

**MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Community Room, Playing Field**

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

Cllr Paul Ashdown  
Cllr James Reeder

Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 3

**1. Welcome by Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Bob Groome

**3. Register of Interest**

None declared.

**4. Minutes of July meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were recommended for approval by PA, seconded by GA, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising**

Sue Groome reported that a small, but very enjoyable afternoon tea was held for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the first foundation stone at the Methodist Church, with a talk by the Vicar on the Sunday.

**5. County and District Councillor Reports**

Cllr Paul Ashdown

East Suffolk – the Community Partnership has continued with the Warm Room Scheme during the Summer, using it as a socialising event. The Warm Room Scheme has been funded to the end of October and is hoped to continue it through the Winter. The next Community Partnership meeting will be held in Somerleyton on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Healthy Eating – Leaflets promoting healthy eating and exercise will be circulated shortly.

Nothing further to report about the Garden Village.

Cllr James Reeder

The Monthly Suffolk Report had been emailed to the Clerk and will be circulated to Councillors after the meeting. Cllr Reeder talked about some of the matters mentioned in the Newsletter including the work on the Windfarms.

On Tuesday there will be a meeting to report on the first quarter of the County Council budget. As a £22 million overspend is forecast, the Cabinet will re-look at the 3-year plan.

No local schools have been affected by the Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) problems. Complaint received about cars speeding down The Street. Cllr Reeder said that funding may be available for the Council to purchase a Speed Sign if it's something the Council would like to consider.

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm, the Police Crime Commissioner and the Chief Officer will be at the Wherry Hotel to answer any questions about the police service.

GA stated that people are waiting at the redundant bus stops along Corton Road and, as they have not been used for many years, asked Cllr Reeder if he could arrange for them to be removed.

## **6. Committee Representative Reports**

### **a) Playing Field**

Youth football has now started again and a new adult Corton Team has been formed. The last four Car Boot Sales have been really successful and are planned to continue until the beginning of November. There has been some vandalism near the iron gate – new hedges will be planted. On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September at 9am, there will be a Charity Dress Sale and Heritage days are taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September. There is a large wedding party booked at the end of the month

### **b) Speed Sign**

No information this month.

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

Minutes of July meeting were circulated to Councillors.

## **7. Public Forum**

Parishioner complained about the speed of traffic along Coast Road, Corton. After discussion, the Chair said that the Parish Council were not in a position to help at the moment but there are things in the pipeline that may help this problem.

Concern raised that the Stirrups Lane Bridge seemed to be sinking further and a lamp-post near the bridge has been knocked down – Clerk to report.

Hedges around the Rugby Club are overgrown - Cllr Reeder reported that hedges used to be cut back by SCC but are now the responsibility of the owner whose land they adjoin.

Cllr Ashdown said that training to come through about the CIL money – the Parish Council may be able to get some money from the CIL for the footpath to the church.

Four Oak Trees bordering Broadland Sands – planning permission would be required if the trees need to be cut back as they are under a tree protection order.

Archaeological digs – trenches are being dug at the moment on the site of the proposed development of the Garden Village.

## **8. St Bartholomew's Church Grant**

Mr Butcher had emailed the Clerk, asking for the Annual Grant for St Bartholomew's Churchyard. SG proposed £500 be paid, seconded by DF, all agreed.

## **9. Parish Clerk Report**

### **a) Finance**

#### **Bank Account Balances**

Community Account - £12,881.47

Business Premium Account - £4,638.75

### **b) Payments**

8 payments awaiting authorization: -

BT: Broadband - £39.59

St Bartholomew's Churchyard: Annual Grant - £500

Community Insurance: Annual Insurance Renewal - £317.30

Mr S Pavey: Trail Camera, Memory Card, Batteries and Security Lock - £149.53

Mrs L Pavey: Printer Ink - £21.75

Information Commissioners Office: Data Protection Certificate - £35.00

Community Heartbeat: Defibrillator Support (for 4 years) - £540

Clerk's Salary (August and September)

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

To enable the Clerk to be paid on a regular monthly basis, PA proposed that in future, the Clerk should be paid on the 28<sup>th</sup> of every month, seconded by SG, all in favour.

c) **Income**

Bank Interest - £12.43

d) **Correspondence**

Request for Green Bin from Volunteer Gardener to deal with garden waste from Memorial Garden, Footpath to Mill Lane and Tibbenham's Score.

