

DRAFT MINUTES OF CORTON VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held using the Zoom platform on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 19:00

Present: Stephen Pavey (SP)
Gill Armstrong (GA)
Peter Armstrong (PA)
Maureen Boughton (MB)
Sue Groome (SG)
Bob Groome (BG)

CLlr Keith Patience
CLlr Paul Ashdown

Anne Webb (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 1

12.1 Welcome by Chair

SP welcomed all to the meeting.

12.2 Apologies

None

12.3 Register of interest

None

12.4 Minutes of November meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed and proposed by GA and seconded by MB. They were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

GA informed the meeting that permission has been granted to remove the old Blundeston sign at the junction of Corton Long Lane and The Street and replace with a new sign.

A donation of £25 has been made for the old sign.

12.5 County and District Councillors Reports

Councillor Patience attended the new Garden Village meeting in the company of Councillor Ashdown with nothing to report currently.

An application was made for a grant of £500 towards the building of the community hall toilets but has remained unclaimed to date. MB stated she would look into this.

ACTION: MB

The cost of the new speed sign will have to be paid by the Parish Council and claimed back from East Suffolk Highways.

ACTION: Clerk

Councillor Ashdown informed the meeting that the new Garden Village planning application will take some time to come through to East Suffolk, both Councillors have asked to be kept in the loop with this development.

The next Community Partnership meeting will be held on 16th December when the sign off for the School grants facility will take place. There will be a press release on the 18th December when grant applications can be made.

The new budget process for next year is being looked at, if there is an increase in Council Tax it should be no more than £5 per annum but the District are hoping for no increase.

KP mentioned the Police and Crime Commissioner Board can increase up to £15.

BG asked KP about a dip in the road surface, KP suggested he report it using the online reporting tool.

ACTION BG

12.6

Public Forum

A member of the public asked if the Rugby Club barrier could be left open until it is sorted out.

12.7

Committee Representative Reports

Playing Field

MB reported that football was starting this weekend. Pilates, Tai Chi and Yoga will be resuming in the Community room from December 7th.

The toilet building is progressing.

Speed sign

Speed statistics for November

The speed indicator was located in Blundeston Road from the 1st November to the 19th. 16,638 vehicles were recorded passing the sign during this time. The vast majority of these vehicles had a recorded speed of 35mph and below.

7637 between 25 and 35 mph

3387 between 15 and 25 mph

However, there were 771 over 35 mph

6 cars were recorded travelling at 50mph and 2 were recorded at 55mph

19th November to 1st December the speed indicator was located in Corton Long Lane heading eastbound

16,114 vehicles were recorded passing the speed indicator

14,906 vehicles were recorded at below 35mph

This is a huge percentage of vehicles staying at or near the speed limit.

There were still some vehicles recorded at high speeds.

916 vehicles were recorded at 40mph

224 vehicles at 45mph

51 vehicles at 50mph

10 vehicles at 55mph and 6 vehicles at 60mph

Both locations showed the higher average speeds were recorded between 6 and 7am

Highest speeds recorded were between 7 and 8pm, especially on a Friday.

There is a drop of about 500 vehicles using the roads on a Sunday

Corton Poor's Land Trust

The allocation of the vacant plots was agreed, with any Corton or surrounding parish residents taking precedence.

Following the site visit at the allotments in relation to the issue with plots suffering from flooding on the western side, it was agreed that a new ditch would be dug along the boundary of the allotments and the field in August next year. This would join up to the drainage ditch on the side of the road on Church Road. In the meantime, a couple of the allotment tenants had kindly dug a temporary ditch which was taking some of the surface water away, which would help to alleviate the issue until the more substantial ditch is dug next Summer.

The Christmas Benefit list was finalised, and it was agreed that the benefits would be distributed in early December.

Corton Almshouse Charity

The trustees agreed to send a letter to the Waveney MP, Peter Aldous, encouraging him to join the All Party Parliamentary Group for Almshouses due to launch later next year and support the Almshouse Association's ongoing work. He was also invited to visit the Almshouses once Covid restrictions were relaxed and it was safe to do so. A quotation for printing revised Resident's Handbooks was agreed.

The budget monitoring report for the quarter ending 30 September 2020 was reviewed by the trustees and there were no areas of concern.

12.8 Community Speed Watch

GA informed the meeting that there are now 6 volunteers, the paperwork has been sent to the Police. It is hoped training will commence early next year.

12.9 Methodist Church – Tree removal

The tree has now been removed

12.10 Parish Clerk finance report

The Clerk reported the savings account balance on 30th November £4638.45
Business current account on 30th November – 5603.39

Cheques issued since November Finance report and awaiting authorisation

Norse Commercial Services Ltd – Grass cutting The Pit	£225.00
A Webb – Hardship Fund reimbursement	£119.42
HMRC PAYE	£278.40
Replacement litter bin – Manor Park Road	£98.34
Clerk Salary for November and December	

12.11 Correspondence

The Clerk informed the meeting that an email had been received from the Village shop stating they have started work on a fish and chip shop. A letter of support was requested to aid their grant application. Following discussion, it was agreed that the facility would be of benefit to the village, all Parish Councillors agreed to support. **ACTION – CLERK**

The replacement litter bin for Manor Park Road has arrived. Steven Pavey volunteered to fit it. **ACTION – SP**

The Clerk received an email from East Suffolk Elections office confirming that the period of fourteen days within which ten electors could give notice claiming an election has expired. As no such notice was received, the vacancy may be filled by co-option by the Parish Council. Notices have been placed on the notice boards and the website informing those interested in becoming a Parish Councillor to apply to the Clerk for an application form. The completed form has to be returned to the Clerk by the closing date of 18th December 2020.

12.12 Speed Sign – The Street

GA informed the meeting that approval has been given for a post to be erected in The Street, this can take up to 14 weeks. The speed sign has been ordered and is awaiting delivery.

12.13

Planning applications

DC/20/4601 – Rugby Club – Retrospective application – Erection of access barrier

Following discussion, it was felt the barrier should be opened and remain open until the matter is resolved or modified very quickly. The Parish Council would support the application if the locking facility were redesigned and at a reasonable height to enable easy access. It also would need an aid to help with pulling the barrier across.

DC/20/4494 – Roes Farm Bungalow – Removal of condition relating to agricultural occupancy

One Parish Councillor abstained from the discussion as the applicant is known to them. The majority of the Parish Council felt they were unable to support this application.

DC/20/4525 – 35 Mill Lane – Single storey extension

Following discussion, there was no objection to this application.

12.14

Items for February agenda

Community Speed Watch – GA

Speed sign - GA

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20.30 and reminded all that there was no meeting in January.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 19.00 – Venue to be confirmed