

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 19:30 at The Pavilion

Present: Stephen Pavey – Chair (SP)
Maureen Boughton – Vice Chair (MB)
Gill Armstrong (GA)
Peter Armstrong (PA)
Joy Clutten (JC)
David Fermor (DF)
Bob Groome (BG)
Sue Groome (SG)

CLlr Paul Ashdown
CLlr James Reeder (JR)

Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 2

1. Welcome by Chairman

SP welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2022.

2. Apologies

CLlr Harvey
Steve Barber

3. Register of Interest

There were no interests recorded.

4. Minutes of December meeting and Matters Arising

Rev Robert Soanes, Jeannette Soanes and Dawn Marskell were thanked for organising the Methodist Church Remembrance Day Service in November. Unfortunately, this had been omitted at the last meeting.

The minutes were agreed and approved by DF and seconded by PA. They were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

PA had investigated the possibility of using a mobile SIM with Three to enable the internet to be accessed in the Community Room. PA informed the meeting about the different contracts and costs and discussion took place about how the Broadband could be used. PA to conduct further research to ensure it would be powerful enough for people to use. DF asked if we had a BT line would we get a better service? SP asked for PA to do a comparison of the two (BT & Three) and report back at next meeting.

5. County and District Councillor Reports

CLlr James Reeder

CLlr Harvey had sent across the Newsletter which had been circulated to Councillors. Suffolk County Council has appointed Lovell Partnerships as preferred bidder for the joint venture alliance that will build nearly 3000 homes in Suffolk on already identified council sites. This will include those in the 'North of Lowestoft Garden Village'

SCC will be waiving fees for street parties and other local authority led public events held in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee Events on the 5th June.

Water Leak in The Street – Cllr Reeder had suggested to the Drainage Team that one of the pipes clearing water away from the cliffs may be broken. The team have looked into this and the work has been added to a list for maintenance. BG stated that where the water is leaking, the road is starting to sink.

Cllr Paul Ashdown

There will be a Full Council Meeting on 23rd February discussing the Budget which will be increased this year.

Next Community Partnership meeting to be held on Wednesday, 9th March.

Broadland Sands planning application has been agreed. Stirrups Lane will not be used for access to Broadland Sands, the route in will be via Longfulans Lane, Hopton.

On 12th March (amended date), the Community Partnership will be holding a Drop-In event at Parkhill Hotel. Parish Councillors are all welcome. Please let PA know if you wish to attend.

24th March – James Mallinder will be attending a meeting with the Northern Parishes in the Community Room at Corton Playing Field. Mr Mallinder will be giving a talk and answering any questions.

There has been a good response to the Transport Survey. The deadline to complete this has been extended.

6. Committee Representative Reports

a) Playing Field

Most of the groups have returned including a child's group. Four craft fayres have been booked.

The shed on the west side of the field is now too dangerous so a metal container will be purchased to replace it.

A concrete roadway to be laid just inside the gateway, about 80 metres in length. This matter will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.

The Playing Field Committee applied for a Sound Absorbing System Grant but unfortunately were unsuccessful. JR and RH offered some funding towards this and parish council are able to use the CIL money to help fund it.

Another case of vandalism occurred in the disabled toilet in the pavilion.

CCTV – an electrician may be able to finish off the work in approximately 4 weeks.

b) Speed Sign

SP handed out a graph showing the results of the speed indicator device which had been in CLL for 2 months. The vast majority of vehicles were staying within the speed limit. Some vehicles were doing excessive speeds, mainly during the night.

The device, usually in The Street, was moved to CLL to see how it worked there but the battery went flat after one day.

The Speed Indicator Device is now back in Blundeston Road for the next month.

c) Corton Poor's Land Trust

There is one vacant plot on Church Lane allotments. As there are no more Corton residents on the waiting list, the plot will be offered to the next Hopton resident on the waiting list.

No applications had been received in respect of Student Grants.

The secretary was asked to investigate with Suffolk County Council the water run-off from Church Road onto the allotments during heavy rain, following a request from one of the tenants. This could be due to a blocked drain at the entrance to the allotments. NB: DF informed the meeting that, in the past the road had been re-laid and as a consequence, the camber now went the other way, sending water down towards the allotments

Corton Almshouse Charity

The Relief Warden applications were reviewed and a short list for interview was agreed.

