

**DRAFT MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2018 AT 19:00**

Present: Stephen Pavey - Chairman- (SP)
Terry Peckham -Vice Chairman - (TP)
Peter Armstrong – (PA)
Bob Groome – (BG)
Karen Dack – (KD)
Maureen Boughton – (MB)
Gill Armstrong –(GA)

Anne Webb (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 10

11.1: Welcome by Chairman

SP welcomed all to the meeting

11.2: Apologies for absence

Keith Patience - County and District Councillor (KP)
Mary Rudd - District Councillor (MR)
Sue Groome – (SG)

11.3: Register of Interest

None

11.4: Minutes of October meeting and matters arising

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

11.5 County and District Councillors report

District Councillor Mary Rudd sent a report in her absence which read as follows:
I have spoken with Inspector Cazey reference speeding in Blundeston Road. Corton.
The Boundary Commission has reported back and, as in the draft, Corton will now go in with Blundeston and surrounding Parishes.

11.5a: Public Forum

A member of the public mentioned an incident in The Street caused by a speeding car. A discussion followed, and ideas put forward to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. It was suggested a flashing 20 mph sign may be worthwhile, it was agreed this would be investigated.

ACTION GA

Local bus services were raised as an issue, the meeting was informed that following emergency road works, no buses came into Corton both on the day of the emergency and the following day. It would appear that contractors are not notifying bus companies of planned roadworks. The Parish Council will write to the bus company for information on policy in these situations.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

The Parish Council was asked if a Neighbourhood Plan had been looked at and what steps had been taken. The meeting was informed that, following previous discussion there was no interest from the village, but if any resident would like to become involved, the PC would be more than happy to support them. A separate advertisement will be placed in Coastline.

ACTION: SP

A question was raised concerning Broadland Sands planning application and if there were any further meetings. The Parish Council are not aware of any dates but will check with the planning department. It was mentioned that holes have appeared in the steps leading to the beach at Tibbenham Score. The Chairman will investigate as a matter of urgency and report as necessary. **ACTION: SP**

A resident thanked Terry Peckham for all his help with a planning query, it was much appreciated. BG reported that neighbours wanted it noted that Bonfire night was mellow and nicer than last year.

11.6: Committee Representative Reports

Playing Field

MB reported that there is a second adult team on Saturdays and the youth football is going well. The Classic Car Show have requested the 19th of May 2019. Car Boot Sales have now finished for the season, and an auction of household goods had taken place. The grass on the field is recovering well from the Summer dry spell.

Corton Poor's Land Trust

Allotment plots are still available at Church Road. Email cortonallotments@googlemail.com for further details. The Trustees reviewed the rents for the allotments for the coming year and it was agreed the rents would remain the same at £11 for a half plot and £22 for a full plot. The recipients of the Christmas Benefits were reviewed, and it was agreed that the secretary would distribute the application forms.

A request for a home alarm was received and this was agreed.

Corton Almshouse Charity

The Trustees reviewed and adopted a Safeguarding Policy for the Almshouses. The Charity was still awaiting a quotation for the review of the age of the smoke alarms in the Almshouses, it was agreed to chase this.

Speed Sign

The battery had to be changed twice in five weeks, so the speed sign was not working for two days. 85% of information collected over a four-week period revealed there were between 3000 to 3500 vehicles a day travelling along Corton Long Lane with an increase to 5000 on Car Boot Sale days. Maximum speed recorded was 65 mph. 101,000 vehicles were recorded over a four-week period travelling one way, approximately 10% were speeding at an average of 39mph.

11.7

Tibbenham's Score Bollard

PA informed the meeting that a bollard had been erected but was knocked down by a reversing vehicle. The likelihood of repair will be investigated. **ACTION: PA**

11.8

Twinning Visit

SP gave details on the twinning visit which will take place in May 2019 and is keen for residents to visit a lovely part of France. The trip has been costed, unfortunately, a single supplement is unavoidable, but all are welcome. A further article will be placed in Coastline. **ACTION: SP**

- 11.9** **The Pit Playground report**
S106
BG stated the grass was cut but clippings were left making it impossible for football to be played. The recent playground inspection was discussed along with the S106 payment. SP will look at the site and price up necessary works. It was suggested perhaps a group be formed to take on the work. An article will be placed in Coastline **ACTION SP**
- 11.10** **Notice Board**
A visit to Old Lane has taken place to look at the siting of the notice board, there are still some issues with establishing land ownership. It was suggested Cllr Patience be approached for assistance. It was noted there is some overgrown hedging causing visual problems for drivers on egress, residents are encouraged to notify Highways. A further visit will take place before the next meeting. **ACTION: SP - TP**
- 11.11** **Pavilion Extension**
The Playing Field Committee requested the cost of building control fees amounting to £424.80 be met by the Parish Council. Following a vote, this was unanimously agreed. Foundations will be going in on 20th November with safety barriers also being erected.
- 11.12** **Funday**
BG reported that a committee will be set up to make plans for a Fun Day which will take place on 4th August 2019 on the playing field. An advertisement will be placed in Coastline for volunteers. Public Liability insurance will be looked at by the Parish Council and discussed at the next meeting. A review of the previous risk assessment will take place. **ACTION SP**
- 11.13** **Parish Clerk report**
Finance
Current account balance - £6715.05
Savings account balance - £8138.45

Cheques issued
Play Safety Ltd - £79.80
Community Action Suffolk - £60.00
Tibbenham Score Bollard - £43.33
The Royal British Legion – 25.00
Clerk Salary – September and October

Income
Community Infrastructure Levy - £362.13

The Clerk informed the meeting that there is a payment pending of £3953.23 for the speed sign but no invoice has been received to date.

Correspondence
A letter was received from Headway, a charity involved in helping people with brain injuries asking for a donation. After discussion, it was agreed that available funds should be kept for the benefit of the community.
- 11.14** **Remembrance Day**
GA has organised the event on behalf of the village and Heather Habbin has ordered the wreath, this will be laid by the Chairman on Remembrance Day.

11.15

Station Road surface

Following the recent meeting with KP and Highways, BG informed the meeting that it is hoped a work order will be raised by the engineer for resurfacing.

11.16

Northern Parish meeting feedback

SP reported that other Parishes are interested in a speed sign similar to the one in Corton. Feedback has shown that the speed sign with the smiley face seems to be effective, the possibility of buying one and sharing it between Northern Parishes was debated. The Parish Council felt it would be worthwhile obtaining further details. There was little interest in the Parishes for speed watch teams, there is a proposal for Speed Watch to be disbanded.

11.17

Local Bus Service

A resident has asked if the brick-built bus shelter in Station Road could have a window put in as it is difficult to see when a bus is coming. As the shelter does not belong to the Parish Council, the subject would have to be raised with the local Council.

An additional bus stop in The Street was discussed but it was felt there was no safe location.

11.18

Litter Bins

A Parish Councillor has been approached by some of the residents in Corton Long Lane who would like additional litter bins along the road. It was agreed the Council would be contacted on this matter.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

11.19

Items for December Agenda

Tibbenham's Score Bollard

Twinning Visit

The Pit

Notice Board

Fun Day

Litter Bins

Date of next meeting

19:00 Wednesday 5th December 2018 at The Pavilion

There being no further items to discuss The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.45