

Corton Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 April 2021 at 19:00 via Zoom.

Present

Stephen Pavey (SP) Chair

Maureen Boughton (MB) Vice Chair

Peter Armstrong (PA)

Gill Armstrong (GA)

Joy Clutten (JC)

Dave Fermor (DF)

Sue Groome (SG)

Bob Groome (BG)

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Cllr Keith Patience

Members of the public - 2

Minutes taken by Gill Armstrong

1. Welcome by Chairman

SP welcomed all to the meeting

2. To receive and approve apologies for absence

None

3. To receive any declarations of interest from members & consider requests for dispensations

None

4. To confirm the signing of the Parish Clerk/RFO Contract of Employment

The contract was not agreed therefore the position will be re-advertised

5. Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 3 March 2021 to be approved and matters arising.

The minutes were agreed, proposed by GA, seconded by MB. They were duly signed by the chairman as an accurate and true record.

Matters arising

GA stated that all SpeedWatch volunteers had been sent the links to the online training, now waiting for the police to approve the sites and give us the equipment.

GA stated that she had received no feedback re the Queen's Jubilee 2022 celebrations

6. Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 24 March 2021 to be approved and matters arising.

An amendment was made to the draft minutes, this was proposed by GA, seconded by PA and approved by all as a true and accurate record. No matters arising. The chair will sign the amended copy

7. Public participation
None

8. Reports from:

Parish Clerk
No report

County and District Councillors

Councillor Ashdown

He now has a new locality budget, for 21/22, with an extra £10000.

Submissions for grants under this scheme should be made as soon as possible before the end of April. Grants will be awarded in May.

Virtual Walks - the current four walks have proved popular and another two will be added in the near future. They are all 1 mile long and designed to enable those who cannot go out, the opportunity to experience the outside world, with a view to actually walking the routes when lockdown ends.

Information at www.thelowestoftmile.co.uk

GA asked if there was any news on the tank traps. Enforcement are looking into it but haven't reported back yet, he'll check.

MB asked if it was possible for there to be football pitches on Dip Farm as Corton Field is oversubscribed

BG asked about funding for cricket stumps on the pit, he is having trouble sourcing the type he wants. He will look into it again, for the next meeting

Councillor Ashdown reported that he had attended a meeting on the new village plan. Feedback included 15,000 leaflets were delivered. 19,500

Facebook views. 800 web visits, 140 feedback concerns. Odours are within the limits of the requirements. Another meeting is scheduled for 21 June.

ANPR - will be available to all the villages in the area, need to apply soon. Was asked if this could be used in a 20 mph area.

BG asked if it was possible to get funding for CCTV? The implications, re GDPR need to be taken into consideration, this has already been done by one other parish so could contact their clerk for information.

Committee Representative Reports

Playing Field

We have had vandalism on the play area both gates have been pulled off, we tied one up and it was removed again.

Have had incidents on meadow/memorial garden, flowers uprooted, holes dug trees climbed. this was after school came out .I spoke to the school and they put message out to parents.

Unauthorised Lowestoft team playing on a pitch set up for Corton team (no payment received)

Overnight parking even though we have a sign. We feel next step is a barrier as notice is ignored.

Fly tipping again dumped in between garage and container.

Dog owners still head for football pitches despite signs and no thought for children's wellbeing.

Youth team manager would like an enclosed pitch with artificial grass which he will hopefully get funding for. (April agenda item)

On a better note East Suffolk has granted us money for a gate for play area plus an item of gym equipment and we are very grateful for this.

Hopefully we can start some groups up outside Community Room after 12 April.

Speed Sign

Will be presented later in the meeting

Corton Poor's Land Trust and Corton Almshouse Charity

Didn't have access to the PC email, so no update from the secretary, but there was nothing to report

9. Neighbourhood Plan

There was a meeting, last month when the logo submissions, from Corton School, were judged. It was decided on book tokens, as prizes. £25 for first and £10 for runner up. Therefore we would like to

ask the PC for this money from the Neighbourhood Plan. Proposed by BG, seconded by SG, all in agreement

10. To receive an update on Coastline Magazine

The Volunteers who started and have kept Coastline running, for many years, have resigned so unless new volunteers are found there will be no Coastline in the future. We will post advertisements around the village, in the advertiser and on social media, to see if we can recruit new people.

11. Bakers Score Toilets

Although the toilets on Baker's Score are kept clean they are quite dilapidated and require refurbishment. SP will have a look at what needs doing

12. Dip Farm area

Already discussed

13. To receive an update on The Pit and consider quotes for necessary works highlighted in the RoSPA Report.

The RoSPA report highlighted some issues on the Pit, one being the broken chainlink fence near the large gate. This could be replaced with chestnut paling. GA has been trying to get quotes, some companies have not responded, some won't deliver to our area and others slow responding. Will have more information for the next meeting.

Report of broken glass on the pit, had been seen on Corton Voice. BG cleared it up. The culprits, two boys, not from the village, had also smashed the window in the old shop on Waterside

Speed Sign

The speed sign data was sent out to councillors, earlier in the week.

Westbound on Corton Long Lane

1 - 20 March 23,425 vehicles

21 - 31 March 17,299

These figures are much lower than in previous years probably due to the pandemic.

The majority of vehicles were travelling within the speed limit. Average speed was 27.3 mph

SP was asked if he was sending the data to the police as was previously done. He didn't have the contact details, but once he has he will do so, as this data helps the police decide where to site their speed cameras.

14. Finance:

To receive the bank balance figures - No information

To agree payment of invoices and other expenses - No information

To note any monies received - No information

Carry forward to the next meeting. PA can give data in the future. The Swarco invoice has not been paid as the cheque was returned, this needs to be rectified as soon as possible.

15. Planning:

To receive new planning applications and make comment

No new planning applications but two, had previously, been forwarded to the councillors

DC/21/1177/TPO

DC/21/1336/TPO

Comments sent to GA will be forwarded to planning

16. To receive results and updates on outstanding applications - No information

As the prospective councillor was not in attendance it was decided to invite him to attend the next meeting. GA

17. To receive any updates from individual Council Members (for information only)

No one sure what this pertains to

Additional Item

We will be looking for a new clerk. Need to advertise, discuss beforehand in another meeting, to decide terms and conditions, check if it needs to be

minuted, can have discussion then minute decisions. SP said should offer 4 hours per week, which is recommended for a parish of this size.

18. To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda

CCTV Register - SP

Barrier or gate, fenced football pitch - MB

CCTV - BG

Garden Village - JC

There will be a feedback meeting re the garden village, at the end of April/early May

Bus schedule during road closures - GA

Councillor Ashdown added that the District AGM has been brought forward to 5 May, in the afternoon, so they can meet remotely

Need to organise Annual Parish Meeting

19. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 19:00

Meeting closed at 20:16