

DRAFT MINUTES OF CORTON VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held using the Zoom platform on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 19:00

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

Cllr Paul Ashdown
Cllr Keith Patience

Anne Webb (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 1

9.1 Welcome by Vice Chairman

TP welcomed all to the meeting.

9.2 Apologies

Steve Pavey

9.3 Register of interest

None

9.4 Minutes of August meeting and matters arising

Correction to August minutes 8.6, should read Councillor Paul Ashdown, not PA. TP amended and initialled change.

Mill Lane parking: Private parking signs have been removed. Vehicles are parking further from the junction making the situation acceptable at the moment.

Neighbourhood Plan: Date is the 3rd September for the presentation to the Parish Council, public meeting should be around the end of October.

Station Road bus stop: PA and TP have taken out a brick in the bus stop improving visibility for those waiting for the bus. This has been very well received by residents.

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

9.5 County and District Councillors Reports

Councillor Patience notified the meeting that he will commit funding to the second speed sign along with Councillor Ashdown. He has made contact with Highways, there will be a delay as some are working from home but is hopeful it will be looked at by the end of the year. Councillor Patience will continue to monitor progress on behalf of Corton.

Councillor Ashdown informed the meeting that he had a telephone conversation with a resident concerning the garden village proposal. Councillor Ashdown has been advised there will be an entrance in Corton Long Lane as well as one on the A47.

Councillor Patience informed the meeting he has had three meetings with two of the officers involved, they explained that the entrance in Corton Long Lane will be used as a haul road while building the 1st phase, once that is completed, it will become a cul de sac.

TP mentioned residents are concerned about the disruption in Corton Long Lane. Councillor Ashdown picked up the comment and will take it forward.

Councillor Ashdown reminded the Parish Council that he still has a locality budget if there is any need in Corton. BG asked if flexible cricket stumps could be purchased for The Pit. It was agreed BG will cost and report back at the next meeting.

Councillor Ashdown stated there is no news on Broadland Sands

9.6 Public Forum

Nothing to report

9.7 Committee Representative Reports Playing Field

MB reported lots of groups are returning and using the facilities and was pleased to note that social distancing was being adhered. Work to the front of the community building will commence next week.

There has been an issue with dog fouling on the playing field to such an extent that football teams were having to clear up before games. PA mentioned an old byelaw that states dogs are only allowed around the perimeter of the field and suggested signs were put in place. GA will look into the byelaw and report at the next meeting. **ACTION GA**

Speed Sign

TP informed the meeting that quotes have been received, and hopefully there will be some progress by the end of the year. GA advised that posts may need to be purchased as only a certain amount are given at no cost.

Speed statistics for August

First two weeks - Blundeston Road traffic recorded heading west from A47
12202 vehicles recorded, averaging 1025 per day.
Approximately 5% of vehicles recorded speeds exceeding 35 mph

Second two weeks – Corton Long Lane recorded traffic heading west towards A47
23955 vehicles recorded, averaging 1597 per day
Approximately 10% of vehicles recorded speeds over 35 mph.

9.8 Parish Clerk report Finance

The Clerk reported the savings account balance on 31st August - £4638.45
Business current account on 31st August - £4310.82

Cheques issued since August finance report and awaiting authorisation:
Ladywell Accountancy services - £60
Clerk salary for August
HMRC – PAYE £254.40

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish insurance renewal premium had been received, there has been correspondence with the broker to determine suitable cover for the Parish in light of last years trespass incident. Further details will be obtained and sent to Parish Councillors before the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

Correspondence had been received from St Bartholomews Church requesting a Parish Council donation of £500 towards upkeep of the burial ground.
BG proposed this was accepted, it was seconded by PA and agreed by all.

9.9

Correspondence

A complaint had been received regarding vehicles parking and obstructing the pavement in The Street and at land in Manor Park Road.

