



Caen Meadow Working Group (CMWG) meeting notes

Thursday 9th March 2023, 6.30pm at The Hub (URC), Norwich Road.

1. ATTENDANCE

- a. Present - Bill Dashley, Cllr Barry Fiske, Ionie Lyons, Veronica Mowat (Chair), Nigel Robertson.
- b. Apologies – Angela Ireland, Nicky Nichols, Ruth Rhead.
- c. Veronica Mowat resigned from May onwards as she is moving out of Wroxham. Will need a new Chair.

2. MATTERS ARISING

a. COMMUNICATION – use of the Forum – NR.

Low uptake. To maintain until the end of the summer and see if usage increases.

b. 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.

3. BINS – roll top bin order – CM

Clerk has contacted Broadland District Council to order the 1100l roll top bin as agreed last year but they have withdrawn the service. Clerk is searching for an alternative supplier who supply a green bin. Alternatives are red, grey and bright blue. In correspondence with a waste broker. Ongoing.

4. FIRE RISK – NN

Reviewed notes from NN. Talked over the suggestions and the issues facing each one. Thought it was unrealistic to expect a contractor to drop everything and attend site at a moment's notice to cut the grass if there had been a fire. Discussed the possibility of creating more substantial fire breaks to the houses if the weather was exceptionally dry and the conditions made the site very susceptible to fire. Agreed expert advice was required. Clerk to set up a meeting with the fire service. Can then discuss getting a fire tender through the narrow road. **ACTION CLERK**

5. USE OF SLIPWAY BY KAYAKERS – BD

Bill has had feedback from The Kayaking Forum and contact with other users. Concern remains that publicising the slipway either by onsite signage or virtually increases usage when one of the aims is to reduce parking on Church Lane. However, agreed in principle, that the group would prefer to have the site used correctly. The gate at the top of Malthouse Lane, that was previously fitted without permission by a former neighbour isn't suitable for kayak (or other) access and needs addressing. Need to establish with Norfolk County Council footpaths team what is and isn't allowed. Clerk to set up a meeting with NCC footpaths team. **ACTION CLERK**

Also need a sign from the river encouraging kayakers approaching from this direction to use the slipway rather than the beach. Clerk to set up a meeting to discuss. **ACTION CLERK**

6. GUIDELINES FOR USAGE & SIGNAGE

Agreed how confusing the current signage is. Agreed that 2 instructional signs at both entrances would suffice and then information signs within the site. Clerk to ask Council to proceed on this basis.

ACTION CLERK

7. SUMMER SURVEY

Agreed a summer survey would be worthwhile. Will need to recruit a team of surveyors and to agree what the survey wants to achieve. To be discussed at the next meeting.

8. AOB

- a. **WATER POLLUTION** - Clerk reported on a programme about river pollution on BBC 1 player called "Paul Whitehouse – Our Troubled Rivers". Clerk then researched data from The Rivers Trust on overflow from Combined Sewage Overflows. See Appendix 1. Confirmed there is a sewage outfall at Belaugh which has been discharging into the river regularly. This is downstream of Caen Meadow. Agreed it would be good to know if anyone has seen any waste in the river and/or has concerns about this. BD to visit the outfall in his kayak and take some pictures. Clerk to do some publicity and find out if there are any concerns on this from MOP's. **ACTION CLERK / BILL DASHLEY**

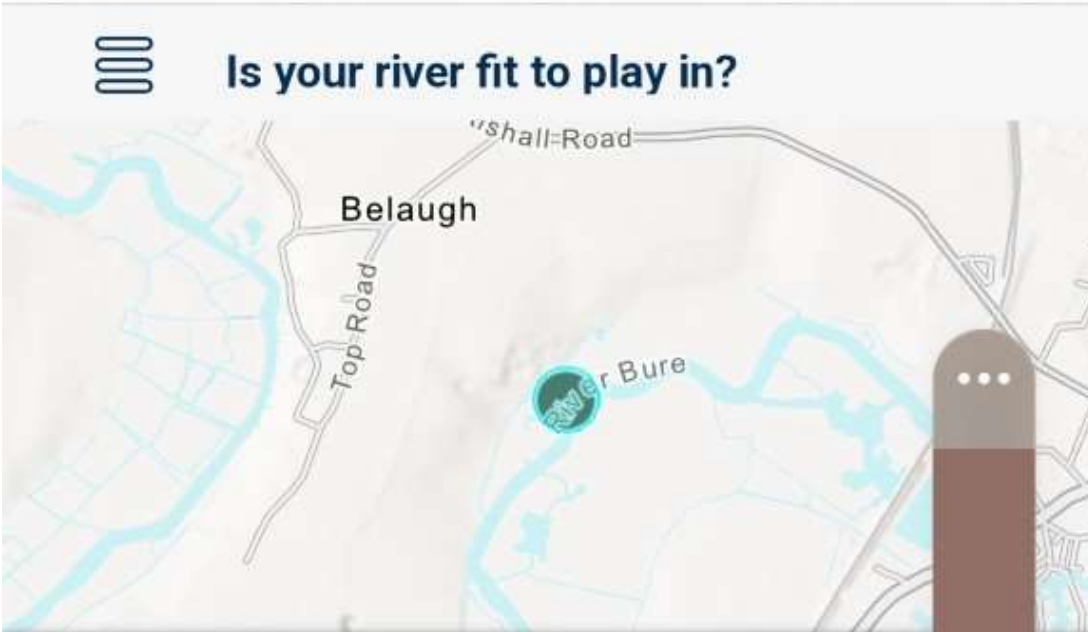
- b. **LAND REGISTRATION OF TRAFFORD MEMORIAL GROUND** – registration previously stalled because the Parish council did not have a plan of the site which is Land Registry compliant. Been in contact with Savills who are able to provide a desk top drawing for less than £100. Clerk to supply information to them and get a plan produced. **ACTION CLERK**

9. **NEXT MEETING DATE** – noted the forthcoming election on the 4th May. Four members of the current Parish Council are not standing for re-election, including Cllr Barry Fiske who represents the Council on this group. The new Council will need to agree to continue with the group and to have a representative join the group. Agreed to hold the next meeting on 20th April and then miss May due to the elections.

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Belaugh Water Recycling Centre (Anglian Water)

Permit number: AW4TF351

In 2021, this sewer storm overflow spilled 96 times for a total of 1749 hours, discharging into the River Bure - Tidal.

The reason that the water company provided as to why an overflow may have high spill counts in that period: Data Collection - Tidal / River Inundation.

