County padlock was fitted on the main gates for CM and Keys Hill Wood. Clerk has contacted Highways about this.

Fire risk from longer grass following change to cutting regime. Discussed that Trafford Estates would be willing to supply heavier machinery (tedder or plough) to create a firebreak if there are drought conditions. Can always order an additional full cut from the grass contractor, Garden Guardian, if required.

5. USE OF SLIPWAY BY KAYAKERS – BD

Bill has been in contact with “Song of the Paddle” members and the Canoe Man. Agreed that Bill will contact the Canoe man and arrange for their tours to land at the slipway and not the beach. A general observation from residents is that most people using the beach for launching are using paddle boards, not canoes or kayaks. Meeting with Footpaths and a general meeting to view the slipway outstanding.

ACTION CLERK & BD

6. GUIDELINES FOR USAGE & SIGNAGE

Agreed that the existing signage is very confusing and that a full rethink is required. NR agreed to champion this for the next Full Council meeting.

ACTION NR

7. WATER POLLUTION

Nicky has kayaked to the Belaugh sewage treatment works and identified the overflow pipe. Looked clear at the time. Discussed type and price of water testing kits but agreed more research and advice is required. NR to investigate further. Open water swimming group have reported no concerns.

ACTION NR

8. LAND REGISTRATION FOR TMG

All boundaries agreed – Clerk to make a Land Registry application.

9. SUMMER SURVEY

IL, lead, not present, but discussed what information the group is interested in. Have OK to go ahead with a survey from Full Council, just needs some thought and discussion. NN to speak with IL and circulate some ideas before the next meeting.

ACTION NN

10. **AOB** – none.

11. **NEXT MEETING DATE** – 15th June. Clerk to book room.

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