

**DRAFT MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd July 2019 AT 19:00**

Present: Stephen Pavey - Chairman- (SP)
Gill Armstrong (GA)
Peter Armstrong (PA)
Maureen Boughton – (MB)
Sue Groome – (SG)

Cllr Paul Ashdown
Cllr Keith Patience

Anne Webb (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 12

7.1 Welcome by Chairman

SP welcomed all to the meeting.

7.2 Apologies

Cllr S Ardley
Terry Peckham
Bob Groome

7.3 Register of interest

None

7.4 Minutes of June meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed and approved by PA and seconded by SG. They were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

7.5 County and District Councillors Reports

Councillor Keith Patience gave an overview of the Community Self help Scheme which is a Suffolk County Council initiative for volunteers to undertake agreed works within the community such as sign cleaning, weed clearance etc. Training, tools and protective equipment would be supplied by the Council. More details can be found on the website www.suffolk.gov.uk/communityselfhelp.

Councillor Paul Ashdown informed the meeting that he accompanied Steve Gallant, the new East Suffolk Council leader on a visit to the local area which included Corton. A number of sites were covered, which included the Coast Road past Broadland Sands along with the proposed Rugby Club site. It was felt to be a positive visit.

Councillor Ashdown has a locality budget of £7500 to cover all of Lothingland, Corton Parish Council can apply for a sum to cover small projects if required.

Mary Evans from County will attend the Northern Parishes meeting on 19th September.

7.6 Public Forum

A member of the public explained there had been a sewage smell in the Village which lasted for two days. Anglian Water were contacted and dealt with the issue quickly. A request was made to the Parish Council to contact Anglian Water to see if an alarm system could be fitted and parts kept in stock as this is a regular occurrence at this time of year.

ACTION: Clerk

A question was raised regarding the relocation of the Rugby Club. Councillor Ashdown stated that Blundeston Road just off the roundabout is being looked at as a sports hub. The current Rugby Club land will be developed for housing. Discussion followed concerning future development. Councillor Ashdown gave an overview of the Local Plan.

A resident mentioned overgrown hedges around the village encroaching on footpaths. SP stated that if he is notified, he will put a letter through the householder's doors where there is an issue, requesting them to cut back hedges.

The Neighbourhood Plan advertising was raised, a resident felt that outlying areas had not been reached informing them of the meeting to be held on 8th July and mentioned she would be happy to display more posters if required. This was agreed and the Parish Council thanked her for her assistance.

Residents of Mill Lane have been asked by the Council to take their wheelie bins to a specific area for collection before 06:00 on Fridays following a review of health and safety regulations. It was felt by some residents that there could be issues around the area where the bins will be, along with concerns for schoolchildren who use the route to walk to School. It was agreed the situation will be monitored by the Parish Council and reviewed at the next meeting.

ACTION SP

7.7

Committee Representative Reports

Playing Field Report– MB reported all was going well with the Car Bot sales and football practise. It was mentioned there was a problem with parking at the junction of Corton Long Lane and The Street on Car Boot sale days making visibility difficult when driving. This will be looked at and rectified.

ACTION MB

Speed Sign

Speed data for Corton Long Lane

June 46945 vehicles recorded

Average per day 1569

Highest speed 75mph on 10th at 9pm

More worryingly increase in speeders between 6 & 10pm ranging from 60 to 75mph.

Might be same person!

Speeders above 35mph remaining constant at just under 10%

Sunday is the worse day.

Corton Poor's Land Trust

Summary of meeting held on 12th June

Allotment plots are still available at Church Road. Please email cortonallotments@googlemail.com for further details.

A new notice board has been purchased for the allotments.

Corton Almshouse Charity

A bungalow had fallen vacant and the trustees reviewed the applications on file. Two applicants were shortlisted and would be interviewed by two of the trustees.

The insurance renewal for the Almshouse insurance had been received. This was only slightly higher than last year; it was agreed to continue the policy with Grout Insurance.

Some significant repairs were required to one of the boilers, the quotation for this work was agreed and it was also agreed to replace the bathroom sink in another bungalow.

Corton in Bloom

The planters and troughs are looking good as well as the meadow, there have been plenty of bees and insects making use of it. The trough and barrel at Wheatacre Drive have been repaired and are looking nice. We have two new volunteers, Bernie and Julie who have taken on the troughs near the roundabout in Corton Long Lane, our thanks go to them.

Azure Seas have taken away the planter on The Street and replaced it with an advertising board. They will be putting granite type rocks to replace the planter.

Knights roofing agreed to replace the roof on the shed opposite the White Horse free of charge, it has not been done to date and will be chased up.

Warners have agreed to donate £100 of plants, they have not arrived despite being ordered twice. Mr and Mrs Thorne along with Colin and Peter from Waterside have made donations for plants for which we are grateful.

The Council have been notified of long grass around the area, it is hoped this will be addressed soon.

Corton in Bloom has entered into the 2019 award scheme.

Corton the Act is not taking place this year, we are looking at organising a quiz night to raise funds.

7.8 Parish Clerk report Finance

The Clerk reported the Savings account balance – 6138.45

Business current account at 03.07.2019 – 4165.29

Only one cheque was awaiting authorisation which was the Clerk's Salary.

Correspondence

A planning application had been received for the White Horse public house who are hoping to convert a storeroom into a village shop.

An email had been received from the Elections office informing of procedures for new Parish Councillors.

7.9. Pavilion Extension

An overview of work to date was given: The brickwork is complete; the next stage is the floor and quotations are being obtained.

7.10. Village Hall Notice Board

Following discussion, it was agreed the School would be welcome to share the notice board with the Parish Council as long as the left hand side was kept free for Parish notices.

7.11 Highways Community Funding

GA suggested a group be formed to look at the Community Self Help Scheme and an article be placed in Coastline. **ACTION: Clerk**

7.12 Assets of Community Value

This was deferred to the next meeting.

- 7.13 Neighbourhood Plan**
A meeting is to take place on 8th July where East Suffolk Council officers will give a presentation on the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan. Posters have been put around the village as well as an article in the June Coastline.
- 7.14 Road Surfaces**
BG had mentioned at the June meeting that Station Road still showed no signs of works taking place. Councillor Patience will look into this and report back at the next meeting.
- 7.15 The Pit**
Deferred to the next meeting.
- 7.16 Broadland Sands access**
SP had delivered a letter by hand two months ago regarding a disused access point. As nothing has been heard from Broadland Sands, SP will visit the site and speak with the Manager.
- 7.17 Silver Sunday**
GA informed the meeting that Silver Sunday will take place on 6th October. This is an event for older residents to enjoy, ideas are welcome for this year's function.
- 7.18 Dip Farm**
A new group, Friends of Dip Farm has been formed to protect the interests of the area. GA has agreed to participate in the group and will give regular updates to the Parish Council.
- 7.19 Climate Emergency**
Lowestoft Town Council are asking Parish Councils to join them in becoming environmentally friendly and help to reduce the carbon footprint. SP pointed out we as a Parish Council are environmentally aware and have made some investment in Solar Panels. The Parish Council would be happy to support the initiative.
Councillor Ashdown stated the public and Parish Council are welcome to attend the Suffolk Council meeting to be held on 24th July at Riverside, Lowestoft commencing at 6.30pm where this would be one of the subjects under discussion.
- 7.20 Items for August 2019 agenda**
Corton Community Centre
Mill Lane Refuse Collection

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm
Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 7th August 2019 at 7pm at the Pavilion