

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 7th September 2022 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)
Bob Groome (BG)
Sue Groome (SG)

CLlr Paul Ashdown
CLlr James Reeder

Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 7

1. Welcome by Chairman

SP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

None.

3. Register of Interest

None

4. Minutes of August meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 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

CLlr Reeder had received a concern about the speed limit on the road between Corton to Hopton. CLlr Reeder asked if the Parish Council would support reducing the speed limit to 30mph. Following a discussion, SG proposed we support this proposal, seconded by BG, all agreed.

CLlr Paul Ashdown

Working very hard on Ease the Squeeze project (helping to ease the cost of living crisis). Both Blundeston and Lound will be submitting a complaint to our local MP about Market Lane being closed. Highways are closing the right hand turns into Market Lane and Stirrups Lane from the A47. If Corton agrees, they should contact them. This was discussed but the Councillors agreed with Highways to stop right hand turns into Market Lane and Stirrups Lane from the A47.

6. Committee Representative Reports

a) Playing Field

The Car Boot Sales are going well. It is planned to continue them until November. Heritage Open days being held this weekend and next weekend. Brainwave Charity are having a Fun Day soon and an after- wedding party has been booked.

b) Speed Sign

Speed sign was placed in Blundeston Road for the last month. Vast number of people doing 30mph or under. The number of vehicles recorded travelling west was 34,745.

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

No meeting held in August

7. Public Forum

Resident wanted to know if there had been any reports about the drains in Manor Park Road as discussed at previous meetings (Planning Application on land next to 20 Manor Park Road). Cllr Ashdown replied to him. SP wondered if the PC could oppose the planning decision for the land next to 20 Manor Park Road and the matter was discussed in detail. Cllr Reeder will take it back to the relevant department at East Suffolk to find out more information. Cllr Ashdown will also talk to Planning. The resident is worried about it being a health issue and will report it to Public Health if the problem happens again.

Some local residents had come to ask the parish council to cut back the trees in the cut-through at the back of the houses in The Street/Station Road down to the allotments (The Cut). There is a gas sub-station nearby and with the weather conditions recently are worried that it is a serious fire risk. In the past, Norse has cut them back. Cllr Reeder confirmed that the responsibility to cut trees on the outside of the fences was to the homeowner. Cllr Ashdown will find out who is responsible and if it is found to be the responsibility of East Suffolk Council, they will arrange for it to be cut. If it is the responsibility of the homeowners in The Street, this will be reported to East Suffolk to deal with.

8.15pm - Five members of the public left the meeting.

8. Litter Bin near The Pit.

Hedge has been cut back.

9. Defibrillator Signs

The signs had been printed out and displayed around the village.

10. Village Cameras

Nothing to report.

11. Plaque on Village Memorial

PA removed the plaques from the memorial for himself and SP to clean. They are in the process of being cleaned. The plaques will be re-installed as soon as they are ready.

12. Parish Council Insurance Renewal

Three quotes had been received for the renewal which were discussed. Community First was the cheapest quote but did not include a section called Trustees and Directors. Clerk to find out whether this is covered in another section. A meeting to be arranged to approve one of the quotes.

13. Parish Clerk Report

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £8,751.71 Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

Finance

One cheque awaiting authorisation – Clerk's Salary

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

Correspondence

Barclays – Community Account – to confirm the account will remain open – all agreed.

Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements. BG proposed the parish council stay with the audit arrangements, seconded by GA, all agreed.

Nuclear Regulation Group – Sizewell Virtual Q & A Session

Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Consideration of the Natural Environment and Biodiversity in

Neighbourhood Plans

East Suffolk - Lowestoft CP Youth Voice report

Edwina Lytton - Winter support for the vulnerable
Letter from Peter Aldous about Garden Village stating he will raise it with the Council
Tree on Corner of Wheatacre Drive/Station Road – needs cutting back. As the tree has a Tree Preservation Order, GA will contact the relevant department.

14. Planning Applications

DC/22/3176/TPO: 102 Corton Long Lane – Pollarding trees in rear garden woodland area – No objection for pollarding only

DC/22/3161/FUL: Corton Church of England VA Primary School -Demolition of existing conservatory group room and construction of single storey classroom extension to similar footprint – no objection provided it does not adversely affect nearby properties.

DC/22/3342/FUL: 132 Corton Long Lane, Corton, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 5HD - Proposed two storey front extension – No objections

DC/22/2718/FUL: Trave, Rackham's Corner, Corton, Suffolk, NR32 5LB - Adaptation and extension of existing under-utilised single storey Garage/Store into new 3 Bedroom Dwelling including rooms in the roof – No objection

15. The Pit

BG asked if Cllr Ashdown or Cllr Reeder could advise about companies he could use to get quotes for installing sports equipment. He has one quote but needs two more. Cllr Ashdown and Cllr Reeder will let BG have details of ones used locally. PA still has money in the Locality Budget and will send the Clerk the details to apply for funding.

16. Warm Rooms Scheme

SP said that the Parish Council need to think about what the Parish Council are going to do to help with the cost-of-living crisis. Cllr Reeder had suggested that, if usage was very small, funds may be better utilised by paying for people to use the BACTs bus to transport them to places where the scheme is being run in the local area such as the Over 60s Club in Clapham Road and Lound Village Hall. GA to ask in Coastline if people, would be interested in using the Warm Rooms Scheme. SG said that Trinity Church have been running the FISH scheme which feeds families during the school holidays and wondered if the two could be combined. Cllr Ashdown wants to have a whole range of facilities available in one place including food banks and school uniform sales.

BG left the meeting - 9.00pm.

SG to discuss with Trinity Church. A further meeting to discuss this in more detail would be arranged.

17. Baker's Score

Cllr Ashdown confirmed there had been no further update about the smell reported at the last meeting. There is also a bad smell near St Bartholomew's Church which may be the old sewerage works.

18. Community Wildflower Project

GA had talked to most of the residents in The Close and the School who were all in favour of the project. GA proposed to go ahead with the project, SG seconded, all agreed

A member of the public left the meeting.

19. Neighbourhood Plan

A meeting to be held in the small room next week.

20. Conditions of Paths and Roads in Corton

A47 is Highways England for cutting back hedges – there are also problems with getting through cycle tracks.

21. Corton Beach

Complaints had been received about some naturist's behaviour during the hot weather on Corton beach. The Chair had also received a complaint and had advised the person to telephone the police. Cllr Reeder suggested putting up signs to warn people that there could be naturists on the

beach and this was discussed. It was felt that nothing should be done at this stage. If people are offended by any behaviour on the beach, they should report the matter to the police.

22. Community Charge for Holiday Lets

Discussion took place about increasing the Community Charge for holiday lets. Cllr Ashdown said this could be done but was very difficult to set up and manage.

23. Remembrance Sunday

SG will liaise with the Church to arrange the Service as she did last year. She will ask the new Minister, Matthew Keenan. If he isn't available, she would ask one of the other Ministers.

24. Items for October Agenda

Review of Policies

Cycle Paths (MB)

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 5th October 2022. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.