

**MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 8.05pm**  
**in the Community Hall, Corton Playing Field**

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

Cllr Paul Ashdown  
Cllr James Reeder (JR)

Lynne Pavey (Clerk)

Members of the public – 4

## 1. Election of Chair and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

BG proposed Stephen Pavey as Chair, seconded by GA, all agreed. SP signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

## 2. Election of Vice Chair and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

BG proposed Maureen Boughton as Vice Chair, seconded by PA, all agreed. MB signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### 3. Apologies

Cllr Ryan Harvey

#### 4. Register of Interest

There were no interests recorded.

## 5. Appointment of Representatives of Committees

Playing Field Committee - MB to continue as the Representative on the Playing field Committee – proposed by GA, seconded by JC, all agreed  
Finance Committee – Representatives to be SP, MB, PA, proposed by SG, seconded by BG, all agreed.

## 6. Confirmation of appointment of Internal Auditor

GA proposed that the Internal Auditor is Mr T Cave, seconded by MB, all agreed.

## 7. Minutes of March meeting and Matters Arising

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

## Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 8. County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr James Reeder

Report forwarded to Clerk today and circulated to Councillors.

Garden Village – The Consultation started in January and there will be a consultation day on 24<sup>th</sup> May where everyone can attend. A short discussion took place about a proposed roundabout at Old Lane/Corton Long Lane junction. It is very important for people to make their views known at the consultation or on the website.

### Cllr Paul Ashdown

Community Partnership – The transport scheme, run by BACT, is scheduled to start at the beginning of July on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If residents in Corton wish to use it, there is an app that can be downloaded. This service will cost about £3 or £4. Posters will be available shortly. Community Partnership has a very strong incentive to help young people with healthy eating and are encouraging schools to take part - Corton School have asked for a round planter for growing their own vegetables. Following the easing of Covid restrictions, the Mile Walk Project actual walk will take place in the local area. The scheme will also provide teenagers with a café facility in Bevan Street where they will be able to meet in a safe environment.

Garden Village – is out for consultation. Cllr Ashdown encouraged people to attend the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May and to go onto the website to make their comments known. Replies are very important – it will help us all.

The Gunton and Corton Coastal Open Day held in the Community Hall at Corton was very successful, with a good turnout of people during the day.

## **9. Committee Representative Reports**

### **a) Playing Field**

The football season is coming to an end. The concrete road has been laid, thanks to DF and his helpers. The old cricket pavilion has been demolished. The Car Boot Sales have started and are going well. SP has completed the installation of CCTV.

### **b) Speed Sign**

Data was downloaded up to the 12<sup>th</sup> April. The majority of people are staying within the speed limit but there was one vehicle travelling at an exceptionally high speed recorded during this time.

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

All plots are currently let on the allotments on Church Lane.

As part of updating the charity's Governance procedures, the trustees agreed a Financial Control Policy and a Conflict of Interests Policy.

A new East Suffolk Council home alarm unit was supplied to a Corton resident in need.

### **Corton Almshouse Charity**

There is one vacant bungalow and another soon to fall vacant. A new tenant was agreed for one of the bungalows.

The trustees agreed a new schedule for the repayment of the loan to the Corton Poor's Land Trust for the building of the two newest bungalows in 2017. These repayments will not impact on the amount of the residents' Weekly Maintenance Contributions.

The trustees received a quotation for the varnishing/painting of woodwork above the front doors and on the porches. Further quotations will be sought.

The trustees considered the need to provide Energy Performance Certificates (EPC's) for any new residents moving into the bungalows. Guidance was unclear as to whether the requirement to provide EPC's applied to Almshouses. Advice is being sought from the Building Control Officer at East Suffolk Council.

Claire Boyne, Secretary

**10. Public Forum**

The open green land between Manor Park Road and Wheatacre Drive is being sold and nearby residents are concerned about what is planned. This piece of land has been discussed at earlier meetings as it was unclear who owned it. The Chair will ascertain who is selling the land and look into what the Parish Council can do.

