CORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF 6TH DECEMBER 2017 AT PAVILION CORTON PLAYING FIELD

Welcome by Vice Chair

Present: Cllr Maureen Boughton, Cllr Gill Armstrong, Cllr Peter Armstrong, Cllr Bob Groome, Cllr Sue Groome, Cllr Terry Peckham, County & District Cllr Keith Patience, Jane Haverson (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr S Pavey (Chair) Cllr Karen Dack, District Cllr Mary Rudd, County & District Cllr Stephen Ardley.

Register of Interest: None

Minutes of November Meeting & Matters Arising:

Dog Bins will not be delivered before Cllr Gill and Peter Armstrong go away so Cllr Peckham has said they can be delivered to his address. Clerk has informed Broxap.

BT have replaced the door of the telephone box; and removed the flaky paint, think this work is now complete.

Cllr Gill Armstrong informed the meeting that Azure Seas had been very helpful and had agreed to sort out the repair to the bus shelter and that villagers are allowed to walk through Azure Seas site.

Clerk still sorting out about Section 106 monies.

Minutes proposed as a true record by Cllr B Groome seconded by Cllr G Armstrong.

County & District Councillors Reports:

Merger of WDC and Suffolk Coastal in first stage for it to go ahead. County boundary changes to be completed by 2019. This would reduce the amount of councillors to 55 to cover both districts. Council meetings will be held every six weeks alternating between both venues (Melton and Riverside).

Third Crossing has gone out to tender.

Lots of work going on in our area, house building etc. and labour may be short.

Meeting closed

Public Forum:

The 30 mph road signs keep being hit by HGV's who have to turn into The Close as The Street is too narrow and unsuitable for these vehicles. Asked if a sign unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles could be erected. Cllr Patience informed the meeting that Suffolk Highways Halesworth, Robin Warne was the person to contact. Clerk to investigate.

Meeting open

Committee Representatives Reports:

Playing Field - Cllr Boughton said nothing to report other than the light had been erected outside the pavilion.

Poor's Land Trust

Summary of Meeting held 8 November 2017

A number of allotment plots have fallen vacant and these will be advertised in due course. The Christmas Benefit recipients have been agreed and trustees will be delivering the benefits on the 2nd weekend in December. A resident had requested that the trust takes over the monthly cost of her Home Alarm system, and this was agreed.

Plans for the official opening of the new bungalows on Saturday 25 November 2017 were discussed and it was confirmed that Cllr Frank Mortimer (Chair of WDC) and his wife Trish would be cutting the ribbon.

It was agreed that the charity would apply to WDC for Exempt Accommodation Status. The charity appeared to meet a lot of the criteria required to obtain this status. This would allow residents on benefits to claim full housing benefit entitlement, not just the element relating to the property.

The trustees reviewed the budget for the period ending 30 September 2017 and there were no areas that caused concern.

Claire Boyne – Secretary

The Pit: Cllr Bob Groome had been looking into equipment; monies for this would need to be raised. Cllr Ardley said if fund raising is done he may be able to match it. The land lord of the White Horse and new manager of The Hut may be able to help with fund raising and Waterside may be able to have a weekend event to help raise funds for equipment. Cllr Groome to explore fund raising ideas.

Permanent Speed Signs Corton Long Lane:

Cllr Gill Armstrong still waiting to hear back from Suffolk Highways. Go on February agenda.

Precept:

The clerk informed the meeting that the form asking how much Corton precept would be for 2018 would arrive and be due back before the February meeting. The clerk asked the parish councillors to consider increasing this by two and a half percent as we now had 132 more properties in our parish and the original percept amount had been spread over the council bands to include these. After much discussion a rise of two percent was put to the vote. 3 for the increase, 2 against and 1 abstention. Increase passed.

Parish Clerk's Report:

Correspondence

Playsafety Report for The Pit (already e mailed to parish councillors) David Butcher had e mailed clerk regarding the hedge base at the playing field, Corton Long Lane side. This is usually sorted by Suffolk Highways but he has had no reply to his e mail to them. The Clerk has telephoned Suffolk Highways Customer service and left details of the problem.

Electoral Role form returned to WDC for 2018 copy. E mail received regarding roadside drainage in The Close.

Letter re consultation meeting at Broadland Sands had been received by some residents. The Parish Council had not been informed of this. Two councillors to attend meeting.

Permission granted for Trotwood, Blundeston Road, construction of garage. Cornfield Crescent construction of bungalow.

Finances

Current account at 24 November 2017 £5773.44

Business account at 24 November 2017 £8138.45

Cheques Waveney Norse £251.65

HMRC (PAYE) £66.80

Clerk's salary

Authorisation of cheques proposed by Cllr Boughton, seconded by Cllr Peter Armstrong.

Items for February Meeting:

Discussion re village nominations

Permanent Speed Signs

Date & Time of Next Meeting <u>Wednesday 7 February 2018</u>

Meeting closed 8.15pm