Welcome and Apologies for absence  

Declaration of Interest as defined by the Code of Conduct for Councillors.  
No Declarations were received.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2017  
It was proposed by Cllr. Venner that minutes of the previous meeting be approved, seconded by Cllr. Horton. The Council approved the minutes.

Resignation from Council  
With regret, for personal reasons, Cllr D Rabone has tendered his resignation, accepted by the Chair with thanks for service to the community.  
Cllr Billingham to update the email system as appropriate.

Application to join the Parish Council  
Local Parishoner, Martin Bryant, applied to join the Council. Unanimously agreed and welcomed as a co-opted Councillor.  
Clerk to follow up and ensure all formalities are completed.  
Cllr Billingham to arrange for email for new Cllr.

Report from Warwickshire Police  
None received.  
Clerk to follow up and circulate report.

To allow members of the public to address the Council  
No members of the public addressed the council.

Opportunity for Borough and County Councillors to address the Council  
None in attendance.

To receive and discuss Working Party reports:  
a. Finance, Staffing & Admin.  
i) Payments: Proposed payments for the month of April were presented in the sum of £4,616.09 relating to Cawston Parish Council and for Cawston Community Hall. It was proposed by Cllr Bestwick, seconded by Cllr Venner that the payments are paid.

ii) Creditors: Cllr. Bestwick noted that the NNDR (Council Tax) Invoice for 2017/18 had been received from RBC. With cost attributing on a monthly basis the total amount owed in April stands at £1,035.50.
### Facilities Management contract

To enable the advertisement of a tender to appear in the June newsletter and to allow reasonable notice period for the existing contractor the Council unanimously agreed to extend the existing trial to the end of September 2017.

### Provision for special expenditure

The Council heard of quotes to ensure plumbing complied with prevailing health and safety legislation and approved expenditure of up to £350 to ensure compliance. Damage to glass doors also as quotes and expenditure to £750 was approved. It is understood this will be recovered from the responsible party.

### Community Hall

**i) Working Party Feedback**

Cllr Horton advised a meeting had been arranged with CAVA to explore how they might be able to help us with the management arrangements for the Community Hall; members of the management group would be invited to accompany.

**ii) NNDR (Council Tax)**

The new invoice from RBC for the current year was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would be asked to write to RBC to ascertain if any discretionary options to reduce, and if so by how much, the total payable. Borough and County Councillors would also be contacted to seek their support for this request.

**iii) Ways or working meeting**

An informal meeting with the Shadow Trustees and Management Group was discussed and it was agreed to pursue, hopefully with CAVA’s assistance, a new ways of working agreement that did not need the CIO but made best use of the strong volunteer effort already managing the Hall by giving them greater autonomy within the boundaries of the existing standing orders of the Council.

**iv) Options to transfer the loan a more competitive lender**

AH reported the investigation to find a new lender had proven unsuccessful as the early repayment penalty costs (need to move the loan elsewhere) outweighed a more beneficial interest rate. No further work on this will be undertaken unless market conditions change.

### Parks and Open Spaces

The Parish Council were pleased to welcome Mark Cox, Lengthsman for the Parish.

He outlined his current list of activities for the Parish and the newly commissioned weed management work was discussed. It was agreed that three treatments a year would be funded (early spring, June and August) on days when weather conditions are appropriate. It was also agreed to extend the work to cover Primary Walk and Turchil Road.

Core litter picking will also continue. Further discussion, in part triggered by a letter from a Parishioner, took place (highlighting ongoing issues around the bin area on the Sports field). It was agreed that the Clerk would write to both the Head of Bilton school and RBC to highlight problems and discuss improvement options.

Certificate of usage for controlled chemicals to be supplied by Mark Cox

The Council thanked Mr Cox for attending the meeting after hours.

**i) Working Party Feedback**

AH reported that the Parish are now a Chartered Branch of the Woodland Trust – this will bring eligibility to apply for £1,500 grant funding for planting in the future.
So far the call for ideas on requirements for the open spaces in the Parish has seen two (2) responses so far; one asking for a tennis court, another a skate park.

The working part will also explore the grant options highlighted by CAVA at the previous meeting. The Clerk is requested to forward the paperwork to Cllr Horton.

### To hear and consider any received correspondence (including notice of forthcoming external meetings)

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<td>Litter picking and problems around existing litter bin on playing field by benches (see item 09 c. above)</td>
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<td>iii)</td>
<td>Considerate parking concern; Parishioner reported difficulties for emergency services access for seriously ill resident in Drummond Way. To be highlighted in the next newsletter.</td>
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<td>Antisocial behaviour in Oatland Drive which has caused damage to bollards that need repair. Letter to William Davis Plus note to RBC and WCC regarding tree trimming (Cllr Butlin)</td>
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<td>Safety hazard around Cawston Extension; developer needs to be more aware as children have access to equipment. Clerk to contact</td>
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<td>Litter picking grabs request via Cllr Cool – more info needed. Chair to contact Cllr Cool</td>
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### To consider and discuss any relevant planning notices including a summary of previous month’s activity.

None

### To discuss arrangements for the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting

Meetings and content arranged – see end of Minutes

### To discuss items requiring the Clerk’s attention

- **Training** – session for all councillors to be arranged with WALC / Bill Robinson
- **Roundabout complaint** – letter to be circulated for comment

Meeting was closed at 21:02

**Date and Time of the Next Meetings:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th May 2017 at 8pm.

It will be preceded by the at 7.45pm by the Annual Parish Meeting 2016/17 At 7.30pm the Council will hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

All three meetings will be held at Cawston Community Hall, Scholars Drive, Cawston