

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON Wednesday 3rd August 2022 at 19:30 at The Pavilion

Present: Stephen Pavey – Chair (SP)
Maureen Boughton – Vice Chair (MB)
Gill Armstrong (GA)
Peter Armstrong (PA)
Joy Clutten (JC)
David Fermor (DF)
Bob Groome (BG)
Sue Groome (SG)

Cllr Paul Ashdown
Melanie Seabrook (East Suffolk)

Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 4

1. Welcome by Chairman

SP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

James Reeder, Ryan Harvey.

3. Register of Interest

Bob Groome (Planning Application).

4. Minutes of June meeting and Matters Arising

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

Matters Arising

PA had inspected the condition of the road on the bridge on Stirrups Lane – there are some dips but not too bad – will continue to monitor.

5. County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr Paul Ashdown

After 17 years the East Suffolk Chief Executive will be retiring and the post advertised.

Lowestoft Sea Front - new beach huts are up and running.

Eco efficient lorries are collecting rubbish.

Buzzabout (Community bus) has been launched. It is available to Corton residents if required.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be very important for Corton over the next few years. Cllr Ashdown had discussed this with Melanie Seabrook who was present at the meeting. Lound and

Somerleyton have had their plans approved. Local resident, Chris Green has offered to help in the Neighbourhood Plan Group. A Neighbourhood Plan can help with the effects of the new builds and additional income for the Parish Council as they would get 25% CIL. Melanie and Chris are available to advise and would like the group to reform. GA said it would be good to set up a meeting with Melanie, Chris and the group to discuss the way forward. Meeting to be arranged between themselves.

The Warm Rooms scheme is gaining momentum. Looking at finding a venue and offering transport for people to get there from other areas. PA attending a workshop on 15th August.

The next Northern Parishes meeting to be held on 21st September at Lound Plant Centre

GA - there has been major problems in Corton Woods with fires being lit and trees pulled down.

The Fire Brigade has been out to deal with some incidents. Cllr Ashdown will report this to the Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

Fly tipping occurring again at the top end of Stirrups Lane. SP said the Council may need to consider installing cameras in this area as discussed at previous meetings.

6. Committee Representative Reports

- a) **Playing Field** - Football starts this week. Craft Fayre being held in the Community Room on Sunday (7th August).
- b) **Speed Sign** - Total vehicle count in Corton Long Lane from 4th July was 41466. If we assume traffic that came in also went out, we can estimate the total traffic for this period around 82932. This is lower than previous months but is for 4 days less.

The vast majority of traffic was traveling at 30 mph or less. One excessive speed was recorded on the 4th July at 11.00pm.

After cutting back some hedging, the Speed camera has been placed in Blundeston Road.

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

Corton Poor's Land Trust - Summary of Meeting held on 13 July 2022

There are currently no vacant allotments at Church Road. If any Corton residents would like to be added to the waiting list, please email the secretary cortonallotments@googlemail.com.

Correspondence had been received from Waveney Norse regarding the switch to digital in 2025. The home alarms, which are installed in a number of properties in Corton and are paid for by the charity, are fully compliant and will be easily transferable. Instead of plugging the unit into a telephone line, it will need to be connected to a Broadband hub which will be provided by telephone companies free of charge and there will be no requirement to purchase Broadband.

Corton Almshouse Charity

The trustees agreed to go ahead with the replacement of a shared boundary wall with East Suffolk Council (ESC). The wall will be replaced with a fence and the cost will be shared between the charity and ESC.

In 2025 the analogue phone system will be switched off for good, and so the current alarm system in the bungalows will need to be switched over before this date as it is currently an analogue system. The secretary was tasked with contacting English Security, who maintain the Almshouse system, to check what would be required and the cost to switchover.

The Resident Satisfaction Survey will be delivered to all residents over the summer period in order to gain feedback on the service being provided.

7. Public Forum

The Pit hedge overgrown – Clerk to contact the Contractors.

8. Community Facilities (Warm Rooms Scheme)

This matter was covered in the District Councillor's report.

9. Litter Bin near The Pit

The hedge is growing over the litter bin just outside The Pit. The hedge needs to be cut or the bin moved. SP to check.

10. Defibrillator Signs

SP had circulated an email about purchasing the signs but it was suggested that the Clerk could print some off and have them laminated.

11. Village Cameras

Nothing has been heard about the quotes from the electricity company about the installation of electricity at specific points in the village. Cllr Ashdown asked whether Solar Power could be used – SP will look into it.

12. Plaque on Village Memorial

PA and SP had inspected the memorial. Clerk reported that Timpson's (located in Tescos) would clean the plaque if it was taken to them. PA said he would remove the plaques and along with SP, try to clean them.

13. Parish Clerk Report

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £9,087.31

Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

Finance

Two cheques awaiting authorisation - Refund of Hardship Fund Balance - £136.26 and Clerk's Salary. SG proposed the accounts be paid, GA seconded, all approved.

Correspondence

Submission of the Draft East Suffolk Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule

RoSPA Play Safety Team – Notification of inspection of play equipment in September

Query about the steps in Tibbenham's Score being closed

Gullwing – Newsletter and Waveney Drive Update

Sizewell C - A Development Consent Order granted to build and operate the power station.

East Anglia Offshore Windfarm Newsletter

Diana Stroh – Call for dishonest Sproughton Parish Councillors and Clerk to resign

Hedge on Corner of Colman Road/Manor Park Road

Review of Suffolk's Recommended Lorry Route Map

14. Planning Applications

DC/22/2643/TPO – Azure Seas Caravan Park, The Street: Tree maintenance (cutting back Holm Oak) – No objections

DC/22/2274/FUL – White Horse, Corton: Request for non-permanent marquee to remain in place – No objections

15. The Pit

BG sent out letters to local businesses for support and is in the process of obtaining quotes.

16. Baker's Score

Complaints received about the horrible smell in the Score – Cllr Ashdown to report this to the Enforcement Team.

17. Rewilding

GA stated that there are a few public areas in The Close which look untidy and would like to turn them into wildflower areas. Cllr Ashdown said they could have some Locality Funding towards this (to be called the Community Wildflower Project).

18. Neighbourhood Plan

This matter was covered in Item 5.

19. Items for September Agenda

Holiday Lets – Charging a higher Community Charge
Community Wildflower Project
Remembrance Sunday
Conditions of Paths and Roads

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 7th September 2022. The meeting closed at 8.17pm.