

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday, 6th December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Community Room, Playing Field

Councillors Present: Stephen Pavey (SP) Maureen Boughton (MB) Gill Armstrong (GA)
Peter Armstrong (PA) David Fermor (DF) Bob Groome (BG)
Sue Groome (SG) arrived at 20.06

In attendance: Lynne Pavey (Clerk) District Cllr James Reeder

4 members of the public

1. Welcome by Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr Paul Ashdown - the Parish Council send him their best wishes. BG said that SG would arrive shortly.

3. To record declarations of interest and requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests

None declared.

4. To approve the minutes of the November meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2023 were recommended for approval, proposed by GA, seconded by DF, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

Parking at end of Station Road/The Street – Cllr Reeder suggested having a meeting with SP for a walk-about around Corton to check if there is a need for any Traffic Regulation Orders.

GA asked that a thank you be sent to the school for allowing the Parish Council to use the School hall to provide refreshments after the Remembrance Day Service.

5. To receive reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr James Reeder

Cllr Reeder gave a summary of the Suffolk Newsletter which had been circulated to Councillors.

BG asked if the government are going to re-evaluate coastal erosion plans. Cllr Reeder replied that funding is allocated based on how many houses would be flooded as it is based on areas of higher population.

Cllr Paul Ashdown

The new Strategic Plan till 2028 was adopted by Full Council on the 25th November but had required the Chairman's casting vote to be passed.

Cllr Ashdown has requested two old beach huts for the car park at the pavilion which he is hoping will be donated, however, a small sum may be required.

Community Partnership has progressed its latest projects and hope to start the pilot in the spring. The scheme is hoped will encourage more exercise and help both mental, physical health along with social isolation.

We have 2 new police officers for our ward –

PC Michelle Dean email Michelle.Dean@suffolk.police.uk and

PC Jenna Brown-Sanyari e-mail Jenna.Brown-Sanyari@suffolk.police.uk

GA would like to thank Cllr Ashdown for the donation of the bulbs which Corton Woods Project are planting throughout the Woods.

6. To receive reports from the Committee Representatives

a) Playing Field

Craft Fayre booked on 10th December.

The new barrier has been damaged twice since it was installed.

b) Speed Sign

Information circulated to Councillors. 29,906 vehicles travelled one way along Blundeston Road during the month of November. The vast majority were travelling below the speed limit.

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

Corton Poor's Land Trust

It was reported that the allotments were vastly improved and the markers would be placed in position within the next few days. Two Corton residents were being contacted for the two vacant plots. Almost all tenancy payments had been made for the current year.

The applications were in for the Christmas Benefit and the list was largely the same as last year with one addition. It was discussed that the envelopes would be handed out by the Trustees to the individual Corton residents in early December.

Corton Almshouse Charity

There was good progress to report on the maintenance issues this month with most either started or completed. However, there had been a flood at one of the bungalows in the early hours of the morning a few weeks ago, caused by the pipework in the loft coming apart. Fortunately, this was dealt with quickly with no lasting damage, and the resident was kept safe and well.

The Warden's Report showed a much quieter month with no major concerns. The Secretary had carried out the Warden's yearly appraisal and this was very positive on both sides. The report was discussed with the Trustees at the meeting. The Chairman said that residents and relatives needed to be aware that the Warden only worked part time and that the Almshouses did not operate in the same way as care homes. Out of hours the calls would be taken by an emergency call service and directed to the next of kin for implementation.

One of the Trustees had attended a one-day training course held by the Almshouse Association and she gave a good account of how interesting and informative this had been.

Finally, it was discussed that new Trustees could benefit from more information about the work of both Charities, and the Secretary and Chairman said they would compile some information. It was also discussed that the Resident Handbook needed updating - both the online and hard copy - and the Secretary said she would arrange this in conjunction with the Chairman.

The payments and account balances had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no queries from the Trustees.

It was confirmed that the next Trustee Meeting would be on Wednesday, 10th January 2024

7. Public Forum - To receive questions or comments from Parishioners

Resident concerned about the parking on double yellow and zig-zag lines outside the school. Parking is a common problem around Corton – matter to be added to next Agenda.

