

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON Wednesday 1st June 2022 at 7.30pm
in the Community Hall, Corton Playing Field

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)

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Lynne Pavey (Clerk)

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1. Welcome by the Chair

SP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Sue Groome, Ryan Harvey

3. Register of Interest

There were no interests recorded.

4. Minutes of May meeting and Matters Arising

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

Matters Arising

GA asked if anything had been heard about the reported damage to the Bus Shelter outside The Vicarage – Clerk to chase up.

5. County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr James Reeder

Cllr Paul Ashdown

East Suffolk Councillors have agreed to take £1,000 from their budgets to put into a pot for the Community Partnership. The Healthy Eating project is progressing slowly, local businesses will be asked to help. Next meeting is on 21st June and Cllr Ashdown will be putting some of the proposals forward. Cllr Ashdown said to let him know if the Parish Council need any funding. Cllr Ashdown again urged residents to let the council know their comments about the new Garden Village as it is really important.

GA asked the following questions:-

- a) Why are there plans to put a McDonalds nearby. Cllr Ashdown stated that he had asked the same question as he thought the land was set aside for housing or a Care Home as planning permission had previously been granted. Cllr Ashdown will look into it.

- b) Is there any update on the cycle markings all the way to the sewage works – these are breaking up and going down drains.
- c) Will it make the grass/hedge cutting more expensive when East Suffolk come out of their contract with Norse next July – Cllr Ashdown said it was more likely to be cheaper.

Cllr Ashdown asked if Community Facilities would be able to use the Community Hall to provide hot meals for people. It is likely that in the next 18 months to two years, more people will be struggling financially because of the increase in the cost of living. Volunteers will be needed to assist. After discussion it was decided to add this as an Agenda item at the next meeting.

Information should come in the middle of the month about the Rural Transport Scheme.

6. Committee Representative Reports

- a) **Playing Field** – Two charity fund raisers have been held recently, one of which was a dress sale. The Garden Village consultation, two parties and a Line Dancing session have taken place in the Community Room. The Line Dancing will now continue on a Thursday night at 7.00pm. Yoga is proving popular on Fridays at 5.30pm. Football has finished and the field is resting. A request to hold a Car Show had been requested but the Groundsman thought it would spoil the pitches for the football season starting in August.
- b) **Speed Sign** – The figures were very disappointing this month. 18,963 motorists were driving at a speed where they would get a fixed penalty if caught. Discussion took place about how the speed camera works and what speed is first recognised (the first number that comes up). Corton would like to have the ANPR cameras that register car number plates but the village is not a high priority to have this. The Councillors discussed the number of cars that travel down Corton Long Lane and suggested that if the figures are sent to the Garden Village it may help the case against some of the proposals for the Garden Village.
- c) **Corton Poor's Land Trust**
There are currently two vacant allotments on Church Lane and these will be offered to the next Corton residents on the waiting list.

A request had been received from an allotment tenant for the edges of the new drainage ditch running adjacent to the field to be finished, the spoil levelled and a poplar or similar hedge to be planted along the boundary of the field. The trustees agreed to cover the cost of the finishing works to the ditch and the tenant would be organising and maintaining the hedging.

Corton Almshouse Charity

The vacant bungalow has now been allocated to new tenants. Work on the bungalow was likely to be completed in the next few weeks after which time the tenants would be able to take up occupancy.

A quotation for carrying out a bi-annual maintenance inspection of the bungalows was agreed by the trustees. A report would be produced which would grade the repairs required based on the level of urgency.

The trustees discussed access to the bungalows for those who were disabled or unsteady on their feet. It was agreed to investigate aftermarket solutions in order to decrease the height of the thresholds in and out of the bungalows.

Mrs Armstrong had published all of the locations of the defibrillators in the village in Coastline. This included the new defibrillator that has been installed on the garage wall of 54 Fowlers Crescent.

7. Public Forum

Parishioner asked about the piece of land between Wheatacre Drive and Manor Park Road. SP had received an email from Tony Rudd, East Suffolk Valuer to say that he is aware of the land but didn't know the Parish Council were interested in ownership. No one has made any enquiries about purchasing the land. Mr Rudd has taken our interest into account and will pass the information on to the relevant colleagues. Cllr Ashdown asked SP to send the information in an email to him and he will pass it onto the Strategic Director. Parishioner explained how he found out that the land was for sale as no one knew about it.

