

Corton Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 7 July 2021 at 19:30

Present

Steve Pavey (SP) Chair

Maureen Boughton (MB) Vice Chair

Peter Armstrong (PA)

Gill Armstrong (GA)

Joy Clutten (JC)

Dave Fermor (DF)

Sue Groome (SG)

Bob Groome (BG)

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Cllr James Reeder

Minutes taken by Gill Armstrong

1. Welcome by Chairman

2. Apologies

Steve Barber (SB)

Cllr Ryan Harvey

3. Register of interest

None

4. Minutes of June Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed, proposed by PA, seconded by MB, all in favour. They were duly signed by the chairman as an accurate and true record.

No matters arising

5. County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Virtual Council meetings will continue for small meetings, for as long as possible.

Everyone should follow the government guidelines etc. It is recommended that everyone is testing twice a week

There will be a Garden Village feedback meeting, with the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan group, on 20 July, via Teams, Paul will not be attending

The slides from the Lowestoft Area Town and Parish Council Planning meeting on 6 July, attended by JC, are available, email Lisa. **GA**

Cllr James Reeder

He sent reports during the month, which were forwarded to councillors

The Special Needs provision review is in progress.

Council meetings will continue to follow guidelines, a maximum of 25 participants allowed

6. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

7. Committee Representatives Reports

Playing Field

One fire door has been installed in the changing rooms, this was funded by a grant from the Town Council, the other will be fitted next week. Thanks to the Town Council. The bingo will hopefully start soon in the Community Room, this will be decided next week. Some parties had to be cancelled due to covid rules. There is still dog mess on areas used by children's football due to selfish and irresponsible dog owners

Maureen Boughton

Speed Signs

Total number of vehicles westbound on Corton Long Lane - 53,242

Average speed was 28.4 mph

A Blundeston Road resident asked for the sign to be sited there as there are a lot of speeding vehicles. It has to be moved around, if it is static for too long it loses effectiveness.

The previous time it was located on Blundeston Road the average speed was 33mph SP asked when we can use the post on the Street for the new device, GA responded that it was extended but it was still too short so asked for it to be made long enough to accommodate the speed sign, this may take up to three months.

Email for update - **GA**

Email from the police, thanking Steve for the monthly data.

Look at ANPR and register - **GA**

Steve Pavey

Speed Sign administrator

Corton Poor's Land Trust and Corton Almshouse Charity

Summary of Meeting held on 9 June 2021 Corton Poor's Land Trust

All vacant allotment plots are now allocated on Church Lane and there is a waiting list for plots.

A site visit was arranged to the allotments in order to agree the final position of the communal shed and check the condition of the pathways and hedges.

Corton Almshouse Charity

The trustees carried out a review of the gardening equipment that was owned by the Almshouses and agreed that the ride-on mower was now surplus to requirements and could be sold.

A first quotation for the replacement of windows in the eleven original bungalows and the warden's house had been received, and more quotations would be sought.

The trustees agreed the renewal of the Almshouse Charity insurance policy and carried out a review of the budget against expenditure and income for the quarter ending 31 March 2021.

The trustees agreed that the area of land to the left of 35 Fowler's Crescent should be left uncut and that wildflower seeds should be scattered in order to create an area that was attractive to bees.

The new Vicar of the Parish would be approached regarding becoming a trustee of the charity, as laid out in the Charity Commission Scheme of Regulations.

Claire Boyne Secretary
24 June 2021

Suggestion that we buy a ride on mower for cutting the Pit.
GA questioned where we would store it and who would volunteer to use it.
Need training, insurance, safety equipment.
Check on price and suitability - **GA** then we can discuss at a future meeting

Community Speed Watch

Have run 2 or 3 sessions, so far, this month
We have decided that we can't do Station Road as the bus drivers, don't like it, even though we move away from the bus stop. Also, can't do the corner of Mill's Drive as people park on the double yellow lines obstructing the view. Will contact police re positions.
At Waterside we noted 21 cars, over the speed limit, between 14:30 - 15:30
It does slow people down and makes them aware which is the whole point.
Paul will ask enforcement to come out and have a look at double yellow lines on the corner of Mill's Drive, they are covered in leaves and weeds, when road sweepers come they have to drive round the parked cars. Maybe road cleaning should be scheduled and people asked to keep the roads clear on certain dates.

