DRAFT MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th June 2019 AT 19:00

Present: Terry Peckham (TP) – Vice Chair
Peter Armstrong (PA)
Maureen Boughton – (MB)
Bob Groome (BG)
Sue Groome – (SG)

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Anne Webb (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 7

6.1 Welcome by Vice Chairman
TP welcomed all to the meeting.

6.2 Apologies
Cllr K Patience
Cllr S Ardley
Steve Pavey
Gill Armstrong

6.3 Register of interest
None

6.4 Minutes of May meeting and matters arising
The minutes were agreed and approved by PA and seconded by MB. They were duly signed by the Vice Chair as a true and accurate record.

6.5 County and District Councillors Reports
Cllr Ashdown informed the meeting that a new Cabinet has been formed at East Suffolk Council. Cllr Steve Gallant, the new leader of East Suffolk Council will be visiting the Lothingland ward with Cllr Ashdown on the morning of Tuesday 25th June when Parish Councillors will have the opportunity to meet with him briefly. A variety of places in Corton were suggested which he may find of interest.
Broadland Sands current planning application is to be heard on Tuesday 11th June.

6.6 Public Forum
A member of the public thanked TP and GA for visiting Blundeston Road.
A query was raised on when East Suffolk Council would be tending to weeds and long grass along the verges. The Clerk will make enquiries. **ACTION: Clerk**
Overhanging trees and hedges are causing a problem in the Broadland Sands area, it was asked, who is responsible. TP will investigate and report at the next meeting. **ACTION: TP**
A question was raised concerning the disused access at Broadland Sands next to the old car park. The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr Pavey had hand delivered a letter to the Manager of Broadland Sands on this matter before Easter. As SP was not present, it was agreed to add to the July agenda.

6.7 Committee Representative Reports

Playing Field Report– MB reported that a broken window had been repaired at a cost of £200. There had been some issues with the use of the playing field toilet, this has now been resolved.

Speed Sign
Data for May from Corton Long Lane
52510 vehicles recorded heading into Corton from A47
(Increase of 2500 vehicles from those recorded in March)
Remember these numbers are one way, so vehicles using the road will be in excess of 100000 for the month!

Average daily count 1670

Vehicles recorded in excess of 35mph

Monday's 489
Tuesdays 391
Wednesdays 597
Thursdays 541
Fridays 613
Saturdays 552
Sunday's 522

Average speeder 39.1mph
Slight reduction from March

Please take care when driving around our village.
Maximum speeds are quite frightening and whilst mainly outside peak times there are some in excess of 50mph when there are pedestrians walking along the road.

6.8 Parish Clerk report
Finance
The Clerk reported the Savings account balance as £6138.45
Business current account at 05.06.2019 – £4473.63
One cheque was awaiting authorisation which was the Clerk's Salary.

6.9 Pavilion Extension
There has been work on the waste pipe this week. The brickwork on the extension will be starting on Friday 7th June, it is hoped it will be up to scaffold height the following week.

6.10 Village Hall Notice Board
The use of the Village Hall notice board was raised, following some discussion the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

6.11 Highways Community Funding

The newly developed scheme, launched by Suffolk Highways in May 2019, aims to support Parish councils across Suffolk to carry out small local maintenance tasks in their communities. The Parish Councillors were given the website address www.suffolk.gov.uk/communityselfhelp to obtain further information.

6.12 Northern Parishes update

The Northern Parishes meeting was attended by TP and GA.
In the absence of GA, TP gave an update to the Parish Council:

Cllr L Jacklin spoke about the Police and Crime Panel. The Police Commissioner is hosting a meeting on July 19th which Parish Councillors are invited to attend. Those interested should notify the Parish Clerk who will arrange reservations.

School Parking – It is hoped Civil Enforcement Officers will be in place towards the end of the year subject to legislation being passed, they will be issuing tickets for inappropriate parking.

Blundeston Open Gardens will take place this year on June 29th to 30th.
Lound will be holding their annual fete on 22nd June where there will also be a scarecrow trail.

Neighbourhood plans were discussed in some detail. Lound and Somerleyton started work on a plan 3 years ago, it is now with a consultancy.

6.13 Assets of Community Value

The White Horse public house was discussed. TP has looked at Land Registry costs along with the application process. He would be happy to progress this, but pointed out that only six months is given to raise funds for community purchase should the opportunity arise. BG proposed that TP go ahead, seconded by PA.

6.14 Local Plan

The aim of a local plan is to find out what features, local characteristics, facilities and services are valued by people in the village. It also aims to identify local problems and issues which need to be tackled.
TP informed the meeting that a steering group consisting of both Parish Councillors and non-councillors would need to be formed. Three Parish Councillors are keen to get involved, there was also interest from the attending public. PA informed the meeting that he has received an email from a resident, also expressing interest.
It was suggested an Open Day may be beneficial for residents to see what is involved. This was agreed and a date set for Monday 8th July at 7pm to be held at the Pavilion with advertising in Coastline, Facebook and the Notice Boards.

6.15 Road Surfaces

BG suggested writing to Highways to chase progress of road surfacing in Station Road and the Coast Road. **ACTION: Clerk**

6.16 **Items for July 2019 agenda**

Pavilion Extension
Village Hall Notice board
Highways Community funding
Assets of Community Value
Local Plan
Road Surfaces
The Pit
Broadland Sands access

There being no further business, the Vice Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.13pm
Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 7pm at the Pavilion