

**MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 19:30 at The Pavilion**

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

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

**1. Welcome by Chairman**

SP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Gill Armstrong, Cllr James Reeder, Cllr Ryan Harvey

**3. Register of Interest**

There were no interests recorded.

**4. Minutes of November meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes were agreed and recommended for approval by PA, seconded by BG, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising**

Clerk to contact Steve Barber to query if he is continuing as a Parish Councillor.

The Chairman gave thanks to Sue Groome for organising the Remembrance Service at the Methodist Church which went really well. SG asked if the Parish Council would send a letter of thanks to Oliver Knights for his part in the Service – all agreed.

Broadband – To install a telephone line, the Community Room would need a postal address – Clerk to register with Royal Mail. PA informed the meeting that satellite could be used and would negate the need for a telephone line. PA to look into this and report back at the meeting in February.

**5. County and District Councillor Reports**

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Community Partnership are planning to hold an event at Parkhill on 12<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 1pm where some of their projects will be displayed. Everyone welcome to participate and comment. Refreshments will be provided.

Child Obesity – Funding has been awarded to Somerleyton Primary School to help them towards

maintaining their allotment. This will enable them to grow their own vegetables and improve their mental health and wellbeing. The Partnership has a supply of pallets which will be made into garden planters. This kind of project can be offered to other schools in the area. Offshore companies are happy to provide funding and Cllr Ryan Harvey also has funds available for local projects.

A Transport Survey is taking place in the area and Cllr Ashdown is hopeful that they will be a good response to the survey. The link to the survey had been circulated to Councillors and Cllr Ashdown had bought some hard copies to the meeting which he asked to be completed and returned.

Funding has gone through for the defibrillator at the Alms Houses.

JC asked about the lorry survey – Cllr Ashdown explained that it was a review of recommended lorry routes across the county. The survey had been circulated to Councillors.

The Broadland Sands planning application is likely to be presented on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Public will be able to view the documents on the council website, possibly by next week.

## **6. Committee Representative Reports**

### **a) Playing Field**

Football cancelled at the weekend due to the weather. There has been no more vandalism this month. One lad had been filmed moving the CCTV camera and had been identified but this has not happened again. Four successful parties and a Guides meet-up have been held in the Community Room and all went very well.

### **b) Speed Sign**

The Speed figures for the month had been sent out by email.  
Number of vehicles travelling eastwards had gone down this month to 48,763.  
7 cars were reported doing well over the speed limit. Generally, figures are good and, although there are some high speeds recorded, the majority of vehicles keep within the speed limit. This does show the camera is helping keep the speeds down.

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

#### **Corton Poor's Land Trust**

There is one more vacant plot on Church Lane allotments and the next Corton resident on the waiting list will be contacted regarding taking it on.

The Christmas Benefits list of recipients for 2022 was agreed and the trustees also agreed to increase the benefit from £100 to £120, given the rising cost of energy and consumables. The benefits would be distributed at the start of December.

The trustees also agreed to advertise the student grant, aimed at helping out Corton students with costs associated with their studies. The amount of grant offered would remain the same at £200.

#### **Corton Almshouse Charity**

The position of Relief Warden for the Almshouses was still vacant. Details of the role can be obtained from the secretary by emailing [cortonalmshousecharity@gmail.com](mailto:cortonalmshousecharity@gmail.com).

There is currently a vacant bungalow and the terms of the Charity Commission scheme require the charity to advertise a vacancy if it has not done so within the last six months.

period. The trustees agreed to advertise this around Corton and also in the surrounding parishes that made up the area known as the ancient parish of Corton.

The trustees reviewed the report from the secretary regarding the residents' Risk Assessments and Support Plans that had recently been undertaken and also reviewed the Budget Monitoring Report for the first six months of the year.

An order for a defibrillator had been placed that would be attached to the wall of the warden's property and would be available for use by the entire village. Councillor Ashdown had kindly agreed to fund the purchase of the defibrillator from his Locality Budget.

**d) Corton Fun Day 2022**

Planned for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August. BG thanked MB who has agreed to look after the finances. BG informed the councillors that everything was going well and told the councillors about the arrangements so far. The group of volunteers were starting to put their ideas and plans together and everything was looking very positive.

**7. Public Forum**

No members of the public present.

**8. Keep Fit Equipment for Playing Field (GA & MB)**

No report this time.

**9. The Pit – Repairs to Play Equipment (GA)**

Swings have been repaired – thanks to the people who helped with this.

Quote received for seating area of £26,000. BG suggested that it would be cheaper to build it ourselves. Cllr Ashdown advised council to contact Oulton Broad Parish Clerk for more information as they had some new equipment installed in Nicholas Everett's Park recently. Clerk to email BG copy of quote.

Discussion took place about how much/often a seating area would be used and how the Parish Council could improve the area in general. SG informed the council that in December 2020 there were at least fifteen 11+ children in the village. The 2021 Census would show numbers of children here and Cllr Ashdown would look into this.

**10. Garden Village (JC)**

The proposed Cycle track is expected to go through the new village rather than Corton. The Councillors discussed whether the Garden Village would be part of Corton as well as the reduction in the CIL Funding amount per house.

**11. Parish Clerk Report**

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £10,244.84

Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

£7,113.98 of the Community Account is the CIL money

## **Finance**

4 cheques awaiting authorisation

Poppy Wreath - £30

Caps for children's play equipment - £17.40

PAYE - £82.00

Clerk's Salary

MB proposed they be accepted, seconded by BG, all in favour.

## **Precept/Proposed Budget 2022/23**

Proposed budget was circulated to Councillors. Finance Committee had met and agreed to increase the precept to keep the tax charge the same as 2021/22 and had set the budget accordingly. JC asked about the donation to St Bartholomew's Church and Chair explained about the agreement that the Parish Council would maintain the burial ground.

BG asked if the contingency was enough. This was discussed and it was felt that, for this year, it would be kept the same. SG proposed that the council accept the 2022/23 Budget, seconded by DF, all agreed.

## **Correspondence**

Consultation on the Draft East Suffolk Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule and Draft East Suffolk CIL Instalment Policy

Email - Review of recommendation of lorry routes throughout Suffolk

These had both been circulated.

## **12. Planning Applications**

DC/21/5131/FUL Baker's Score, The Street - The siting of one single storey holiday let

DC/21/5339/TPO 14 Station Road - Tree maintenance and pruning

No objections to these applications.

## **13. The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations (GA)**

CLlr Ashdown informed the meeting that every Parish Council will receive an Oak tree to plant.

## **14. Neighbourhood Plan (JC)**

JC informed the meeting that they were considering holding another open event for the villagers but concern due to the pandemic may delay this. There has not been much support from the local residents. A meeting will be held tomorrow and JC would report back.

## **15. PC Email Addresses**

Some councillors are having problems with logging onto the new email. PA will ask Gill Armstrong to help.

## **16. Items for February agenda**

Water Leak on The Street

Rubbish bin by the bus shelter on The Street

Next meeting to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. The meeting closed at 9.11 pm.