

CORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF 1 March 2017 AT THE PAVILION THE PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Pavey presented a retirement gift and card to Heather Habbin, in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to Corton Parish Council

Welcome by Chairman

Present: Cllr Stephen Pavey (Chairman), Cllr Gill Armstrong, Cllr Peter Armstrong, Cllr Bob Groome, Cllr Sue Groome, Cllr Karen Dack, District Councillor Mary Rudd, County & District Councillor Keith Patience, County & District Councillor Janet Craig and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Maureen Boughton (Vice Chair), Cllr Chris Green, District Councillor Stephen Ardley, Clerk Jane Haverson

Register of Interest: None

Minutes of December Meeting and Matters Arising:

Footpath at Broadland Sands no response so **Cllr Pavey** will contact the footpath officer

The replacement bench at Baker's Score and the dog bin near the allotments. District Cllr Ardley sent some quotations via District Cllr Mary Rudd

There are several bench options, the Rolls Royce is the Glasdon Stamford circa £900, then dropping in how elaborate the bench design is to the Glasdon Phoenix Jubilee £745, next the Glasdon Elwood £565 and finally the Glasdon Phoenix £417.

The other option is to refurb an existing timber bench if you have an existing or we can probably find a donor bench, new timber circa £180:00, shot blast and powder coat frame circa £170, disassemble coat new timber and re-assemble circa £150, Total £500

If a concrete pad is required to mount the bench on if there is not a hard standing area at present please add a cost of £300, the cost to deliver to site and mount a bench would be £80.

Dog waste bins, the two we use are the Glasdon Fido 50 £182 and the Retriever 60 £229, depending on where they are to be mounted there is a wall mount which is circa £70 or if a post is required the cost will be around £110. There will be a cost for emptying

Gate for playing field. Cllr Chris Green, unfortunately could not attend and he has been dealing with this. Cllr Dack brought in some information and prices on various cantilever barriers, it was decided that it should not be automatic and needs to be more substantial. Approximate price would be around £1000. Cllr Pavey will talk to playing field committee. Discuss more fully at next meeting when Cllr Green is there

The drainage on the field was also discussed, Cllr Pavey has done some drawings and come up with some approximate costs. Hire of a digger £336, pea shingle £126, general materials £190,

Colman Road blocked walkway and parking signs in the Street - clerk was absent so will be discussed at next meeting
Clerk to action

County & District Councillors Reports:

Councillors may be in purdah, next month so may not be able to attend the meeting

Meeting closed

Public Forum:

A member of the public sent a letter to Cllr Pavey, regarding the overhanging trees and the removal of fencing along the Street boundary of Waterside. The trees are very tall and there is concern that they could come down should there be more high winds. There are also bushes that overhang the footpath and road, making it dangerous for pedestrians and

cyclists. People have been using the area, where the fencing has been removed, as an exit to the Street, and have been seen jumping down onto the road, there was a near miss with a vehicle. **Cllr Pavey to contact Tingdene**

Question was asked are we convinced that the drainage solution for the playing field will resolve the issue? We should consider other options including filling in the depression, creating a slope, towards the ditch, so that the excess water drains off

The street light on the corner of Colman Road is broken, need to contact Waveney

Litter pick on Sunday 5 March 10:00 starting at the entrance to the old sewage works. All welcome

A homeless man has been visiting houses along the Street, asking for money. Contact Cllr Pavey if this should happen again

Meeting open

Committee Representatives Reports:

Playing Field – the toilet door is broken again. It will be replaced with a steel security door

Poor's Land Trust - Summary of Meeting held on 8 February 2017

Corton Poor's Land Trust - All allotments at Church Road have now been let and the secretary is adding any new applicants to the waiting list. The trustees agreed that the site was generally looking very tidy

Corton Almshouse Charity - The trustees reviewed the quarterly budget against actual expenditure and income for the third quarter of the year. The trustees then reviewed the budget for the coming year 2017/18 with a view to setting the weekly maintenance contribution level for the residents. It was agreed that the contributions would remain unchanged. The two new bungalows are progressing well with the roof trusses now in place. The Charity Protection Insurance Policy was renewed for the coming year.

Claire Boyne

Blood Tests

It was suggested that blood test sessions could be held in the pavilion. The Clerk has checked with the hospital and this is not possible as there must be a private room to carry out the tests. Maybe this is something that can be discussed and incorporated into the new pavilion design

Parish Clerk's Report Correspondence

Email from a resident *I am not sure whether I should be approaching yourselves or directly to Lingwood Kindergarten. I moved to the Woodlands last year and have become increasingly worried about the parking on Corton Long Lane when parents are dropping off and picking up their children.*

Yesterday was probably the worst parking I have ever seen. Trying to drive out of Old Lane to turn left on to Corton Long Lane was impossible as a large Range Rover had parked on Corton Long Lane but right at the junction with Old Lane completely obscuring the view coming out of Old Lane. The people dropping off children give no consideration for other drivers on Corton Long Lane. They frequently open doors as you are passing and pull out with no indication or consideration. I think maybe it is the parents who need schooling!

I know that we have people checking speeds on the road. Maybe it would be a good idea to check on the parking! Also had another thought on the parking problem. How about the parents parking on the Rugby Club car park and walking their children round to the Kindergarten. Feel sure the rugby club would not mind and how good a small amount of exercise would be for the children.

They aren't actually breaking the law, could try contacting Suffolk Highways or Lingwood directly

Email from resident *I wonder if you could ask someone on the Parish Council to have a word with the occupant of Hawthorn Cottage, on the corner of The Street and Mills Drive, about their Hawthorn hedge. It badly needs trimming as it overhangs the footpath and some very sharp thorns are at face level of the small children walking to school from the Playing Field car-park. I walk along there every day with my daughter and I am worried that soon she will be injured by the thorns. I don't think I am the only parent concerned about this.*

A second email was received before the meeting. I was just wondering if the Parish Council have actioned this as the problem is getting worse. A child of a friend had their face scratched on thorns from this hedge a short time ago. By the way it is Hawthorn Lodge not Cottage.

Cllr Pavey to write to the owner

Planning application - Midway nurseries change of use, bungalow used for storage and customer toilets, to be converted to holiday accommodation

SALC letter regarding training days and workshops available to councillors, all councillors have received this

Invoice from Waveney Norse for the Pit upkeep

£209.71 - grass cutting

£186.55 - hedge cutting

Finance

Community Account £7138.86

Business Saver Account £8138.45

Cheques:

Clerk's salary

HMRC PAYE £25.20

Items for March Agenda:

Benches

Colman Road walkway

Parking signs in the Street

Date and Time of Next Meeting 19:00 Wednesday 5 April 2017 The Pavilion

Meeting closed at 20:01