

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 7th June 2023 at 7.30pm in the Community Room, Playing Field

Present: Stephen Pavey (SP)
Maureen Boughton (MB)
David Fermor (DF)
Bob Groome (BG)
Sue Groome (SG)

Cllr Paul Ashdown
Cllr James Reeder

Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk)

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1. Welcome by Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Gill Armstrong, Peter Armstrong.

3. Register of Interest

None declared.

Mr Groome (BG) signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Minutes of May meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2023 were agreed and approved by SG, seconded by DF, 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 Paul Ashdown

Cllr Ashdown advised that there will not be many changes with East Suffolk Council following the recent election. He will continue as Chair to the Northern Parishes Community Partnership with the next meeting being held at the Over 60s Club on 4th July at 5pm.

Cllr Ashdown advised that the Parish Council can make a funding application to the District CIL Group for developments such as The Pit. A discussion took place about bidding for CIL funding. BG and SP to arrange to meet with Cllr Ashdown next week to discuss.

Cllr James Reeder

The SCC Monthly Newsletter had been distributed to Parish Councillors. Cllr Reeder went through some of the main information contained in the report including additional money for road improvements and raising the awareness of Carers in the parish.

6. Committee Representative Reports

a) Playing Field

Football has finished for the season and will restart in August although training will continue through the Summer. The hedge along Corton Long Lane has been cutback. Cllr Reeder expressed his thanks to DF for all the work he has done on the hedges.

b) Speed Sign

Large increase of vehicles travelling one way along Corton Long Lane, over 104,000. Although some excessive speeds were recorded, the majority of traffic was within the speed limit.

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

SG will attend her first meeting on 14th June at Methodist Church.

Summary of Meeting held on 10 May 2023

Corton Poor's Land Trust

All plots are currently occupied at Church Road. If any Corton residents would like to be added to the waiting list, please email the secretary cortonallotments@googlemail.com.

The charity was the chosen beneficiary of the collection at Dr Stanley Cooper's funeral and the donations totalled £1,170. These donations will be ringfenced by the charity and used to assist Corton students with their study costs.

Corton Almshouse Charity

The trustees reviewed the applicants for the Relief Warden's role but decided there was no one with suitable experience. It was agreed that Mr & Mrs Armstrong would continue to cover the role for a few months and then it would be reviewed again.

The secretary had tendered her resignation and so the trustees reviewed the job description and person specification for the role ready to recruit a replacement. The secretary agreed to carry on with the administration aspects of the role until the vacancy could be filled.

The alarm monitoring service had been temporarily moved to Ipswich Borough Council, as since the completion of the upgrade of the system to digital, it was no longer compatible with the alarm monitoring equipment at East Suffolk Council.

The budget monitoring report for the quarter to 31 March 2023 was reviewed by the trustees. Significant sums had been spent on updating the bungalows over the past year and the Extraordinary Repair and Cyclical Repair Funds had been utilised to fund these works.

Claire Boyne, Secretary

7. Public Forum

Resident raised a problem about illegal parking especially during the school start and finish times. East Suffolk are responsible for parking. Clerk to forward Cllr Ashdown the email from the resident

Junction at top of Corton Long Lane – suggestion from a resident to put a mirror on the east side of The Street at the top of Corton Long Lane. The resident stated that the mirror would be to assist pedestrians crossing rather than for vehicles. Cllr Reeder said this wouldn't be possible as it is not something Highways consider.

Discussion took place about the lack of a path between Corton and Broadland Sands. A path was being constructed between the Church and Broadland Sands under the Broadland Sands Planning Application but there is no path from the houses in Church Lane to the Church. The matter to be added to next agenda.

8. Parish Clerk Report

- **Finance**

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £13,537.47

Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

- **Payments**

2 payments awaiting authorization:

BT: Broadband - £39.59

Clerk's Salary

SP stated that the invoice for Broadband is issued on 6th of the month which would mean that sometimes it would be received after the meeting and the payment would not be paid before the deadline. He suggested the monthly charge be paid by Direct Debit, SG proposed, BG second, all agreed. DF reminded the Councillors that the Playing Field Committee had agreed to pay half.

SG proposed the accounts be paid, seconded by BG, all agreed.

- **Income**

Bank Interest - £9.67

- **Internet Banking**

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had been unable to make payments online. The bank had advised that this was because of the type of bank account. Clerk to look into setting up a different account with Barclays as well as looking at other banks.

- **Correspondence**

Overgrown hedges in Station Road, Corton

Suffolk County Council – Public Transport Survey

9. Planning Applications

DC/23/2225/TPO: Azure Seas Caravan Park, The Street, Corton – Tree felling and maintenance (in circulation).

10. The Pit

BG and SP to meet up with Cllr Ashdown when available to discuss applying for funding.

11. CCTV Camera for Fly Tipping

SP reported that East Suffolk had approved funding for the purchase and installation of cameras in Stirrups Lane.

12. Internet in the Community Room

The Chair confirmed that the recently installed Broadband is Full Fibre.

13. Corton Methodist Church 150th Anniversary

A Service will be held at 4pm on 29th July 2023 followed by a Service on 30th July.

14. Items for July Agenda

Footpath between Corton and Broadland Sands

Next meeting on Wednesday, 5th July 2023. The meeting closed at 8.35pm.