Sue Groome entered the meeting (20.06)

Flooding near Tramps Alley – resident was advised that this is in the Gunton ward.

Overgrown hedge on corner of Wheatacre Drive/Station Road – SP to have a look and report to East Suffolk if necessary.

Report of cars not stopping when coming out of Playing Field Car Park. DF said that one of the problems was a large amount of Ivy growing along the side and he agreed to arrange for it to be cut back.

8. To receive the Parish Clerk's report

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had attended Parish Clerk Training this month and overall, confirmed that the PC are doing the majority of things correctly. Where things are different, the Clerk was advised it was perfectly acceptable. There are a couple of policies that should be in place which the Clerk will look at before the next meeting. The Finance Committee had met and discussed the 2023/24 Budget Monitoring Report with everything looking okay.

Bank Accounts: Community Account - £9,610.19 Business Premium Account - £4,638.75

Finance

- a) Draft Budget 2024/25 (circulated) – the Finance Team had met and drawn up a draft budget for the next financial year. They proposed there be no increase to the tax charge which would mean the precept for 2024/25 would be £7,599.35. BG proposed the precept amount be accepted, seconded by DF, all agreed.

- b) To approve 7 payments waiting for authorisation

BT: Broadband - £39.59

Royal British Legion: Poppy wreath - £30

East Suffolk Services: Grass cutting on The Pit - £348.00

East Suffolk Services: Hedge Cutting on The Pit - £253.20

S. Pavey: Search for land and property information (Community Assets) - £6.00

HMRC: PAYE - £222.00 (to be paid in January)

Clerk's Salary includes the agreed Local Government Pay increase, backdated to 1st April

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

- c) **Income**

Corton Playing Field Committee: Monthly Contribution for Broadband - £18.00

Barclays: Bank Interest - £16.15

- d) **Correspondence**

Inconsiderate/dangerous parking in Corton Long Lane during football training/matches – reported to police

Warm Rooms Scheme and BACT Leaflets – awaiting delivery

East Suffolk Council - Draft Local Validation List for Planning Applications

Car Parking on Manor Park Road causing damage to the grass area. Cllr Reeder will look into this.

9. Planning Applications

- DC/23/4375/FUL Proposal: New detached Bungalow to Garden Plot
Site address: Avondale, Blundeston Road, Corton
- DC/23/4396/VOC Proposal: Variation of Condition Nos. 3 and 5 of DC/19/2949/COU - Use of land for the stationing of static holiday caravans, construction of footway/cycle way, church parking area and associated works.
Site address: Land Adjoining Broadland Sands Holiday Park - Known as Steeple Field, Coast Road, Corton
- DC/23/4615/FUL Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling **Site address: Salix, Blundeston Road, Corton**
- DC/23/4468/TPO Proposal: One Holm Oak to pollard at roughly 5-6meters. Pigeons roost on the lateral limbs over hanging the lodge and their excrement is making the decking area slippery and dangerous for the owner who is registered blind.
Site address: Azure Seas Caravan Park, The Street, Corton

10. To discuss parking restrictions on Playing Field Car Park

SP had received complaints about the new barrier on Corton Playing Field. A discussion took place about the installation of the barrier. To be added to next agenda for further discussion.

11. To receive an update on registering Community Assets

White Horse is currently registered as a Community Asset with renewal due next August. The Parish Council are in the process of applying for a Right to Bid Asset on the piece of land between Manor Park Road/Wheatacre Drive.

12. To consider the installation of a footpath between Corton and Broadland Sands.

Nothing further heard – Cllr Reeder to chase up.

13. To receive an update on the broken street light bulb in Mills Drive.

Work has been completed.

14. To receive an update on planning for the Corton Fun Day 2024

Date is booked for 26th May 2024 – planning will start in the new year.

15. To receive items for next agenda

Yellow Lines around Corton
Playing Field Car Park

16. To agree the proposed time and date of the next Parish Council meeting - Wednesday, 7th February 2024. The meeting closed at 20.45pm.

Signed Chair Date