

SUMMARY OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 5th July 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), Bob Groome (BG), Sue Groome (SG), Cllr Paul Ashdown (District Councillor), Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk), Members of the public – 2

Matters Arising - Footpath between Corton and Broadland Sands – there is no footpath between the church and the houses in Church Lane. Cllr Ashdown suggested talking to Cllr Reeder. The Council could apply for funding from the District CIL who would match fund. Funding may be available from the offshore windfarm.

County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr Paul Ashdown - East Suffolk Services has now taken over the work previously carried out by Norse.

The new CIL charges were adopted and will take effect from 1st August. CIL funding will be 15% of £60 per sq mtr of floor space for the Garden Village. Cllr Ashdown had checked and there are no proposals to make any changes to the Parish boundary. If the Parish Council had a Neighbourhood Plan they would get 25% of the CIL money. East Suffolk would help the Parish produce a plan if required. A long discussion took place about the problems connected to the proposed Garden Village. The Neighbourhood Plan group to be contacted to see if they would be willing to continue with a simple Plan.

Community Partnership Meeting held last night with about 20 attendees at the Over 60s Club in Lowestoft. They are going to try to expand the warm rooms scheme to provide better facilities and more socializing. A Task Group will be looking at facilities for young people. They have agreed to put another £1,000 towards Buzz Bus with £30,000 to keep it going for another year.

Cllr James Reeder - The Monthly SCC Newsletter had been received by the Clerk and circulated to Councillors.

Committee Representative Reports

Playing Field - Youth football practice held on several evenings and at weekends. Two good car boot sales had been held recently although this week's was a bit quieter. The Brainwave Charity Day to be held on Sunday. Two people donated some outside Chairs so thanks to them. All groups still active in the Community Room

Speed Sign – Speed Indicator Device was positioned in Blundeston Road in June. SP having problems downloading the information and has contacted the company for help.

Corton Poor's Land Trust and Corton Almshouse Charity - Summary of Meeting held on 14 June 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.

Sue Groome was welcomed as the new Parish Council Representative Trustee for both charities. She will serve a four-year term.

The charity's accountant attended the meeting and gave a report on the accounts for the year ending 31 October 2022. There were no areas of concern reported and the performance of the charity had not deviated from previous years.

Corton Almshouse Charity - All of the replacement fascia works had been completed on the bungalows and the warden's house and the trustees were in agreement that these works had improved the appearance of the properties.

Two applicants had been short listed for interview for the Secretary/Treasurer vacancy and these would be interviewed by the Chair and current Secretary on Thursday 15 June.

A quotation was agreed from English Security for updating the smoke alarms in the Almshouses so that they would be compatible with the new digital wardencall system that has recently been installed. This would future proof the system in the event of regulations being introduced that would require interlinked smoke detectors in all rooms.

There was discussion regarding Air Source Heating and it was agreed that a plan would be needed in the future when Gas Boilers could no longer be installed in properties after 2035.

The trustees reviewed and agreed the renewal for the Almshouse insurance policy.

The charity's accountant attended the meeting and gave a report on the accounts for the year ending 31 October 2022. Significant works had been carried out on the bungalows over the year, and this had resulted in an expected deficit in the annual accounts. The Maintenance Reserves Funds set aside by the charity had been used to fund these works.

Public Forum – Residents in Manor Park Road had more problems with their drains following heavy rainfall. PA said this is a Health & Safety issue and is not acceptable. Clerk to report the matter to Mark Seaman, Environmental Health Team.

Complaint received at the meeting and by email about behaviour on Corton Beach by some nudists. The Chair

had reported the matter to the police and read out their reply. If people see offensive behaviour, they should report the matter to the police. Cllr Ashdown stated that a PCSO has been told to monitor the area.

Parish Clerk Report - Community Account Balance- £13,695.88. Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

Payments: 5 payments awaiting authorization: - S Pavey: Trail Camera (for Fly-tipping) - £198.00, HMRC: PAYE - £135.60, L Pavey: Stationery (Paper and Password Book) - £17.18, BT: Broadband £39.59, Clerk's Salary. PA proposed the accounts be paid, seconded by MB, all agreed.

Income - Suffolk County Council: Funding to purchase Trail Camera - £198.00

Internet Banking - Clerk informed the meeting that she is now able to pay invoices online.

Correspondence - The Pensions Regulator: Re-declaration of Compliance Reminder. Lowestoft Town Council – Local Training Opportunities, Hedgehog Highway Project, Overflowing bins in Tramps Alley and small hole near property in Station Road. Parking in The Street near Methodist Church – A letter had been received from a resident about the lack of parking space in this area and asking if the Council would consider Permit Parking. Permit Parking is the responsibility of East Suffolk - Clerk to inform resident.

Planning Applications: DC/23/2225/TPO: Azure Seas Caravan Park, The Street, Corton. Planning department are refusing the proposed felling of 3x Holm Oaks but agree to them being reduced by up to 25%, the same as the other 3 trees.

Standing Orders and Finance Regulations - Amendments made to the Standing Orders and Finance Regulations. MB proposed to accept the amendments subject to one slight change, GA seconded, all agreed.

The Pit - BG had received the relevant paperwork to continue with the funding application.

Corton Methodist Church 150th Anniversary - Last weekend in July - Tea on Saturday and Church Service on Sunday. Deacon Linda, Rev Keenan and Rev Soanes are all involved.

CTV Camera for Fly Tipping – SP to purchase a SIM card for the CCTV camera

Twinning Exchange - GA said that there is a gentleman living in the village whose parents live 3 miles from Aloxe-Corton, Corton's Twin Town in France, who has suggested a visit to the French town. SP to look into this.

Basketball Area - GA said that the basketball area on The Pit was not really large enough. BG stated that this will be included in the project to improve the play area.

Footpaths and Rubbish - GA – many of the footpaths in Corton are badly overgrown. Clerk to report to East Suffolk. Complaints about condition of properties, gardens and rubbish down Colman Road. Cllr Ashdown advised the Clerk to contact David Bevan, Portfolio Holder for Housing. The old Corton Hut building looks like it is falling into disrepair but as it is privately owned there is nothing the Parish Council can do.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed: Wednesday, 6th September (no meeting in August)

Items for next meeting's Agenda: Broadland Sands Planning Application - Widening of Longfulans Lane Footpath to Broadland Sands, Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.