

## MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Community Room, Playing Field

Councillors Present: Stephen Pavey (SP) Gill Armstrong (GA) Peter Armstrong (PA)  
David Fermor (DF)

In Attendance: Lynne Pavey (Clerk) Cllr Paul Ashdown Cllr James Reeder

Members of the public – 5

### 1. Welcome by Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the safety procedures.

### 2. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Maureen Boughton, Bob Groome, Sue Groome.

### 3. To record declarations of interest and requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests

None declared.

### 4. To approve the Minutes of the March meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were recommended for approval, proposed by PA, seconded by GA, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

#### Matters Arising

Stirrups Lane Bridge Sinking – Highways have assessed the area but reported that it does not currently meet the criteria for repair.

Old unused Beach Huts – email received from Paul Ashton, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services advising that East Suffolk are in the process of sorting out how they will make the huts available and will advise when that is done.

Fly Tipping prosecutions are ongoing.

Flooding in Stirrups Lane – SP had looked at the area, but will need to seek further advice.

Application form received from Cllr Ashdown to apply for Locality Funding for the PDZ Camera – SP is working on the application.

Tingdene had not replied to the letter sent in February about the wall along The Street.

### 5. To receive reports from the County and District Councillors

#### Cllr Paul Ashdown

Cllr Ashdown had asked the police why they are not attending parish council meetings. Next Community Partnership meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Everything else had been covered in Matters Arising.

#### Cllr James Reeder

Cllr Reeder went through some of the matters raised in the SCC Newsletter including a new initiative to stop idling cars near schools etc, an update on the Gull Wing Bridge, solar energy, funding to improve bus transport and potholes across the county.

PA asked if Cllr Reeder had received the report from when the ANPR Cameras were placed in The Street. Cllr Reeder to check and forward on.

## 6. To receive reports from the Committee Representatives

### a) **Playing Field**

Youth football going okay. The oak tree on Corton Long Lane is badly overgrown. PA and DF have investigated the drains on Corton Long Lane and Highways are aware. Potholes in the Playing Field Car Park will be repaired shortly. A new gate has been installed on Corton Long Lane. When large events are held, cars can go in the usual way and out via the new gate. Resident had complained about ivy from the playing field overgrowing his fence – DF is dealing with this.

Plans in place to replace the tractor shed - will do this under permitted development. Cllr Reeder asked if they needed funding – will discuss with DF.

### b) **Speed Sign**

SP had circulated the report for March - total vehicles recorded was 52,875. SP had carried out his usual analysis of the figures which he explained.

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

At the beginning of this meeting, Mr J Rudd from JARACS Accountants gave a presentation on the year end accounts (to 31st Oct 2023). The Trustees found this very informative and, at the end, were happy to approve the Accounts. Mr Rudd asked for identity checks for the Trustees as part of his due diligence and this was to be arranged by the Secretary. He also raised the fact that there were many similarities and crossovers between the two Charities and was it possible to merge them into one, and it was agreed by the Trustees that this would be explored, especially as the Charities Commission now insisted on a single email for both charities. Mr Rudd was thanked for his time by the Chairman.

#### **Corton Poor's Land Trust**

It was reported that one resident had applied for financial assistance with uniform for her child and this was approved at the meeting by all the Trustees.

#### **Corton Almshouse Charity**

The Chairman reported that he had further investigated installing video doorbells but he thought that on balance this was probably not a good idea as they could be easily set off by animals or even leaves in the wind. It was agreed by the Trustees, however, that if a resident said they wanted to fit one at their own expense this request would be approved.

The Secretary reported that the Newsletter had been circulated to the residents giving them updates on various items including the maintenance charge increase, the move from analogue to digital phones etc, and this had received positive feedback. The Trustees agreed that this should be a regular occurrence, maybe quarterly.

The Chairman said that one of the residents had approached him about adding some paving slabs at the front of her bungalow so that a seat could be placed on them. The Trustees approved this proposal.

The Chairman also said that he was seeking the Trustees approval to ask a tree expert to look at some of the trees in front of the allotments and behind bungalow number 37 and the Trustees approved this proposal.

Mr Ashdown reported that the POD prescription service would be closing in July and it was agreed that the Warden would have an informal chat with the residents on her rounds to see if they were all aware of the alternatives and then report back so that, if necessary, this could be discussed at a future meeting.

The monthly payments and account balances for Corton Almshouse Charity and Corton Poor's Land Trust had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no queries from the Trustees.

It was confirmed that the next Trustee Meeting would be on Wednesday 10th April 2024.  
Ann Dobson – Secretary – 29th March 2024

**7. Public Forum – to receive questions or comments from Parishioners**

A resident reported that she thought the potholes in the car park were dangerous. DF stated in his report that the Playing Field Committee are planning to repair these shortly.

Tyres on the cliff still falling – Clerk to ask East Suffolk for an update.

Have we heard anything from planning about Roe's Farm – rubbish, caravans etc. Cllr Ashdown will ask Planning Dept if they have heard anything.

**8. Parish Clerk Report**

**a) Finance**

**Bank Account Balances**

Community Account - £ 7,822.93

Business Premium Account - £4,638.75

**b) Payments**

4 payments awaiting authorisation:-

HMRC: PAYE - £92.40

Barclaycard: Security Camera and accessories - £156.95

BT: Broadband for March - £43.38

Clerk's Salary

GA proposed the accounts be paid, seconded by DF, all agreed.

**c) Income**

Corton Playing Field Committee: Monthly Contribution for Broadband - £18.00

**d) Correspondence (circulated)**

East Suffolk Council – Funding opportunities to local communities

Snape Parish Council – Dept for Energy Security and Net Zero's offer to hold meetings with Town and Parish Councillors

Broads Authority – Consultation on two documents (The Local Plan for the Broads and Validation Checklist)

East Suffolk – VCSE Funding Opportunities

Neighbourhood Plan – will have a meeting with East Suffolk and report back.

**9. To note Planning Applications received**

DC/24/0917/TPO Proposal: Proposal: 2no. Lime (T1 & T2 on plan) - Pollard from 20m to 12m and shape sides to balance. 1no. Beech (T3 on plan) - Pollard from 20m to 12m and shape sides to balance. 1no. Eucalyptus (T4 on plan) - Pollard to previous pruning points from 15m to 8m. 1no. Beech (T5 on plan) - Reduce scaffold branches to end height of 4.5m.

Site address: 2A Station Road, Corton

Approved

**10. To receive an update on the installation of a footpath from Corton to Broadland Sands.**

Cllr Reeder had emailed to say that Suffolk County Council are currently arranging a meeting with the landowner. SCC are in discussions to have the path installed as part of the King's Path.

**11. To discuss the purchase of a Christmas Tree for the village**

Resident had proposed the idea of having a Village Christmas Tree. The matter was discussed and the parish council were in favour. DF to take this to the Playing Field Committee to discuss and decide the best place for it to be planted. Cllr Ashdown said that it could be funded from the Locality Budget.

**12. Feedback on the Resilient Coasts Project**

GA reported on the meeting she had attended in February. The next meeting is planned for May and GA will keep the parish council updated.

**13. Lamp Post in Stirrups Lane**

As discussed in Matter’s Arising

**14. To receive Items for next meeting’s Agenda**

Christmas Tree

**15. To agree the proposed date and time of the next Parish Council meeting and Annual Parish Meeting in May**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00pm, starting with the Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting closed at 8.24pm.

Signed .....Chair ..... Date

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