

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 1st February 2023 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)

Cllr P Ashdown
Cllr R Harvey

Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public - 5

1. Welcome by Chairman

SP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Bob Groome, Sue Groome, Cllr James Reeder

3. Register of Interest

None

4. Minutes of December meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2022 were agreed and approved by GA, seconded by PA, 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

Cllr James Reeder

SP reported that Cllr Reeder had received a complaint about the overgrown paths on Corton Long Lane. Workmen were seen dealing with this earlier today. The work to prevent the flooding in Manor Park Road is on East Suffolk's list. The Monthly Suffolk Newsletter had been circulated to Councillors.

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Cllr Ashdown had received a complaint about damage to a car in Colman Road which had been reported to the police. Cllr Ashdown had notified East Suffolk about the lack of parking spaces at the bottom of this road.

The pre-election process starts on 16th March and district councillors will not be attending meetings from this date until after Election Day.

Cllr Ashdown had shown the new Chief Executive around the local area including a visit to Corton Pavilion which he was very impressed with. They had also been to the site of the proposed Garden Village and Cllr Ashdown told him about the problems with the smells from Anglian Water.

Warm Rooms Scheme has gone well. There is some funding left which is hoped will be used to help people continue meeting up. Some Locality Funding available but must be applied for by the end of February.

Cllr Ryan Harvey

Cllr Harvey and Cllr Reeder had met with a representative from Anglian Water to discuss the odours from the Treatment Centre. They are talking about installing a filtration process.

JC asked the Councillors if they had been informed about the people who don't have a direct link to domestic meters and still hadn't received the government grant of £400. Cllr Ashdown to look into it.

6. Committee Representative Reports

a) Playing Field

Groups are meeting regularly. A large extraction fan has been fitted in the kitchen. DF has been cutting the playing field hedge and is hoping to get to the steel gate by the end of March. A Table-top sale and some parties have been booked.

b) Speed Sign

In December the camera was sited in Corton Long Lane and the average speed recorded was 28.4 mph. The camera was moved to Blundeston Road in January and the average speed was 27.3mph.

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

No meeting held in January.

7. Bus Service and Parking Problems

SP reported that a shuttlebus had been used to replace the usual bus service through Corton during the week commencing 30th January and explained that First Bus will provide a bus service through The Street but if it gets stuck, due to cars parking there, they will withdraw the service immediately. Residents will be asked to park elsewhere until the road works in Hopton are completed. No Waiting Cones will be put out to remind people not to park.

8. Public Forum

Parishioner had reported the road sinking in Station Road to East Suffolk.

9. Parish Clerk Report

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £8,029.91

Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

Finance

CIL Funding – The Clerk reported that in 2020/21 there had been an error in the amount shown on the CIL Return. This had been amended and the parish council has a CIL balance of £306.98.

Internet Banking

PA to request a mandate form from the bank to add the Clerk so that invoices can be paid online.

Payments

3 cheques awaiting authorisation –

Mr S Pavey: No Waiting Cones- £409.95

Clerk's Salary (December and January)

Income

East Suffolk Locality Fund (No Waiting Cones) - £411.33

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

SP suggested that a Pay-As-You-Go Mobile Phone be used by the Clerk. Proposed by PA, seconded by GA, all approved.

Correspondence

- Suffolk County Council (Parishes of Ashby, Blundeston, Corton, Herringfleet, Lound, Oulton and Somerleyton) (Various Roads) (40 mph Speed Limit and Revocation) Order 2023.
- All relevant correspondence had been circulated to Councillors.
- GA had received an email about Gunton Warren from a resident. Cllr PA to talk to Linda Coulham (Gunton).

10. Planning Applications

DC/22/4614/FUL Proposal: Extension to and modernisation of existing building.

Site address: 22 Corton Long Lane

DC/22/4855/FUL Proposal: Link between house and garage, rear single storey extensions, conversion of garage into cinema room and additional roof light in garage.

Site address: Mulberry House, 108 Corton Long Lane

DC/22/4464/FUL Proposal: Erection of temporary polytunnel.

Site address: White Horse, 47 The Street, Corton.

DC/22/4994/FUL Proposal: Change of Use from agricultural land to mixed use leisure and touring comprising refurbishment and modification of the eastern bay of the existing Atcost barn to provide reception and cycle hire/workshop, repurposing of existing barn as covered events, installation of 2no 20ft converted container units with canopy connection to form cafe/catering and toilets, installation of 3 "Big Hat" tipis to provide outside covered seating, outside dog agility and events area, 10no serviced glamping bases, ancillary road and car parking, 93 spaces caravans and motorhomes storage area, ancillary landscaping, boundary fencing and bunds

Site address: Steeplewood House Woburn Farm, Stirrups Lane, Corton

DC/23/0058/FUL Proposal: To build and rent out a shepherds hut at the bottom of our garden

Site address: Woodside, 116 Corton Long Lane, Corton

11. School Hall Trustees (Charity Commission)

The Clerk advised that Barclays were doing a review of the Trustees Bank Account for the old Village Hall. The majority of the information had been sent but waiting for the solicitors (Norton Peskitts) to send certified copies of the deeds.

12. The Pit

Nothing to report

13. The Cut

Hedges have been cutback as requested. DF stated that trees were still overhanging from the Vicarage. Clerk to write to the Diocese to request cutting them back,

14. Legacy from Michael Soanes

Suggestions included a history board and somewhere to store historical information. Parish Council will continue to look at ideas and discuss again later.

15. Fruit Trees

To be discussed at next meeting.

16. Garden Village

Nothing further to report.

17. Internet in the Community Room

SP reported that the hub has been installed and the wires fitted but further installation work is still required.

18. Neighbourhood Plan

Due to the lack of engagement from parishioners it has been decided not to pursue this any further.

19. Date of May and August Meeting

Clerk reported that the first meeting of the Council following the local elections must take place between 9th to 25th May 2023. It was agreed to change the May meeting to 17th May. The date for the meeting in August will be decided later.

20. Items for March Agenda

No additional matters raised.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 1st March 2023. The meeting closed at 8.50pm.