Parishioner asked a question of James Reeder about the Garden Village – advised to look at website or attend the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May in the Community Room.

**11. Change of room/day of meeting**

The group using the hall before the Parish Council meeting no longer want to extend their time in the hall, therefore the PC meeting times and day will remain the same.

**12. Broadband in the Community Hall**

Playing Field Committee agreed to share the costs with the Parish Council. After a brief discussion, it was decided to wait until the full fibre network has been installed in the village before looking at the options.

**13. Village Cameras**

SP is waiting for a quote from the electric company. The quote to build three boxes for the cameras had been received and totalled £2,800. Cameras to cover the area in Stirrups Lane where fly-tipping frequently occurred was also discussed. Cllr Reeder said there is funding available if needed. SP spoke to the Police at the Community Partnership event and they were very supportive of the idea. JC asked about the time element of checking the cameras and if the police would be responsible for this. Further discussion will take place when all the quotes have been received.

**14. Churchyard Donation**

The Parish Council have had a request to increase their donation to St Bartholomew's Church to £600 for the cost of maintaining the churchyard. DF suggested that asking volunteers to maintain it may be a better option. After further discussion it was agreed to add this item to the next agenda.

**15. Parish Clerk Report**

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £9,160.99    Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

**Finance**

Digger & Materials for Concrete drive - £3,000.00

HMRC (four months) - £164.40

Purchases for Jubilee Celebrations - £274.86

Beacon - £588.00

Soundproof Materials and Installation - £4,274.40

Laptop - £429.00

Purchases for Jubilee Celebrations - £61.10

Charges associated with Speed Indicator Device Posts - £190.00

Clerk's Salary (to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022)

Expenses (Printer Ink and Stamps) - £44.72

**Income**

Precept - £7,500.00

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

**Correspondence**

An email had been received from a resident who lived in Corton Long Lane about the state of the verges and the lack of street lighting. One part of the verge was overhanging the path near the railway bridge and will be cut back. The Councillors were not in favour of

increasing the number of streetlights. SG suggested leaving the matter until there is more information about the Garden Village.

During the road closure, the local bus had problems getting through The Street on some occasions, although this has been sorted. Residents could use BACT (the Community Partnership Transport Scheme) which was advertised in the April Coastline if the problem occurs again.

**16. Planning Applications**

No new applications received.

**17. Roadworks in The Street (BG)**

BG said that he first raised the matter of the road sinking in The Street in 2015 but Anglian Water hadn't accepted responsibility. He is worried there will be even more problems as dips are appearing on several roads. He suggested that SCC could claim back money from Anglian Water due to the number of times it has been reported and repaired.

**18. Bus Shelter**

GA reported that the bus shelter near the Vicarage has been damaged – Clerk has reported this to SCC Transport and is awaiting their response.

**19. The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations**

The Parish Council has asked Maureen Boughton and Beverley Nilsson to represent Corton as the Torch bearers in the Festival of Suffolk Torch Relay coming through Corton on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May.

GA said that everything is organised for the event. SP to liaise with the headteacher to arrange a date to present the Jubilee Mugs to the children at the school.

DF agreed to sort out insurance for a Bouncy Castle.

**20. Neighbourhood Plan (JC)**

JC said that the group are struggling to recruit members and are not sure they can continue with the group unless more people help. They are also in need of a Chairperson.

**21. Garden Village.**

JC stated that we need to encourage everyone to attend the Consultation Day on 24<sup>th</sup> May in the Community Room. The Garden Village will go ahead so people do need to make their views known.

**22. Items for June Agenda**

Garden Village.

The Pit – goals for children. BG and SP to look into this. BG to make enquiries to see if NCFC would contribute.

Plaque on Memorial

Next meeting to be held on 1st June 2022. The meeting closed at 9.35pm.