8. Parish Councillor Position

SP informed the parish councillors he had written to Mr Barber terminating his position as parish councillor due to non-attendance for over six months. It was agreed not to co-opt at the moment.

9. Defibrillator

GA stated that there are now four defibrillators in the village and should have signs indicating where they are situated. JC suggested one of the signs for the nearest defibrillator should be put in the Community Room as this was used by a lot of people. SP to investigate.

10. Village Cameras

SP had asked for a quote for external boxes for the cameras and is waiting to hear. He also asked the electricity company and is waiting for their quotes which are likely to be the most expensive. Cllr Ashdown said that the Crime Commission may have some funding he could apply for.

11. Churchyard Donation

Email received from David Butcher about increasing the donation for grass cutting at the churchyard and after a discussion, DF proposed that the donation be increased to £600 for this year only – no seconder. Following this, GA proposed that the Parish Council pay the £500 as budgeted, seconded by BG, 1 abstained.

12. Parish Clerk Report

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £10,598.73

Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

Finance

Cheques to be approved

Great Yarmouth Brass Band (Queen's Jubilee)- £300

Clerk's Salary

Income

£2,265.80 - HMRC VAT Refund

GA proposed these be accepted, seconded by JC, all agreed.

The Clerk reported that the accounts had been audited and approved by the Auditor, Mr T Cave. The Clerk then went through, explaining each document.

Documents to be approved :-

- a) Annual Governance Statement – Section 1 - Prop by GA, seconded by JC, all agreed.
- b) Accounting Statements 2021/22 - Section 2 - Prop by BG seconded by MB, all agreed.
- c) Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2021/22 Part 2 - Prop by GA seconded by DF, all agreed.
- d) CIL Report 2021/22 - Prop by GA, seconded by BG, all agreed.

- e) Statement of Parish Accounts (approved at Annual Parish Meeting on 4th May).
- f) Bank Reconciliation to 31st March 2022 - Prop by GA, seconded by BG, all agreed.
- g) Explanation of Significant Variances Year on Year - Prop by BG, seconded by JC, all agreed.
- h) List of Expenditure over £100 - Prop by BG, seconded by JC, all agreed

The Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return will be displayed on the website from 6th June and the audit documents will be available to the public between Monday, 13th June to Friday, 22nd July 2022

Correspondence

Emails

Great Yarmouth Borough Council - Local Plan
 East Suffolk – Community Governance Review
 Sizewell C Project Update
 East Suffolk – Green Issues Newsletter
 East Suffolk – Norse Contract Ending
 Planning Policy – Adoption of Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Doc
 Enhanced Bus Partnership – Passenger Working Group

13. Planning Applications

DC/22/1931/FUL 132 Corton Long Lane – Two Storey and First Floor Extension
 DC/22/1870/FUL 102 Corton Long Lane – Rear and Side Extension
 DC/22/1728/FUL 2 Elms Cottages, Yarmouth Road – Loft Conversion with two separate structures proposed (workshops for hobbies)

14. The Pit

SP and a parishioner had come up with an idea for materials for the goal nets and are awaiting a quote. BG has booked an appointment for advice on applying for funding.

15. Plaque on Village Memorial

Clerk to get a quote to clean the plaque. Cllr Ashdown stated that this could be funded from the Locality Budget

16. The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

GA said that everything is all ready for Thursday evening and the Picnic in the Park on Friday.

17. Neighbourhood Plan (JC)

At the moment the group is short of people to help and need a new Chair. The group should have about eight people. The next meeting is planned for next Thursday evening at 7pm. Cllr Ashdown will contact Mel Seabrook, East Suffolk to ask her to help.

18. Garden Village (JC)

The Consultation Day was held and was very well supported. The School would like to hold a meeting with the Parish Councillors and Planners – Clerk to liaise with the school and notify the councillors when the date has been decided. SP stated that the school is a Church school and belongs to the Parish of Corton and should be replaced by a Church School. BG – the new one would be an academy and run by a Trust. Cllr Ashdown recommended having the Diocese involved.

19. Items for July Agenda

Community Facilities

Defibrillator

Clerk's Salary

Next meeting to be held on 6th July 2022. The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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