

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 19:30 at The Pavilion

Present: Stephen Pavey – Chair (SP)
Maureen Boughton – Vice Chair (MB)
Gill Armstrong (GA)
Peter Armstrong (PA)
David Fermor (DF)

Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 5

1. Welcome by Chairman

SP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Joy Clutten, Bob Groome, Sue Groome, Paul Ashdown, James Reeder, Ryan Harvey

3. Register of Interest

None.

4. Minutes of March meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2023 were agreed and approved by PA, seconded by MB, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. County and District Councillor Reports (read by Clerk)

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Cllr Ashdown wanted to remind Councillors that he can still be contacted by e-mail or phone to deal with any issues. He is still talking to officers over the Garden Village proposals and has insisted that he be kept updated.

Cllr James Reeder

Cllr Reeder had emailed the monthly Suffolk Newsletter which had been circulated to Councillors.

6. Committee Representative Reports

a) Playing Field

Playing Field Committee had received funding for a new piece of play equipment – thanks to DF, Trevor and Malcolm for helping to install. The Craft Fair went well on Sunday. Hall is available for hire, anytime on Tuesday and part of Thursday. The Car Boot Sales start on 18th April.

b) Speed Sign

SP had circulated the results of the Speed Indicator Device for March. An estimated 90,000 vehicles had travelled along Corton Long Lane with the majority of vehicles driving within the speed limit. Average Speed was recorded as 28.5 mph. SP had analysed the report in more detail and talked about this at the meeting. The report had been sent to the local police as usual.

c) Corton Poor's Land Trust and Corton Almshouse Charity

Summary of Meeting held on 8 March 2023

Corton Poor's Land Trust

All plots are currently occupied at Church Road. If any Corton residents would like to be added to the waiting list, please email the secretary cortonallotments@googlemail.com.

The Chairman, Mr Armstrong, had very kindly repaired the notice board on the allotment site.

Mr Taylor officially resigned as trustee of the two charities after over 40 years of service, with much of this time being spent as Chairman. He was thanked for his dedication to both charities over the years and his knowledge and experience would be very much missed by all.

Corton Almshouse Charity

Grants for loft insulation upgrades had been explored by the trustees, but unfortunately the current scheme had ended and so the properties would be placed on a waiting list until a new scheme could be secured by the district council.

The secretary was currently in correspondence with East Suffolk Council to try to maintain the Almshouses current designation as 'Specified Accommodation', as this affected whether residents were able to claim Universal Credit or Housing Benefit.

External repair works had commenced at the bungalows, which mainly consisted of the repointing of brickwork.

The secretary had contacted the Parish Council asking to nominate a trustee to replace Councillor Rudd, who was not standing in the May election.

Two policies were reviewed by the trustees, the Financial Control Policy and the Conflict-of-Interest Policy.

Claire Boyne, Secretary

7. Public Forum

Concern was raised about the condition of the water, known as The Lagoon, near the Sewage Works, due to the condition of the water and the total lack of any wildlife this year. After discussion, it was decided to report the matter to Environmental Health, to ask them to test the water and the lower level of sediment as a health and safety issue, due to children playing very near, as well as the number of owners who walk their dogs along the footpath.

Resident asked about a recent problem with the bus service. SP explained the situation about an unexpected road closure where the Parish Council had not been informed. Resident asked if signs could be put up to let people know when buses are diverted. SP replied that when the Parish Council are aware of any changes, signs will be displayed.

DF asked a parishioner about the drains in Manor Park Road - he reported that someone had been back over the last few days but nothing further had happened.

8. Parish Clerk Report

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £6,558.90

Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

Finance

- **Payments**

Three cheques awaiting authorisation

HMRC: PAYE - £135.60

S Pavey: Mobile Phone Protector and Pay as You Go Voucher for Parish Council Mobile - £10.00

Clerk's Salary

- **Income**

Corton Wood's Project: Peppercorn Rent – 20p

Corton Playing Field: Peppercorn Rent – 20p

MB proposed the accounts be paid, seconded by GA, all agreed.

- **Internet Banking**

The Clerk reported that Barclays had received the first mandate form (delivered by hand) but this had not been received by the Mandate Department. Therefore, a second mandate form had been signed and posted directly to the Mandate Team.

- **Correspondence**

Letter received about the ivy smothering Oak Trees in Corton Long Lane - reported to East Suffolk

Emails received from a local resident informing the Clerk of the dates and times of any smells in the Bakers Score area – SP noted the Parish Council's thanks for the emails – these enabled the Clerk to keep a log of dates and times which could be used as evidence in the future.

9. Planning Applications

DC/23/0774/TPO Proposal: Roadside frontage T9 Oak - Crown reduce by up to 1.5m

Site address: 10 Corton Long Lane, Lowestoft

DC/23/1027/TPO Proposal: TPO/048/2021 located beside lodge No. OG2/16. To pollard T1 Holm Oak

Site address: Azure Seas Caravan Park, The Street, Corton

10. Town and Parish Elections

Clerk had received seven Nomination forms which had been delivered by hand to East Suffolk. The Clerk received a Notice of Uncontested Election for Corton today.

JC had decided not to stand again for Councillor in the May elections. SP noted the Parish Council's thanks to Joy for all her hard work during her time on the Parish Council and wished her well in the future.

11. The Pit

Nothing to report.

12. The Cut

Clerk had spoken to the Diocese Property Services in Norwich and was advised that the trees are surveyed every five years and any work required is carried out. The Surveyor said he would come to Corton to check when he was in the area.

13. Dropped Kerbs in The Close

SP stated that there wasn't a dropped kerb at the end of The Close. He has raised this matter with the District Councillors. PA pointed out that the dropped kerbs are located slightly further down The Close.

14. CCTV Camera for Fly Tipping

SP raised the suggestion of installing CCTV cameras along Stirrups Lane due to the high level of fly tipping there. A discussion took place about alternative solutions as well as CCTV cameras which SP will look into - GA proposed, MB seconded, all agreed.

15. Internet in the Community Room

Nothing further to report.

16. Items for May Agenda

No additional items to be added.

Next meeting to be held after the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday, 17th May 2023. The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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