

Corton Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 4 August 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)

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Cllr Ryan Harvey

Minutes taken by Gill Armstrong

1. Welcome by Chairman

2. Apologies

Cllr James Reeder

Sue Groome

Bob Groome

Steve Barber

3. Register of interest

None

4. Minutes of July Meeting and Matters Arising

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

Matters arising.

Drainpipe onto the Cut will be dealt with by GA.

The slides for the Lowestoft Area Town and Parish Council Planning meeting were received, from Lisa Mills, and forwarded to all parish councillors.

The gate to the footpath between The Street and Mill Lane has been fixed by PA.

The coastal erosion team did not require access to properties on the cliff edge and apologised for not informing the residents.

MB not heard anything from Cllr Reeder re the Wheatacre issue.

5. County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Not much to report, as most people are away. ES are looking into budgets, things are looking good as they've kept finances under control therefore there may not be a rise in Council Tax, next year.

Meetings are being held face to face, with reservations.

They are encouraging the general public to continue being sensible, wearing face coverings and distancing, in shops, etc and the use of two tests per week.

He is waiting for an update regarding the garden village, as he was unable to attend the feedback meeting.

He was asked if ES were going to retain ownership of the garden village land, he will look into it.

Broadland Sands will be submitting a new planning application once highways have reported.

There is no planning meeting in August.

He presented a cheque of £2000 to the rugby club to help towards the cost of the volunteer bus service they have been providing.

The land behind the old Lothingland Hospital is being developed.

Question was asked if the garden village was definitely going ahead, the site has been allocated, the consultations are only for the layout of the site.

Cllr Ryan Harvey

He has had a report from our feedback meeting, about the garden village, he was told we were happy with the amendments made and that the meeting went well. The PC expressed concerns as we were not really happy with some of the solutions offered. It is very difficult for individuals to have a say during a zoom meeting with a large group of participants. Maybe could have a face to face meeting, in the future. GA will email our concerns to Cllr Harvey.

6. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

7. Committee Representatives Reports

Playing Field

Nothing to report, vandalism to be reported on later in the meeting.

Maureen Boughton

Speed Signs

July 2021

Location - Blundeston Road

Total number of vehicles, in one direction - 34,424

Average speed - 34mph

SP will send data to Cllr Ashdown

Steve Pavey

Speed Sign administrator

The post, on The Street, has now been extended and the new speed sign mounted.

Corton Poor's Land Trust and Corton Almshouse Charity

Summary of Meeting held on 14 July 2021

There are currently two vacant plots on the Church Lane allotments and these will be allocated to the next Corton residents on the waiting list. It was noted that a number of plots on the site were not being worked and so the tenants would be contacted.

The trustees noted that Rev Nigel Lacey had been appointed as the new Priest-in-Charge of Hopton, Corton and Gunton, and as such he was happy to take on the role as the Ex Officio trustee, as required in the Charity Commission's Scheme for the two charities.

Corton Almshouse Charity

Two quotations for the replacement of windows in the eleven original bungalows and the warden's house had been received, and two more were outstanding.

The Charity is seeking a new Relief Warden for the Almshouses, following the retirement of the current Relief Warden. It was agreed to advertise the role in the Lowestoft Journal and online on Jobs24. For further details, contact the secretary on cortonalmshousecharity@gmail.com.

The annual visual maintenance inspection of the properties had been carried out by the chair and the secretary and overall the properties were in good condition, with a couple of areas highlighted as requiring either repair or redecoration.

The accounts for the financial year 2019/20 had been received back from the accountant and were reviewed by the trustees.

Over the summer period, the annual Resident's Satisfaction Survey would be distributed to all residents in order to receive feedback on the quality of the services provided.

A garden party for the residents had been arranged for 16 July 2021.

Claire Boyne
Secretary
29 July 2021

Community Speed Watch

Three new sites have been assessed and approved by the police.

CSW does seem to be working, as many motorists do slow down when they see the volunteers and the signs.

A few sessions were cancelled, due to rain.

Have applied for the ANPR, we will be considered.

8. East Suffolk Grant Schemes

Need to find a suitable place to site a recycling skip, possibly playing field car park.

Contact Cllr James Mallinder regarding grants through his environment portfolio, to help with cost.