There are currently two vacant bungalows. The vacancies have been advertised and the trustees reviewed all of the applications held on file and agreed a short list of applicants for interview. One of the vacant bungalows requires complete refurbishment and so quotations for the painting of the bungalow were considered at the meeting. The bungalow may also need to have the wet room refurbished.

The replacement of the windows in the 11 original bungalows and the warden's house started after the New Year and is progressing well.

There was no further news on when the defibrillator would be delivered and so the secretary was asked to follow this up.

Claire Boyne

Secretary

20 January 2022

a) Corton Fun Day 2022

Next meeting will be held next Monday 7th February.

Agreed in principle with the Playing Field Committee for a 2 day event but concerns were raised about the amount of rubbish that would be produced. BG agreed that he would arrange for any excess rubbish to be cleared away. The Fun Day will be on the Agenda at the Playing Field Committee meeting next week.

7. Parish Councillor Vacancy

Cllr Barber had apologised for not attending recent meetings. Councillors agreed for him to continue as a Councillor.

8. Public Forum

A member of the public from Corton in Bloom advised that the group are looking for a new Chairman and an advert will be put in the next Coastline. Currently, there are eight people in the group.

Question raised about the overgrown tree on the piece of land in Wheatacre Drive – Clerk advised that Waveney Norse had informed her that minor crown reduction work to the tree will be carried out and was on the low priority works list.

9. Keep Fit Equipment for Playing Field (GA & MB)

Ongoing

10. The Pit – Repairs to Play Equipment (GA)

Most of the repairs have been carried out. The rubber caps have not been installed yet and the painting work still to be carried out. GA will plant the Hawthorn behind the chestnut fencing this week.

11. Garden Village (JC)

Nothing to report at present. Another consultation to take place sometime soon.

12. Parish Clerk Report

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £10,281.21

Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

£7,113.98 of the Community Account is CIL money

Finance

4 cheques awaiting authorisation: -

Repairs to Swings on The Pit - £64.32

Defibrillator Maintenance Plan - £135.00

Grass and Hedge Cutting on The Pit - £524.40

Clerk's Salary

Payments approved by GA, seconded by BG, all agreed.

Income

Locality Grant - £329.99

Correspondence

Emails -

- Corton Street Sale 2022 - will be part of the Fun Day and included in the advertising.
- Email from resident in Mills Drive concerning horses on the Footpath between Mills Drive and Station Road – Clerk contacted Highways who have ordered a 'No Horse Riding' sign to be installed at either end of the footpath.
- Consultation on the Draft East Suffolk Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule and Draft East Suffolk CIL Instalment Policy – completed on 22/12/2021
- Transport Survey - circulated to Councillors for completion
- Community Led Housing event 27th April 2022 – SP & GA to attend
- Community Governance Review in East Suffolk – circulating to Councillors. Views will be submitted before deadline.

13. Planning Applications

No planning applications received.

14. The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Email received from Suffolk Highways that 5th June 2022 is the day chosen for the celebrations.

DF agreed to pick up the donated oak tree (Treebilee Tree) from East Suffolk Norse Lowestoft Depot - Rotterdam Road Lowestoft between 16th to 18th February.

GA advised the meeting about the events that are already planned and some of the local businesses who have agreed to help. Councillors discussed if mugs could be purchased for the children at the school (117 children attend at present). PA proposed the Parish Council purchase a mug for each child at the school, seconded by MB, 6 agreed, 1 abstained.

Concern was raised about the Punch and Judy Show as it could be seen to be promoting domestic violence. MB to talk to the Puppeteer to ascertain if the show would be suitable for children and report back at the next meeting.

15. Neighbourhood Plan (JC)

Information sent out in the Coastline Magazine. A questionnaire will be produced to coincide with the public consultation on Saturday 2 April 2022.

16. Water Leak on The Street

Discussed in the District Councillors report above.

17. Rubbish bin by the bus shelter, The Street

GA asked if it would be possible to install a rubbish bin near the bus shelter outside the Vicarage as there is always rubbish around the area. There were different options of either purchasing or asking the district council to purchase it. Cllr Reeder suggested the Parish Council purchase it. MB proposed that the council buy a bin, seconded by SG, all agreed.

18. Items for March Agenda

Defibrillator training

Next meeting to be held on 2nd March 2022. The meeting closed at 9.25pm.