CORTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF 5TH JULY 2017 AT PAVILION CORTON PLAYING FIELD

Welcome by Chairman

Present: Cllr Stephen Pavey (Chairman), Cllr Peter Armstrong, Cllr Gill Armstrong, Cllr Bob Groome, Cllr Sue Groome, Cllr Karen Dack, Cllr Chris Green, County & District Cllr Keith Patience, District Cllr Mary Rudd, Jane Haverson (Clerk), Warren Hoskins-Davies (Project Engineer for the Third Crossing) and 7 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Maureen Boughton and County & District Cllr Stephen Ardley.

Presentation by Warren Hoskins-Davies regarding the proposed Third Crossing:

This was very informative and Mr Hoskins-Davies went into much detail of what had already been done and what was proposed for the future. Construction of the bridge should start in 2019 and be completed by 2022. Questions were asked by members of the public and parish councillors and this was a very positive presentation and this project should be a great improvement to the town and area.

Public Forum:

A member of the public asked about the nudist beach. This issue has been brought up on several occasions and the meeting were informed that the nudist beach had been deregulated but it is not against the law to be nude in public unless people find it offensive when they are advised to contact the police .A member of the public stated that you could ask them to replace their clothing. Cllr Pavey advised people to be careful when approaching people with this request.

Why have Waveney Norse stopped weed killing in the village? Clerk to contact Waveney Norse to enquire.

A member of the public suggested that there be a Villager of the Month. People who do things to improve village life. Agreed to put on next month's agenda.

Meeting reopened.

Register of Interest: None

Minutes of June Meeting and Matters Arising:

Regarding The Close and the state of the road, Suffolk Highways said this had been inspected and the matter is now closed.

Signs on lamp posts in The Street. Clerk still not had reply from Suffolk Highways. Will contact again.

Regarding The Street and the chippings not staying in place after resurfacing to be put on August agenda.

Minutes proposed as a true record by Cllr Bob Groome, seconded by Cllr Peter Armstrong, all agreed.

County & District Councillors Reports:

Cllr Patience informed the meeting that the area officers for Suffolk Highways had been reduced from four to three. There will be three delivery centres, Halesworth will cover Lowestoft and there should be two officers at a satellite office at Mobbs Way, Lowestoft If there are any Highway problems to report people should email **highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk or telephone 03456066171.**

Cllr Rudd informed the meeting that Cllr Ardley is now responsible for merges and that Cllr Graham Catchpole is now responsible for Waveney Norse. Cllr Rudd also informed the meeting that after the sad death of Cllr Colin Law, Cllr Mark Bee was now the leader of the council.

Committee Representatives Reports:

Playing Field – Car Boots still doing well, but could do with extra help in the café. Corton bingo doing well on Thursdays in Pavilion. New gate for the playing field should be installed next week.

Poor's Land Trust – Summary of Meeting held 14 June 2017.

The trustees agreed that a skip should be delivered to the allotment site as a couple of the plot holders had agreed to have a tidy up of the site and clear some of the rubbish that has been accumulating over the years.

Mr Edwards was thanked for his many years' service as a trustee of the two charities and Councillor Peter Armstrong was welcomed as Mr Edward's replacement representative from the Parish Council.

Cllr Pavey also gave the Parish Council's sincere thanks for his many years' of service.

Corton Almshouse Charity

The applications for the two new Almshouses were considered by the trustees and a short list of suitable candidates were agreed and these would be interviewed by three of the trustees.

Internal fit out of the bungalows was continuing with the kitchens being delivered very soon.

Clair Boyne – Secretary

The Cut:

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had contacted Waveney Norse and an officer was going to look at the site and get back to her, as the Clerk has heard nothing she will contact them again. To go on next months agenda.

Parking:

Cllr Bob Groome had reported the problem of the vans parking in Station Road and has been given a reference number, but as yet has not heard anything from Suffolk Highways.

Dog Bins:

The Clerk had contacted Waveney Norse and the cheapest ones were £160 each. Cllr Bob Groome had been round the village seeing where dog bins could be sited, but we need to make sure that Waveney Norse would empty them. Clerk to check this with Waveney Norse. On next month's agenda.

Notice Board for Old Lane:

Cllr Bob Groome had looked at what would be the best place for this to be situated, and the grass area at the end of Old Lane/Corton Long Lane seems a good position, but we need to check that this belongs to Suffolk County Council. Clerk to check.

Rubbish:

Cllr Gill Armstrong informed the meeting that Hopton Parish Council had organised a day with the Borough Council for them to provide a dust cart and an open back van so that residents could go to

the three points provided and take any rubbish they wished to dispose of. The Clerk was asked to find out more details from the Clerk at Hopton and report back at the August meeting.

Events Calendar:

To be discussed at August meeting when Cllr Boughton present.

Clerk's hours/expenses/laptop:

The Clerk informed the meeting that when she attended her recent training she was told that the monthly expenses to cover electricity, phone calls etc had increased from £10 to £12. Also it was suggested that Clerks should have a minimum of 6 hours per week. The Clerk asked the parish council if they would agree to the expenses increase and the increase of hours per week. Cllr Pavey also told the meeting that the internal auditor had stated that most Clerks had a laptop especially for parish council work. After discussion it was agreed on expenses, hours and laptop. Proposed by Cllr Peter Armstrong seconded by Cllr Bob Groome. The Clerk was asked to find out the price of laptop and bring information to the next meeting.

Parish Clerk's Report:

Correspondence

The Clerk read out an e mail from a resident regarding speeding in Corton Long Lane. He had been in touch with the police and Suffolk County Council who suggested roundels. County Cllr Patience to look into the problem.

Received a letter from Waveney District Council re update on the Waveney Plan. First draft to be published for 8 week public consultation. Final dates to be confirmed but aiming for Friday 28th July to Friday 22 September 2017 (8 weeks).

Finance

Cheques S & G Fabrications £780 Clerk's Salary £187.43 A Cassidy £50

Authorised by Cllr Peter Armstrong seconded by Cllr Green

Budget Plan for April 2017 – March 2018 accepted by the parish council

Authorised by Cllr Green seconded by Cllr Peter Armstrong. All agreed

Business Current Account on 26 June 2017 £8267.83

Business Saver Account on June 26 2017 £8138.45

Items for August Agenda:

Those already mentioned in minutes. Cllr Bob Groome asked if Lingwood Nursery should be on agenda. It was decided that if no further information available leave for future agenda.

Date and Time of Next Meeting <u>Wednesday 2nd August 2017 7pm at Pavilion</u>

Meeting closed 9.10 pm