9. Baker's Score Public Toilets

Contacted again, still no feedback from either Norse or East Suffolk, but do have a reference number for my request.

I received a response, today, to my last email.

As to the toilets in Baker's Score this needs to be directed to Asset Management as it would be ESC who would be able to advise if any refurbishment works are planned here. If I hear anything regarding the toilets I will let you know. We only clean them and perform minor repairs, any decision on refurbishment is down to East Suffolk Council I've already emailed them this week regarding these toilets so hopefully will get a response soon.

Cllr Ashdown asked for the name of the person contacted. GA to find out.

A gentleman, has again, cleared the weeds, not sure who he is but thank you.
There has been someone sleeping in the ladies toilets recently.

10. New Clerk

Agreed to place an advertisement in the Journal - SP proposed by SP, seconded by MB
It was also agreed that as Anne has expressed an interest in helping out in the interim, GA would contact her.

11. CCTV

The ICO will cost £35 pa, if we pay by direct debit. SP will apply, if approved later in the meeting. Once this is in place we can purchase and install the cameras, at a cost of around £450, Cllr Reeder had offered to help finance, Cllr Harvey will pass on the information.

CCTV will be installed on the playing field as there have been several incidents of vandalism recently, the playing field committee are very happy for them to be installed.

12. Water Leak outside Waterside

The water dried up, for several days, last week, then started again.

Reply from Waterside

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you, I noticed that the other day, that is very strange as no repair works have been carried out by us, and I'm not aware the Highways have either.

We had a water leak detection survey carried out last week, part of the survey included taking meter readings and testing our assets throughout the night. The two nearby Tingdene water supplies displayed that the meters stopped at various points of the night, which means there is no leak on our assets, we also do not have any assets in that area, our pipework comes off our meters and runs directly into the park and not along the roadside.

However, we have managed to locate a map which confirms where Essex and Suffolk Water assets are, please see attached, there is a 180mm MDPE water main which runs along The Street, tight to the curb stone of the pavement. ESW have previously dug this area up multiple times and I am confident that the water leaking through the footpath can only be coming from their leaking water assets, as we have ruled out any private leakage from the two nearby Tingdene water supplies, the leak in the pavement originates from their supply source.

I have supplied the Highways with the report details, I have explained for this leak to be fully rectified it will require either the Highways or ESW to dig the area up and investigate fully.

13. Adopt Policies

JC has compiled the following policies, ready for adoption, she was thanked by SP.

ICO - proposed by PA, seconded by DF, all in agreement.

Standing orders - proposed by PA, seconded by DF, all in agreement.

Code of Conduct - there was one amendment to this point section 2 (3)

You must not - (3) intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person

It was agreed to remove the qualifications. - Proposed by PA, seconded by MB, all in agreement.

Freedom of Information. - proposed by PA, seconded by DF, all in agreement.

Complaints procedure - proposed by PA, seconded by DF, all in agreement.

Transparency Code - proposed by PA, seconded by JC, all in agreement.

14. The Pit

Still no response from Norse re the removal of the barrier. Peter and Dave are going to replace it. Need to buy cement - £40. All agreed to purchase the cement as it is dangerous to leave the gap as it is with the barrier lying in the field and the holes where it was pulled out of the ground.

Proposed by GA, seconded by MB. All in agreement.

15. Finance Report

Bank accounts as of 26 July 2021

Business account £8,904.09

Savings account £4,638.45

16. Correspondence

Received notification from First bus company re Corton Long Lane road closure, therefore no buses. Contacted First to ask if they would put notices on bus stops and provide a shuttle bus. The closure was authorised by SCC who were aware of the issues for Corton, therefore it was scheduled for off peak hours. Contacted Cllr Reeder who made enquiries and discovered that the road works were at the East end of Corton Long Lane which would not affect the bus route, he organised for the buses to run, as normal.

A resident, of Fowler's Crescent is concerned about a constantly barking dog. This has been looked into by the Environmental Protection Technical Officer who said whilst this is annoying and irritating, it does not meet the levels of nuisance from the point of frequency, duration and noise level and medical conditions cannot be taken into account. Should it worsen contact again. Cllr Ashdown will look into this and asked for a copy of the letter, including the reference number.

18. Items for the August agenda

No new items for next agenda other than ongoing issues.

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 1 September at 19:30 in the Community Room

Meeting closed at 20:55