

**MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at 19:30 at The Pavilion**

Present: Stephen Pavey – Chair (SP)  
Maureen Boughton – Vice Chair (MB)  
Gill Armstrong (GA)  
Peter Armstrong (PA)  
Joy Clutten (JC)  
David Fermor (DF)  
Bob Groome (BG)  
Sue Groome (SG)

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Lynne Pavey (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public – 3

**1. Welcome by Chairman**

SP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Cllr James Reeder

**3. Register of Interest**

None

**4. Minutes of October meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were agreed and approved by DF, seconded by JC, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5. County and District Councillor Reports**

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Chris Bailey has been appointed as Chief Executive replacing Steve Gallant who will be retiring on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

The Cut – Cllr Ashdown had contacted Richard Hackney from Norse who reported that the work on the overgrown trees and bushes in The Cut should be carried out during the course of this month. Cllr Ashdown advised Norse that the extra work is for health and safety reasons.

There is still £5,000 left in the Locality Budget.

**6. Committee Representative Reports**

**a) Playing Field**

Another successful party and craft fayre had been held. On Sunday there will be a Macmillan Coffee and Cake event. Car Boot Sales have finished for this year.

**b) Speed Sign**

During the 16 days recorded, the number of vehicles travelling along Corton Long Lane was 49,867 with the majority of traffic recorded within the speed limit.

**c) Corton Poor's Land Trust and Corton Almshouse Charity**

Summary of Meeting held on 12 October 2022

**Corton Poor's Land Trust**

There are currently two vacant allotments at Church Road. If any Corton residents would like to be considered for a plot, please email the secretary [cortonallotments@googlemail.com](mailto:cortonallotments@googlemail.com).

The trustees reviewed the allotment rents for the coming year and agreed that they should remain at £12 for a half plot and £24 for a full plot given the current cost of living crisis.

It was agreed to send out the forms to the current Christmas Benefit recipients in readiness for distribution of the benefits in early December.

The criteria for the Student Grants were agreed with grants available to students current living or who grew up in Corton to help with study costs. The maximum grant available is £200 and an advert will be placed in Coastline and displayed in notice boards around the village.

**Corton Almshouse Charity**

A survey had been carried out of the maintenance requirements for the exteriors of the bungalows. A quotation for the works had been sought and this was agreed. The annual boiler servicing had been carried out in all 16 bungalows and one boiler had been identified as requiring replacement in the near future.

A quotation had been received to replace the wooden fascias and cladding on the external porches with UPVC. The trustees asked for further quotations to be obtained before making a final decision as to whether to repair the existing wood or replace with lower maintenance UPVC.

The results of the annual Residents Satisfaction Survey were received by the trustees. Overall the feedback from the residents was very good and there were no particular areas of concern.

Claire Boyne

**7. Public Forum**

A member of the public reported his concerns about the metal spikes in the sea at the end of the promenade. GA to contact Coastal Management and report back at next meeting.

Resident informed the Councillors that he had reported the amount of weeds around Corton to East Suffolk Council. He asked about the plot of land at the end of Wheatacre Drive but nothing further had been heard. Clerk to email East Suffolk Council to find out what is happening. Residents near the large tree on the same piece of land, advised to contact Richard Hackney at Norse – Clerk will also contact him.

Resident from 20 Manor Park Road – gave an update on the drainage problems around the area which has been an ongoing problem for years.

## 8. Parish Clerk Report

Bank Account Balances

Community Account - £9,004.29

Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

### Finance

5 cheques awaiting authorisation –

Community Heartbeat: Annual Support for Defibrillator - £135.00

Graphic Solutions: Garden Village Flyers - £43.75

Roadware Ltd: Dog Bin and posts - £320.34

Royal British Legion: Poppy Wreath - £30.00

Clerk's Salary

PA proposed the accounts be paid, seconded by BG, all approved.

