

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 19:30 at The Pavilion

Present: Stephen Pavey – Chair (SP)
Maureen Boughton – Vice Chair (MB)
Joy Clutten (JC)
David Fermor (DF)

Cllr Paul Ashdown
Cllr James Reeder

Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 4

1. Welcome by Chairman

SP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Gill Armstrong, Peter Armstrong, Bob Groome, Sue Groome

3. Register of Interest

None

4. Minutes of September meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2022 were agreed and approved by DF seconded by JC, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

Cllr P Ashdown still awaiting a reply about the overgrown trees/bushes in The Cut.

5. County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr James Reeder

Suffolk's monthly newsletter to be sent round. Changing the speed limit on the Coast Road up to the Norfolk border reported at the last meeting will be a long process. Cllr Reeder is working on the budget setting process at the moment and reported that pressure on budgets will be really hard this year and is fearful about how much budget the County will receive.

Cllr Paul Ashdown.

The Ease the Squeeze initiative is in place. The Warm Rooms Project is starting up and two local companies, Lound Plant Centre and Holly Garden Centre, have offered to help people by serving soup and a roll. Corton Poor Lands Trust will have a grant system available to Corton residents only. Local residents will need to make an application if they are finding things difficult and can apply for up to £500 per household. Cllr Ashdown has passed the idea onto other villages who have trusts so they could set up the same system. A grant is available to groups who provide the facilities for Warm Rooms, which could include pubs and holiday centres. Within the funding there is money to provide slow cookers, warm bedding, warm clothes, etc. On 17th November, Cllr Ashdown will be going out in the BACT bus and meeting some of the people on the route.

The Garden Village plans are progressing and an application could be submitted in 2024/25.

6. Committee Representative Reports

a) **Playing Field**

The Heritage Open Days were cancelled following the Queen's death. Car Boot Sales are slowly winding down. Football is going well. Another wedding reception booked in the Community Room. The Playing Field Committee are looking into purchasing Solar Panels. They are also considering carrying out work on the hedge to stop it growing across the footpath. The Indoor Bowls group has increased its members.

b) **Speed Sign**

Figures circulated to the councillors. 95,852 vehicles recorded travelling down Corton Long Lane during the month of September. The police will target the times when the worst speeds have been recorded.

Cllr Reeder said that speed cameras with ANPR (Automatic number plate recognition) are being rolled out across the county – there are 10 available and will be offered to parish councils. SP asked to bear the parish council in mind if they become available.

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

Summary of Meeting held on 14 September 2022

Corton Poor's Land Trust

There is currently a vacant allotment at Church Road. If any Corton residents would like to be considered for a plot, please email the secretary cortonallotments@googlemail.com.

The trustees agreed the criteria for applications for the upcoming Christmas Benefit payment and it was agreed that the average weekly income limits of £180 for a single person and £220 for a couple should remain the same. The benefit details would be advertised in Coastline and on noticeboards around the village.

It was also agreed that the primary school should be approached regarding offering assistance to families that may be experiencing financial difficulties at this time.

Corton Almshouse Charity

An exterior condition survey of the bungalows has been carried out and quotations are being sought to address some of the repairs detailed in the report. In particular, redecoration and repairs are required to the majority of the woodwork on the porches.

The trustees reviewed the spend against budget report for the first quarter of the year and were happy that income and expenditure was largely on target. The most significant overspend related to the Extraordinary Repair Fund and this was due to the replacement of the windows on the 9 original bungalows and the warden's house earlier in the year.

7. Public Forum

Member of the Public reported about the smells from the Sewerage Works. SP stated that we need to record every time this happens and it would help if people could put it in writing to the Clerk. The parishioner stated that he had reported it to East Suffolk and someone had come round and completed a report. There had been a real problem during the heatwave in August with people not being able to open their windows due to the smell. SP and BG are meeting Peter Aldous at the site on Monday, 10th October. There had been a few reports of the smell on Facebook. DF said we need a portfolio and need people to send us evidence of dates and times. Clerk to put a notice in Coastline.

Weeds in gutters Fowlers Crescent – Clerk to report this to SCC.

Residents reported tree on land at bottom of Wheatacre Drive overhanging. DF volunteered to lop the tree.

Drains in Manor Park Road – nothing further heard about this. The application submitted this year was the discharge of conditions - planning permission had been granted a few years ago. Discussion took place about the drains and planning permission.

JC read a report from 1976 that said the land should not have soakaways and asked why this had changed. Cllr Reeder said that soakaways had improved since 1976.

8. Review of Policies

Policies need reviewing. Chair to review the main policies for approval.

9. Plaque on Village Memorial

SP and PA tried cleaning up the memorials without success. After 11th November, new plaques need to be purchased. SP to obtain quotes and advise Cllr Reeder who may be able to help with funding.

10. Parish Council Insurance Renewal

Insurance had been renewed with Community First (Zurich) for a three-year period – all approved.

11. Parish Clerk Report

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £8,588.80 Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

Finance

6 cheques awaiting authorisation –

Community First: Annual Insurance - £317.41

S Pavey: Material for installing litter bin post outside The Vicarage - £12.80

Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription - £59.99

RoSPA: Safety Inspection - £84.00

Community Action Suffolk: Annual Website Hosting - £60.00

Clerk's Salary

DF proposed the accounts be paid, seconded by JC, all approved.

Correspondence

Wheatacre Drive/Manor Park Road - Report about the dog bin overflowing near the Kissing Gate. As this is often full, it was decided to purchase another bin – all approved.

Norse reported that following delays due to late delivery of materials and the fire risk with the dry vegetation on the cliff, the contractor had rescheduled other works into the diary, however a new slot is imminent which should have started on 1st October.

East Suffolk Council - Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Documents
The Rural Bulletin - Newsletter

12. Planning Applications

DC/22/3507/FUL: Four Stones, 110 Corton Long Lane, Corton - Construction of attached garage

DC/22/3675/TPO: Four Stones, 110 Corton Long Lane, Corton – Tree maintenance (T1 & T2 Oaks -

Crown reduce & shape by up to 30%, - 1 x Oak - Fell to ground level) – no objections.

13. The Pit

Safety report from RoSPA – little bit of maintenance required. The net on the basketball needs replacing.

14. Warm Rooms Scheme

As above

15. Baker's Score

Nothing to report - carry forward to next meeting.

16. Internet in the Community Room

GA had looked into the costs of installing Broadband in the Community Room now that full fibre had been installed in Corton. From the four options she had prepared she recommended Option 2. After discussion, MB proposed we accept Option 2, seconded by DF, all agreed.

17. Cycle Tracks

There is an issue of overgrown cycle tracks between Elm Cottages to Rackham Corner. MB had been told to report to National Highways.

18. Neighbourhood Plan

JC reported that they had enough people now to start the group again and were more optimistic for it's future. Another meeting is planned for the 20th October

19. Remembrance Sunday

Nothing to report

20. Items for November Agenda

The Cut

Apologies from Paul Ashdown

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 2nd November 2022. The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.