

Corton Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 2 June 2021 at 19:30

Present

Stephen 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)

Steve Barber (SB)

Lynne Pavey - acting finance officer

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Cllr James Reeder

Cllr Ryan Harvey

Minutes taken by Gill Armstrong

1. Welcome by Chairman

SP welcomed Steve Barber, our new Parish Councillor. He also welcomed Cllrs James Reeder and Ryan Harvey our newly elected County Councillors

2. Apologies

None

3. Register of interest

None

4. Minutes of May Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed, proposed by BG, seconded by JC, 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

The whole district and the local parishes have worked hard, during the pandemic, to help and support the community during the past year.

Community Partnership - 11 applications met the criteria for funding last year.

Now accepting applications for the new year, using the new application forms.

Each area, in the Community Partnership, paid £2000 from their allocation into the Covid fund, last year.

Cllr Reeder is now involved in our area and brings a lot of experience.

There will be a Health and Wellbeing event 16 July, this will be advertised, nearer the time.

IMPORTANT East Suffolk are recommending that everyone should test for Covid twice a week

Cllr James Reeder

Joined Suffolk County Council in 2017, he was the representative for Oulton Ward ward, but now represents Gunton ward.

He has worked closely with Keith Patience, our former County Councillor, over the years.

There are two major projects that will affect our region, in the near future, the proposed Garden Village and the third crossing. He was the cabinet member for health but is now cabinet member for children and young people's services.

We will receive a monthly report, which will be distributed to all councillors.

Cllr Reeder looks forward to supporting us in Corton.

Ryan Harvey

Is newly elected, and is keen to help with any issues we may have

BG asked about the new village, in particular the siting of the children's play area so close to the sewage works, as there are often problems with odour.

This is still being discussed.

The garden village will be a joint venture with SCC and not sold off to developers, SCC will talk to Anglia Water if there are issues, as this will be Anglia Water's problem.

JC asked why the encroachment zone had been reduced from 400m to 100m. Cllr Ashdown is looking into this, the whole project will have to go through the planning process.

The PC and Neighbourhood Planning group are still waiting for feedback, from the consultation.

6. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

BG said there will be a street fair, in Corton, this summer and that maybe in future it could have a French theme, in keeping with our French twinning connection.

7. Committee Representative Reports

Playing Field

The Skystepper (for exercise) is now in place on the field, thanks to Paul and the grant we received from East Suffolk.

The fire exit doors for the football changing rooms have arrived the thanks to the town council for this grant.

This weeks car boot was very well attended and weather was great.

All football is finished until August.

Most of the Groups that use the community room have returned now.

If anyone is interested in Short Mat Bowls please contact Phil on

[07903031476](tel:07903031476)

Maureen Boughton

Playing Field Committee

Speed Sign

The stats were forwarded to all councillors, prior to the meeting.

May - Corton Long Lane, eastbound, two days are not recorded as the battery was flat

Total 55,774 vehicles

Average speed 28.06 mph

Steve Pavey

Speed Sign administrator

Corton Poor's Land Trust and Corton Almshouse Charity

Summary of Meeting held on 12 May 2021 Corton Poor's Land Trust

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

It has been agreed to purchase a communal shed for the allotment site to provide somewhere to shelter for allotment holders in bad weather and for storing tools if required. The shed will be installed in September.

It was reported that some of the pathways were becoming indistinct on the site and hedges needed trimming back that were hanging over the pathways, and it was agreed to have a site visit.

Corton Almshouse Charity

With the loosening of Covid restrictions from 17 May, the trustees agreed that the warden could begin to organise garden parties for the residents once again and that the Guest Room could start to be let out again.

It was agreed to review the contents of one of the garages on site as there were some items of equipment that had been stored in it for many years and may not now be required.

Some of the residents had expressed an interest in holding a garden sale at the Almshouses later in the Summer.

Claire Boyne Secretary

28 May 2021

Community Speedwatch

The group are still training

Gill Armstrong

Corton CSW Coordinator

8. CCTV and Fly Tipping

SP will start work on it, before the next meeting and will do a site survey.

There have been complaints about fly tipping under the bridge on Stirrup's Lane. SP has contacted Norse about ownership of the land. Cllrs Ashdown and Reeder will look into it.

JC raised the question of ICO registration, she will look into this.

9. CCTV Register

Possibility of creating a register, of anyone, in the parish, who would be willing to share CCTV footage with the police, should it be needed. It was decided to leave this for the time being. JC asked if there was a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Corton. Maybe we should look into setting it up as a first step.

10. Buses During Road Closures

BG spoke to someone at First, evidently they have not received notification, from Highways, of any road closures. If this can be organised BG offered to print and display signs about any problems with the bus service.

GA said that Highways had confirmed that they do send the information of road works, to First.

11. The Pit

All the required work has now been completed. PA and DF erected the new fence.

12. Water Leak outside Waterside

This is an ongoing problem. Highways had stated that they would deal with it but it seems that now there is a possibility that the issue is due to a leak in the swimming pool at Waterside or alternatively it may be due to an underground spring. Both water companies have tested the water and said

that it was not from their pipes nor is there any chlorine in the water therefore it is probably not from the swimming pool. Cllr Reeder will look into this

13. Churchyard Maintenance Contribution

A request was received for £600, towards the upkeep of St. Bartholomew's Churchyard, we usually contribute £500, which has been budgeted for. It was proposed by PA and seconded by BG that we donate £500 as usual. SP had received correspondence from a group, in Hopton, who would be willing to undertake the work, they have been asked to contact Corton church.

14. Policies

We need to have policies in place, BG offered to write them, he has worked on the Health and Safety policy. The policies need to be simple and precise, it was therefore decided that a group, comprised of BG, JC and SB, should work on them.

15. Defibrillator

A letter has been received, by each of the members of the group who perform the weekly checks on the defibrillator, regarding the registering of defibrillators with a new service. As we already have an agreement with Community Heartbeat, we need do nothing at present, as Community Heartbeat do not support the new system.

16. Finance Report and Audit

The following cheques were approved

Fencing for the pit £125.92

HMRC £22.60, to be issued when we receive the registration number

One Suffolk website hosting £60

Finance documents to be approved

a) Annual Governance Statement - Section 1 - prop. PA, sec. SG

b) Accounting Statements 2020/21 – Section 2 - prop. PA, sec SG

c) Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2020/21 Part 2 - prop. MB, sec. SG

d) CIL Report 2020/21 - prop. GA, sec. BG

e) Statement of Parish Accounts (presented at Annual Parish Meeting) - prop. MB, sec. PA

f) Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/21 - prop. GA, sec. PA

g) Parish council to address any points raised on Audit Report (to be published on website)

Lynne was thanked for her hard work dealing with the finance and audit

17. Correspondence

Some of the residents of The Street have written to Waterside re the lack of a barrier between the road and the caravan site, people regularly jump over onto the road, which is dangerous.

Azure Seas requested permission to position a mirror on the fence opposite the new entrance, as visibility is poor. Mirrors are not approved by planning.

A request was received from Heritage Open Days re the participation of Corton, this year as the overall theme is Edible England, and with our links to Colman's Mustard it was thought appropriate. It was agreed by all councillors that we accept. It was suggested that the Methodist Church be involved as they have strong links with Colman's.

SP said it is with sadness that I announce the loss of two prominent villagers, during lockdown, both of whom will be sadly missed.

Michael Soanes a well known local historian.

John Burford ex Corton Parish Councillor.

18. Items for for the July agenda

The new village - JC

Baker's Score toilets - DF

New clerk - SP

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 7 July at 19:30 in the Community Room

Meeting closed at 21:23