### Income

Legacy from Michael Soanes - £1,000

Chair asked the Councillors to consider what they would like to purchase. The matter to be added as an Agenda item in February

### Correspondence

- East Suffolk: Council Tax Base and Precept 2023/24
- Corton Wives: Email from Chair. Finance Committee to discuss at their meeting.
- East Suffolk Services Ltd: Introduction and arranging a meeting
- Complaint about the amount of dog excrement on paths in Corton: posters put out asking people to use the dog bins situated all around Corton
- Email from resident in The Shires about road markings in Old Lane/Rugby Club (reported to Suffolk who will carry out maintenance within 14 weeks) and overgrown trees/hedges on the corner of Old Lane/Corton Long Lane (reported to Suffolk and will be sorted within 20 working days)
- Norse Update on Tibbenham's Score: Half of the treads have been replaced, the rest of the treads are at the galvanisers and weather permitting all treads should be replaced by the end of this week. Norse will then need to inspect them and get them re-opened hopefully by 7th Nov, weather permitting.
- Headway – Request for donation
- Corton Primary School – Christmas Fayre on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- CIL examination - post hearing documents from East Suffolk Council - Cllr Ashdown put in a change to the rates paid for new builds. This went to Appeal and now waiting for the Examiner's response. There will be minor changes in the county boundaries.
- Anonymous Letter – Complaint about nudists. Parish Council do not act upon anonymous letters. This matter had been discussed at the last parish council meeting where it was advised that people should contact the police if they have any concerns.
- Email from person about Gunton Warren being neglected and asking if we could do anything to help. GA advised him to talk to his local councillors. Cllr Ashdown had also received an email which he had forwarded onto the East Suffolk County Councillor, James Mallinder.

## 9. Planning Applications

DC/22/3920/TPO 8 Old Lane, Lowestoft: Pruning of hedges and trees -no objections

DC/22/4080/FUL Awelon, Blundeston Road, Corton: Construction of single storey, 1 bay cartlodge with secure storage – no objections.

**10. The Pit**

BG had asked the district and county councillors if they could recommend any of the suppliers they use for play equipment but had not heard anything. Cllr Ashdown said that Blundeston are replacing their play equipment and he would send Bob the name of the suppliers they are using.

**11. The Cut**

See District Councillor's Report, Item 5.

**12. Warm Rooms Scheme**

No response received from local residents following the advert in Coastline asking people if they would use the scheme. Cllr Ashdown stated that there are 12 areas ready to be set up in the Lowestoft area. Locally, Holly Garden Centre, Blundeston and Lound Garden Centre will have availability to provide teas and coffees. There are lots of other things going on, in and around the area.

**13. Baker's Score**

No further updates received.

**14. Garden Village**

A Public Meeting was held on Saturday with a presentation about the proposals. This was well attended and the majority of those present supported the Parish Council in opposing the building of the Garden Village so close to the Waste Water Treatment Works. The Planning Application is likely to be submitted sometime in 2023/24.

**15. Internet in the Community Room**

SP reported that BT had planned to install Broadband but unfortunately no one turned up. It has now been booked for 8<sup>th</sup> November. SP has lodged a complaint with BT today. GA stated that the Council will need to have an Internet User Policy and she would look into it.

**16. Cycle Tracks**

No update

**17. Neighbourhood Plan**

Regular meetings have been arranged for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month. The way forward may be to look at appointing a Contractor to help with the plan. Councillor Jenny Hinton, Oulton Parish Council had recommended a company to use.

**18. Remembrance Sunday**

Reverend Martin Keenan will conduct the service from 10.00 – 10.45am on 13<sup>th</sup> November before walking down to the memorial for 11.00am. SG informed the meeting about the arrangements. Clerk to contact the school to ask if the Council could use the school hall for refreshments after the service. A local resident had offered to clean up the memorial plaque following Remembrance Day.

**19. Items for December Agenda**

The Cut  
Borough Christmas Service

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 7th December 2022. The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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