Following discussion, it was suggested a record of events be kept and the matter reported via the Highways online tool. The Clerk will advise the resident accordingly. **ACTION: Clerk**

BG agreed to look at the Manor Park Road issue and report back at the next meeting.

ACTION: BG

A further complaint has been received regarding speeding vehicles in The Street. After discussion it was suggested the local Constabulary be invited to attend the next meeting.

ACTION: TP

The Clerk will write to the resident with the latest proposals on the speed sign.

ACTION: Clerk

Correspondence had been received regarding recent noise from outdoor events in the village, this had been looked into by one of the Parish Councillors.

An invitation had been received from Peter Aldous MP who is requesting feedback on how the Parish dealt with Covid 19. PA would like minuted, that whoever is nominated for the meeting with the MP on 7th October, should provide a document stating what is to be said on behalf of the Parish Council. This could be in bullet point or prose form and distributed to the councillors well before the meeting so that they have the opportunity to provide input. Following discussion, it was felt this was a good idea and agreed by all.

GA informed the meeting that there had been complaints about trial bikes coming up the cliff face on the old footpath near the Coast Road and going over rocks at the bottom of the cliff. It was noted the owner of the field has given permission, it was felt it put the public at risk when walking and has been reported.

9.10

Local energy projects

GA and MB attended a virtual meeting regarding the Sizewell project and gave the following feedback:

30 September: Deadline for registering as an interested party. If we don't sign up, we won't have a say, nor will we be kept informed. We will not be committed to anything by registering but it does keep our options open.

Sizewell C

This technology has failed and been massively over budget and construction time, it was underestimated in Finland and France

It is not proven technology

Effects on local area

Wildlife and the environment - the size of the site, the construction, accommodation, and access

Transport

EDF said they will use sea and rail for some of the transportation to take the load off the roads, but they can't bring much in by sea

Roads - the A12 is already inadequate. 700 lorries per day?

Rail - there isn't the capacity to add many more trains to this line

Tourism - many tourists travel up from the south, will be very inconvenient and create delays

Water use - Sizewell will use 3,000,000 litres of fresh water a day and keep 9,000,000 litres, three days supply, in reserve, this is in the driest area of the country.

Problems with fish deterrent as they don't want to use the acoustic solution
Construction time would be spread over 10 years.

Pollution during construction

It will take six years to offset the greenhouse gas emissions created during construction.
EDF estimates that 5.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide will be emitted in the nine to twelve years it will take to build Sizewell C

New employment

There will be 8500 workers

8% of the workforce will be local. Local, means up to a 90 minute commute,

None of the professionals will be local

6000 staff will require accommodation on site

EDF have said they can't recruit the unemployed

The proposed new Scottish Power substation at Friston, was also mentioned. If this is approved, potentially the size would be increased, massively, as the new offshore wind farms and Sizewell C would link to it

The national grid want to join us with Kent

Scottish Power have planned 2 more wind farms, Nautilus and Eurolus as well as the two we already have. so why do we need another reactor?

This would increase size to about 50 acres, covered in large buildings, gantries, etc to a height of 16 metres

KP informed the meeting that East Suffolk Council were debating this project tomorrow with the consultation period ending 30th September 2020.

Following discussion, it was agreed the Parish Council will register their interest **ACTION GA**

9.11

Methodist Church

GA informed the meeting that she had been approached by Corton Methodist Church for both practical help in forming a working group and to ask the Parish Council for financial help towards the cost of necessary tree works.

SG explained that with the recent restrictions and a small congregation, the Church were suffering a financial crisis.

Following discussion, it was agreed the matter would be looked at again once the Church had obtained quotes for the work.

9.12

Second speed sign

Previously discussed at 10.5

9.13

Items for October 2020 agenda

Garden Village presentation
Playing field byelaw
Parish Insurance
Vehicle speeding issues
Sizewell project
Methodist Church

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.26

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 7th October 2020 – 19.00. Venue to be confirmed