

## MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7.00pm in the Community Room, Playing Field

Councillors Present: Stephen Pavey (SP)      Maureen Boughton (MB)      Gill Armstrong (GA)  
Peter Armstrong (PA)      David Fermor (DF)      Bob Groome (BG)  
Sue Groome (SG)

In Attendance: Lynne Pavey (Clerk)  
Members of the public – 9

### 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 Cllr Ashdown and Cllr Reeder.

### 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 July meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July were recommended for approval, proposed by GA, seconded by MB, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

#### Matters Arising

No matters raised.

### 5. Request for Grant for St Bartholomew's Churchyard

Mr David Butcher spoke about his request for an increase in the churchyard grant from £500 to £600 this year and explained why it is needed. He then answered questions from the Councillors.

Following a short discussion, SG proposed the Council increase the payment to £600, seconded by BG, 3 agreed, 1 abstained.

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

#### Cllr James Reeder

Cllr Reeder had emailed the Suffolk Town and Parish Newsletter for July which had been circulated to councillors.

### 7. To receive reports from the Committee Representatives

#### a) Playing Field

New goals have been purchased. The line markings for the football pitches were put in by a robotic line marker. The Brainwave Charity Day was a great success. A Craft Fayre will be taking place on 17<sup>th</sup> August. The Car Boot Sale was busy this week. A Charity Football Match will be taking place between Gunton and Corton Warners on 20<sup>th</sup> August, raising money for MacMillan.

**b) Speed Sign**

SP and GA had received training on the new speed camera which had been placed in The Street. SP had analysed the figures for the camera in Corton Long Lane over the last 3 months and reported the results.

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

**Corton Poor's Land Trust**

A total of 32 plots is currently occupied. Two plot holders are to be re-contacted regarding the condition of their respective plots. Additionally, one enquiry has been received regarding the availability of a vacant plot.

**Corton Almshouse Charity**

The warden's report has been received and acknowledged for reference.

Internal inspections have commenced, with a fire safety inspection and Legionella assessment scheduled to follow. An update on rebuild costs is also anticipated as part of the insurance review process.

The next Trustee Meeting will be on Wednesday, 10th September 2025.  
Denise West – Secretary 13th July 2025

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

Hedges are overgrown again along Coast Road and Stirrups Lane – previously reported and currently on their list of works.

The Pit – hedges overgrown onto the path - Clerk to contact East Suffolk and request a cut.

**9. Parish Clerk Report**

**a) Finance**

**Bank Account Balance**

Community Account - £13,234.11      Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

**b) Payments**

3 payments awaiting authorisation:-

BT: Broadband - £55.10

St Bartholomew's Churchyard: Annual Grant - £600

Clerk's Salary

BG proposed the accounts be paid, seconded by SG, all agreed.

**c) Income**

Corton Playing Field Committee: Monthly Contribution for Broadband - £23.00

**d) Correspondence (circulated)**

RoSPA – Notification of inspection of Play Equipment on The Pit in September

Sizewell C Updates

East Suffolk Council - Works to remove and install navigation markers between Hopton and Ness Point, Lowestoft

**10. To note Planning Applications received**

DC/25/1283/OUT 15 May 2025 Four Stones, 110 Corton Long Lane, Corton

The Outline Application for the sub-division of garden and construction of detached house and garage has been refused

**11.To receive an update on improvements on The Pit**

SP had circulated the proposed plans to the Parish Councillors. He had sent copies to the County and District Councillors and is waiting to hear back. BG asked whether the Tesco's blue token scheme could be applied for - SP to look into this.

**12.To discuss proposed plans for the new Garden Village**

The main concern about building this village so close to the sewerage treatment works is the exceptionally bad smells coming from it. Cllr Ashdown was going to report the smell at a meeting last month and awaiting his feedback. The Councillors discussed raising awareness on social media about reporting the smells to Anglian Water.

**13.To discuss smells emanating from the Sewage Treatment Works**

See Item 12

**14.To discuss overgrown hedges/trees in The Cut**

The Parish Council were informed that the hedges down this footpath are the responsibility of the owners of the houses backing onto this area along The Street. Clerk to contact East Suffolk about the trees/hedges on the west side as that is their responsibility.

**15.To discuss problems with drainage on Tramps Alley**

DF stated that the drains are blocked near Tramps Alley. DF has spoken to Highways and was advised that it is on their 'list' but they had over 2,000 drains to deal with. DF and PA to investigate further.

**16.To discuss diseased tree on corner of allotments near bungalows**

DF reported that a tree is overgrowing the path near the bungalows next to the allotments. East Suffolk previously came out when the tree overgrew the bungalow. Clerk to contact East Suffolk to request a visit to re-check the tree.

**17.To discuss condition of area outside Warners**

GA talked about the condition of the garden on the outside of Warners and the condition of the house next door where the wall has been knocked down. Large leaves are falling off, blowing along The Street and into drains and making the area look very untidy. Clerk to contact Warners to ask them to check the area.

**18.To receive Items for the next meeting's Agenda**

- King's Path
- Dip in Station Road/The Street
- Update on Broadland Sands

**19.To agree the proposed date and time of the next Parish Council meeting in September**

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at 7.00pm in Corton Community Room. The meeting closed at 7.53pm.

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