8. East Suffolk Grant Schemes

Overview from Paul Ashdown on Eating Disorders, Exercise, Healthy Weight. They will still consider applications for local initiatives to support this.

Would funding for a monthly skip for villagers to dispose of larger items, be eligible for funding, as many people can't get to the recycling centre. This was proposed a couple of years ago but was not supported at that time.
We would need to decide on a good location for it.
Maybe also recycling bins for tetrapaks, etc as they are not allowed in blue bin.

9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

GA asked for PC funding for a village celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, on the playing field. This needs to be organised fairly soon. Have been researching Colman's in Corton. The Colman's hosted afternoon tea, and a band for Queen Victoria's jubilee. Would be nice to copy their idea and have a big picnic or afternoon tea with a brass band and something for the children, funded by the Parish Council as this is a once in a lifetime occurrence. There will be an extended long bank holiday weekend 2, 3, 4, 5 June 2022. Liaise with MB re date for booking the field.
Think we should pay for brass band, about £500 SG in favour, get costs all in favour. **GA**

10. Baker's Score Public Toilets

The signs have been replaced with unattractive plastic new ones
A local man has been clearing the weeds from outside.
The whole place needs refurbishing, including 2 new doors, painting, etc
Contact Norse and ask them to refurbish. **GA**
They are kept very clean

11. New Clerk

We need to advertise, again, state local person. - **GA**

12. CCTV

SP hasn't purchased cameras yet, will discuss later.

13. Planning Applications

No objection to the new application re 84 Corton Long Lane, they have made concessions, re previous objections. It's likely it will go to referral.

14. Water Leak outside Waterside

This is causing problems, the hairdressers faced daily abuse, so have closed their doors and use the access within the park now.

Enforcement have decided it is the responsibility of Waterside, as that is, allegedly, where the leak originates.

Have asked for signs, as it is slippery and dangerous, GA asked James Reeder to contact highways as they had refused, when I approached them. He said he's been in touch so give them seven days. Check and keep JR informed - **GA**

15. Policies

JC will circulate policies before next meeting, so that we can discuss and adopt.

Transparency Code has been circulated, to be posted on website - **GA**

ICO we need this in order to install CCTV, it costs £40 pa - PA proposed, BG seconded. Adopted.

Thanks to JC for doing this

BG said the risk assessment is a big job will take a long time, asked if the school is included, answer was no, it is owned by us but run and maintained by Suffolk Education Authority

16. Finance Report

Bank accounts as of May 2021

Business account £9,612.49

Savings account £4,638.45

Cheques to be approved

St Bartholomew's Church £500

17. Correspondence

There has been a complaint regarding a house, on the Street, which backs on to the Cut, they have built a structure with a drainpipe exiting on to the cut. Find out who lives there and write to them. **SP**

There is a sign, denoting Child Safe Area, on the gate leading to the public footpath, near the school. A child escaped, as the gate wasn't shut. The gate has dropped so doesn't easily close, can we look at it?

Write to the school, say we'll fix the gate - **SP**

Fix the gate - **PA**

Wheatacre Drive someone has put paving on land that is not owned by them, it's a problem for the residents opposite. We've tried to check who owns it, without success.

Coastal erosion review, appointment made with several residents who live close to the edge of the cliff, but no one turned up, they were not happy as they had to wait around.

Contact them to find out what happened. **GA**

18. Items for the August agenda

Adopt Policies - Standing orders and ICO - JC

The new village - JC

Baker's Score toilets - DF

New clerk - SP

Platinum Jubilee celebrations - GA

The Pit

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 4 August at 19:30 in the Community Room

Meeting closed at 21:09