

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON Wednesday 3rd November 2021 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)
Bob Groome (BG)
Sue Groome (SG)

Cllr Paul Ashdown
Cllr James Reeder (JR)

Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 5

1. Welcome by Chairman

SP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

David Fermor
Ryan Harvey

3. Register of Interest

There were no interests recorded.

4. Minutes of October meeting and Matters Arising

One amendment made to the minutes then approved by GA and seconded by PA. They were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters raised.

5. County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr James Reeder

The Town and Parish Newsletter had been received and circulated this evening. The water leak in Station Road has been noted but has not been classed as a high priority repair. BG asked if a risk assessment had been carried out on the area. Cllr Reeder agreed to find out and report back.

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Cllr James Mallinder has said that he will attend a Northern Parishes meeting early in the new year along with other local parishes.

Community Partnership have taken on responsibility for rural transport which includes Corton. A public transport survey will be sent to the Parish Council to be distributed to all parishioners. The Rugby Club bus service is already working very well for Blundeston and Lound. PA asked what would happen once the surveys had been completed - Cllr Ashdown thought they had to be posted back. BG suggested some surveys be put in the local village shop.

Cllr Ashdown had submitted the application for funding of £400 for the defibrillator at the Almshouses, which will be installed outside the warden's house.

The Broadland Sands planning application will be submitted in December.

6. Committee Representative Reports

a) **Playing Field**

There has been more vandalism on the field. About 3 weeks ago, the wooden gate was ripped off and the Fire assembly notice pulled out of the ground. Hopefully CCTV will show who is carrying this out. There have been several parties taking place in the Community Room. Defibrillator training has been booked for 18th November 6.30pm – 9.30pm in the pavilion, all are welcome. There is no charge, but donations would be appreciated. The Tuesday Car boot sales have now finished for this year.

b) **Speed Sign**

The sign has been in Blundeston Road during October. Low speeds were recorded for the vast majority of traffic. There was a total of 32,000 vehicles travelling along the road (one way). The Speed Sign is now in Corton Long Lane.

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

Summary of Meeting held on 13 October 2021

Corton Poor's Land Trust

There are currently some vacant plots on Church Lane allotments, and these will be allocated to the next Corton residents on the waiting list.

The annual rent for the allotments was reviewed and it was agreed to keep this the same at £12 for a half plot and £24 for a full plot.

The Christmas Benefits list of recipients has been reviewed and letters of application will be delivered to all those on the list.

Corton Almshouse Charity

The position of Relief Warden for the Almshouses was still vacant. Details of the role can be obtained from the secretary by emailing cortonalmshousecharity@gmail.com.

The trustees agreed to install a defibrillator on the outside of the warden's house, which could be used by the Almshouses, and also residents in the village as well.

The trustees received the secretary's report on the interior condition of the bungalows, and some remedial actions were agreed, including investigating further significant cracks in one of the bungalows.

The annual servicing of the boilers had been completed and two of the boilers had been identified for replacement.

The Resident Satisfaction Survey results were reviewed by the trustees, and it was agreed that the results were very positive overall and there was nothing raised that was of any serious concern.

Claire Boyne

d) **Community Speed Watch**

Nothing further to report.

7. Parish Clerk Report

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £10,469.17

Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

Finance

Parish Councillors approved three cheques that had been issued during the lockdown in April but not recorded as being approved. GA proposed they be approved, seconded by BG, all agreed.

- a) Swarco Traffic (Speed Sign) - £2,650.50
- b) Edward Davey, Neighbourhood Plan (Book Tokens) - £35.00
- c) C. Petersen (Final Salary) – £399.26

Two cheques awaiting authorisation. PA proposed they be approved for payment, seconded by BG, all agreed.

- Microsoft Office 365 Renewal - £59.99
- Clerk's Salary

Income

£3,134.75 - CIL Funding Received on 26th October 2021

Finance Committee to arrange a meeting to set Budget/Precept so it can be approved at the full council meeting in December.

Correspondence

Email received from resident in Station Road concerning speeding traffic and revving engines along Station Road during the day and at night.

Councillors said that a post had been installed in Station Road (outside number 19) for a Speed Sign to be positioned there, but as a resident had complained, it cannot be installed. SP to write to resident to advise.