ROSPA – Play equipment check to be carried out in September.

Sustrans – Cycle Route Feasibility Study.

Overgrown hedges around Corton – reported to East Suffolk.

Reports of Smells in Corton - Clerk is regularly receiving reports about the smells from the Sewerage Works – a list is being kept from all the reports received. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to report them.

Vehicle parking on double yellow lines on The Street overnight – reported to Company and vehicle is now parking legally further along the road.

Road Closures – Bus Route changes.

Sizewell C Project Update.

East Suffolk – Have arranged for works to be carried out on tree between end of Wheatacre Drive/Manor Park Road.

Anglian Energy Planning Alliance – Energy Projects Briefing and Discussion

Lamppost Light out in Mills Drive – DF was informed the Parish Council should replace the bulb. The Parish Council do not own the lamppost and is therefore not their responsibility – Cllr Reeder to check with SCC.

## **10. Planning Applications**

DC/23/3096/TPO Proposal: ESC TPO 048/2021 T1 - Evergreen Oak - Reduction of crown on the East side, by 1m Site address: Azure Seas Caravan Park, The Street, Corton – no objections

DC/23/3078/FUL Proposal: Change of Use of ground floor of Central Building to 3 Holiday apartments for continued use to that approved under reference DC/20/2634/FUL

Site address: Waterside Park, The Street, Corton, Suffolk – no objections.

## **11. Widening of Longfulans Lane**

The widening of the lane should be carried out under the Planning Application for construction works at Broadland Sands.

## **12. Footpath from Corton to Broadland Sands**

Cllr Reeder contacted the Rights of Way Officer who recommended contacting Highways. A new King Charles III coastal path has been proposed which will go along the cliff and, as the cliff erodes, the pathway would be moved back. Cllr Reeder said this would be the easiest and quickest solution unless funding is obtained from the CIL money. Discussion took place about the positioning of the path. After discussion, SP proposed that the parish council produce a plan about the positioning of the path and present it to the landowner for discussion, all agreed

## **13. Neighbourhood Plan**

Due to lack of support from parishioners, the work on the plan has ceased.

#### **14. Review and Approval of Policies**

CCTV Policy – recommended for approval by SP, all agreed.  
Code of Conduct - recommended for approval by SP, all agreed.  
Complaints Policy - recommended for approval by MB, all agreed.  
Data Breach Policy - recommended for approval by GA, all agreed.  
Data Protection Policy - recommended for approval by GA, all agreed.  
Data Protection Privacy Notice - recommended for approval by BG, all agreed.  
GDPR – recommended for approval by SP, all agreed.  
Health and Safety Policy - recommended for approval by DF, all agreed.  
ICO Model Publication Notice - recommended for approval by SG, all agreed.  
Risk Assessment and Management Policy – recommended for approval by PA, all agreed.

#### **15. Fruit Trees**

No further action to be taken.

#### **16. Parking Signs in The Close**

Cllr Reeder confirmed that the Parking signs in The Close are Mon to Friday, 8.00 – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm and are for all year. This was officially changed on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

#### **17. The Pit**

##### **a) Improvements to The Pit**

To be on Agenda next month.

**b) New Signs on The Pit** – GA stated that a parishioner has been ignoring the Dogs Prohibited signs on The Pit and was regularly walking their dog. SG proposed that three new signs are purchased and installed, seconded by MB, all agreed.

#### **18. CCTV Camera for Fly Tipping**

SP expressed his thanks to Cllr Ashdown for the new camera. He had been unable to change the battery this month and unfortunately missed capturing the recent fly tipping. SP informed the meeting that the camera would have to be repositioned as it was taking photographs of every car that went down the road (over 4,000 images).

#### **19. Twinning Exchange**

SP had a meeting with a parishioner from Aloxe-Corton who would like to organise a visit there next October. Information has been sent out and now waiting to see how much interest is shown.

#### **20. Footpaths and Rubbish**

All the matters reported last month have been dealt with.

#### **21. Items for next meeting's Agenda**

Remembrance Sunday  
Land between Manor Park Road/Wheatacre Drive  
Additional Barrier for Playing Field  
History Room/Museum

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The meeting closed at 9.16pm.