

## **Corton Parish Council**

### **DRAFT Minutes of Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 19:30**

Present

Steve Pavey (SP) Chair

Maureen Boughton (MB) Vice Chair

Peter Armstrong (PA)

Gill Armstrong (GA)

Joy Clutten (JC)

Dave Fermor (DF)

Sue Groome (SG)

Bob Groome (BG)

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Cllr James Reeder

1 member of the public

Minutes taken by Gill Armstrong

#### **1. Welcome by Chairman**

#### **2. Apologies**

Cllr Ryan Harvey

#### **3. Register of interest**

None

#### **4. Minutes of August Meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes were agreed, proposed by PA, seconded by JC, all in favour. They were duly signed by the chairman as an accurate and true record.

Matters arising.

The barrier has been replaced at the entrance to the pit.

The ICO has been applied for and approved.

The CCTV cameras will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Drainpipe onto the Cut - has been dealt with.

#### **5. County and District Councillor Reports**

##### **Cllr Paul Ashdown**

The Community Partnership have a significant amount of money, which is being used to help fund rural transport. The task group have £50,000 and would value input, from the parishes, on ways to spend this. It was suggested that the Northern Parishes have a meeting to discuss transport in the rural areas. The rugby club continue to run a small bus service.

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) have taken over the district car parks and may take over some tasks from the police, for example parking near schools, on double yellow lines. They are willing to come and talk to us, this would work best at Northern Parishes which would cover the whole area.

The playing field are applying for money for a double slalom fitness machine for the under 10s in the play area.

There will be another meeting of the Community Partnership group on 28 September

The fifth video in the mile long series has been completed, it follows a boat trip which includes going through Mutford Lock.

Smells from the sewage works will be addressed with the planners. Question was asked why the minimum distance had been reduced from 400m to 100m, for the proposed new village as no one would want to purchase a house if there would be issues with smells.

### **Cllr James Reeder**

Sent the monthly newsletter to be distributed to all councillors.

New dates have been sent out for a follow up meeting re the Garden Village, this will be discussed under correspondence.

Pressure will be put on planners regarding the smell from the sewage works.

Locality budget will fund the cost of the CCTV cameras.

Has been looking into the problem of the leak outside Waterside, slight traces of chlorine were found in the water. It was mentioned that a couple of weeks ago it dried up but then returned, at the moment there is less of a puddle. Ongoing work to sort out the problem no underground pipes have been found with leaks. This really needs addressing.

It was suggested that a dip in the road, opposite the vicarage could be related to this.

This is another ongoing problem which has been looked at many times but never resolved.

It was asked if there is a community WiFi project, in the area, as WiFi in the community room would be a good idea.

There is funding for the hardware for internet access for the community room, but upkeep and running costs would be borne by the PC. SP will look into costs.

The ongoing issue in Wheatacre Drive, is being investigated, Cllr Reeder offered to speak to the complainant.

Anti social behaviour is increasing, in the area

## **6. Public Forum**

A member of the public said that any issues he had, had already been addressed. He did comment on the speed of some vehicles through the village.

## **7. Committee Representatives Reports**

### **Playing Field**

There have been incidents of vandalism and antisocial behaviour, including smashing the picnic bench, throwing it from the children's play area into the memorial garden and breaking around a dozen fence posts.

Football going ok

Ongoing problem with dog mess on the football pitches.

Car boots going well.

There are issues with the size of the car parking area, as there is a greater need for parking now with events taking place in the community room and football games at the same time, need to find a solution.

Maureen Boughton

## **Speed Signs**

August 2021

Location - Corton Long Lane Eastbound

Total number of vehicles, in one direction - 56,509

Average speed - 27.6 mph

The new sign, on The Street, seems to be having an effect. Unfortunately the batteries do not last very long, was suggested that we purchase backups.

Steve Pavey

## **Corton Poor's Land Trust and Corton Almshouse Charity**

### **Summary of Meeting held on 14 July 2021**

There was no meeting in August

## **Community Speed Watch**

This is not going very well as there is a lack of support so some sessions had been cancelled, others had been cancelled due to the rain, as it is dangerous for both drivers and volunteers to hold the sessions when it is wet.

More volunteers are required.

## **8. Parish Clerk Report**

### **Finance**

Bank accounts

Community £8904.09

Business £4638.45

### **Correspondence**

Email from a resident:

We have noticed that someone has started leaving their dog excrement on the corner of our road, The Close, in the grass around the sponsored flower bed and surrounding roads such as The Street. It looks as though it is the same dog but I'm no expert in dog faeces! I have been clearing it up but I won't be here every day to ensure the children of Corton Primary won't walk through on their way to school as I am returning to work. Please could this issue be raised again in the parish council meeting alongside the signs that were put up on the notice board as this did seem to curb it for the best part of a year. It is strange it has started again.

Garden Village follow up meeting

Several dates have been offered, which will be sent out to all councillors and Neighbourhood Plan members, then a date will be chosen to suit the majority.

## **Planning Application**

DC/21/4007/FUL Broadland Sands

Construction of new single storey rear extension to the existing clubhouse, new external timber pergola and associated landscaping. No councillors objected to this.

TPO/048/2021 Azure Seas

Received from the Arboricultural and Landscape Officer East Suffolk Council

As you know ESC TPO/048/2021 covers the trees so we would usually require a formal application to carry out tree works, however, in this instance due to the poor condition of these 3 trees and the need to carry out urgent works, I can confirm that the local planning

authority have no objection to the following tree works, and suggest these are carried out as soon as possible.

The removal of the dead tree standing between caravans and along the road frontage of site, the removal of dead branches which are overhanging the roof of caravan AZ8A and the removal of the decayed stem from the group of 3 stemmed Sycamores close to caravan AZ20.

Complaints had been made about the dreadful smell from the sewage works again, especially at the far end of Corton Long Lane, this was reported to Anglia Water by several residents. It was noted that this area is on the outer edge of the proposed new garden village, The council, yet again, expressed it's concern over the allocation, in the Local Plan, of the area near the water treatment works for housing development.

Cllr Mallinder responded, comprehensively, to the request for information on recycling, in the village, it was decided to ask if he would attend our next meeting

### **9. Garden Village**

Nothing to discuss, until after the follow up meeting

### **10. Parish Clerk Vacancy**

SP, JC and GA have short listed four candidates interviews will take place on Thursday 2 September.

### **11. Minutes from Annual Meeting**

The minutes of the APM were agreed, proposed by MB, seconded by PA, all in favour. They were duly signed by the chairman as an accurate and true record.

### **12. Remembrance Sunday**

The Methodist Church would like to hold the service for Remembrance Day, followed by a walk to the memorial to lay the wreathes. The new vicar, Rev Nigel Lacey, would be asked to officiate. It was mentioned that the normal procedure was to hold the service in the village hall, with tea and coffee afterwards, this meant a shorter walk for those less able. The wreath needs to be organised.

### **13. Items for October agenda**

The Chairman asked that best wishes be conveyed to Anne, who couldn't attend the meeting due to illness, and that she was wished a speedy recovery.

Neighbourhood Plan JC  
Car park on the pit MB  
Remembrance Sunday SG

**The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 6 October at 19:30 in the Community Room**

**Meeting closed at 20:57**