Complaint about a car illegally parked, blocking the footpath on The Street causing pushchairs and mobility vehicles to go out onto the road. The person concerned has been asked to move the vehicle, but it has still continued to be parked there. Complainant to be advised to contact the Police if this happens again.

8. Car Park on The Pit

MB asked for people's views on Corton Voice, a local Facebook Group. A high number of residents responded to this with the majority being totally against the idea. It was decided that this matter should now be closed.

9. Recycling (GA)

To be added to February agenda.

10. Keep Fit Equipment (GA & MB) Ongoing – MB and GA still researching.

11. Garden Village (JC)

JC still not heard anything. Cllr Ashdown said that Suffolk are still working on it.

12. Planning Applications

DC/21/4624/FUL Trotwood, Blundeston Road, Corton – Roof and Side Porch Extensions
DC/21/4789/TPO Nigan, Station Road, Corton – Remedial Pruning Works
The Parish Council had no objections to these applications.

13. Parking on the Playing Field (MB)

No further problems. Ideas to extend the Car Park are being looked at and priced at the moment.

14. Public Forum

A parishioner asked the following questions:

- a) What is happening about The Hut?
The Hut is now owned by Warners, but no other information known.
- b) Flooding at top of Corton Long Lane – the parishioner had reported the problem but flooding still occurring.
- c) East end of field on Corton Long Lane being used for horses – do they have to have permission?
Cllr Ashdown replied that as it was private land, the owners do not need permission.
- d) Tree needs pruning on the disputed land at the end of Wheatacre drive
Cllr Ashdown had discussed this with Andrew Jarvis at East Suffolk. Clerk to send email to request the tree be pruned.
- e) Parishioner asked if it was true that East Suffolk are buying houses in the area which have stood empty for a number of years. Cllr Ashdown stated that it was true.
BG, speaking on behalf of a local resident, asked if the piece of land in Wheatacre Drive was up for sale but was advised that it was not.
Public Forum closed at 8.21pm.

15. Corton Funday 2022 (BG)

BG reported that the response from local residents to start this again had been really good. A meeting had been held and a committee formed to start the planning. BG told the council about some of the suggestions and organisation. BG asked whether there was a bank account for this and was advised that there is and there are still some funds in the account. All profits raised on the Fun Day would go to buying equipment for The Pit. BG wanted it noted that he was very grateful to everyone who turned up to the meeting. Clerk to check the insurance to find out whether the Parish Council insurance would cover this event. BG to consult with Playing Field Committee about arrangements.

16. The Pit – RoSPA Report Repairs

Discussion took place about the cost of a Shelter being installed (GA had an estimate of £5,600 + VAT + delivery). GA had sourced the caps for the screws costing £14 but has been unable to get the right size for the bushes, however, a local resident has agreed to make them. The shackles need replacing, these will be sourced locally. A sign was recommended to be put up near the Basketball Net, but this wasn't compulsory, so sign will not be put up at this time. Repairs will cost about £150 - PA proposed that the repairs be carried out, seconded by SG, all in favour.

17. The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations (GA)

Being arranged for Friday, 3rd June 2022. A Brass Band has been booked but the cost of the Hog Roast was too high. A local resident is a caterer and BG to ask him if he could help/advise.

18. Gov.uk email addresses (GA).

GA to set up the remaining councillors new Outlook email addresses.

19. Neighbourhood Plan (JC)

A meeting is being held tomorrow so no information at present.

Cllr Ashdown said that the parish council should be receiving a document from East Suffolk after 11th November about new CIL rates and requested that we reply to the consultation.

20. Remembrance Sunday (GA & SG)

The service will take place at the Methodist Church at 10.00am on 14th November, led by J Soanes and D Maskell with Rev R Soanes. High viz jackets are needed and a couple of stewards for safety. SG to ask Rev Soanes to carry out the service at the Memorial. Numbers will be limited due to Covid.

21. Local Authority Christmas Service Invitation

No events had been booked with East Suffolk for a Christmas Service, but the email from the clerk had been forwarded to the democratic services to see if they know anything.

22. Items for December Agenda

Recycling

Neighbourhood Plan

Queen's Jubilee Celebration

Next meeting to be held on 1st December 2021. The meeting closed at 8.47pm.