

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 4th June 2025 at 7.30pm 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)

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

Members of the public – 6

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 Sue Groome. The Chair welcomed back BG who had not been well recently.

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 May meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th May were recommended for approval, proposed by PA, seconded by DF, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

Beach Walk – thanks were expressed to Martin Hoyes for going on the Beach Walk on behalf of the Parish Council and to all the Corton residents who attended. Cllr Ashdown said that although the weather wasn't great, there had been a good turnout. SP had written to Jess Asato to thank her for her support.

5. To receive reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Cllr Ashdown talked about the meeting held with Jess Asato on 24th May.

One of the matters brought up at the meeting with Jess Asato was a suggestion to install a Speed Indicator Device at the east end of Corton Long Lane (between The Street and the railway bridge). When this had been discussed previously, the initial feedback was that the device couldn't be installed along here, but the police who attended the meeting seemed to think it would be okay. SP will investigate.

Plans for Broadland Sands – a crossing won't be installed outside Broadland Sands due to the cost. Planners are checking the application.

Signs for beach – Cllr Ashdown had spoken to East Suffolk about the signs and is waiting to hear.

Lowestoft and Northern Parishes Community Partnership won the Community Award for this area. Well done to everyone concerned.

MB asked if the police had investigated any reported incidents on the beach. SP stated that he would ask for a Freedom of Information request.

CLlr Ashdown informed the meeting he had spoken to planners about the planning application for 20 Manor Park Road to say that no building work should take place until the drains have been sorted.

CLlr James Reeder

Speed Indicator Device (SID) – CLlr Reeder stated that, if the parish council all agreed, he could find out about funding for another camera and post – all agreed.

If a crossing is installed outside Broadland Sands, the speed limit could be reduced to 30mph. If a crossing is not installed, subject to some speed checks being carried out, the speed could be reduced to 40mph. He stated that if the parish council officially asks for the speed limit to be reduced, he could help. All agreed.

CLlr Ashdown said that the Parish Council could apply to the Community Infrastructure Levy Committee (CIL) for a Speed Indicator Device but this would not be approved until this time next year.

BG asked about the planning application for lay-bys in Longfulans Lane. Nothing has happened about this. CLlr Ashdown said he would mention it to Planning.

CLlr Reeder told the meeting about the new Sealink project.

6. To receive reports from the Committee Representatives

a) Playing Field

Football matches have finished for the time being but training is continuing.
The old cart has been removed in the memorial garden and will be replaced by a planter.
The Car Boot Sales are continuing, weather dependent.
A Craft fair is being held on 22nd June.
Two parties are booked this weekend in the Community Room.
The Fitness and Balance class had to be cancelled due to insurance costs.
The meeting held in the Community Room on 24th May was well attended

b) Speed Sign

Figures of the recorded speeds had been circulated and a copy sent to the police.
Unfortunately, several high speeds were recorded this time, some during the afternoon. SP said that it would be good to have an ANPR Camera. GA informed him that we are on a waiting list to have the ANPR Camera again and will be advised when, nearer the time.

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

Corton Poor's Land Trust

Two plots are being prepared for cultivation, ensuring that all 32 plots at the Corton allotments are fully utilised. Quotes for the installation of new perimeter fencing are still awaited.
Meanwhile, the trust received a request for assistance with the purchase of school uniform items.

Corton Almshouse Charity

At the end of May, five Almshouse properties will undergo additional insulation installations. Alongside this, an agreement has been reached to upgrade a bathroom. External inspections of the 17 Almshouses will be conducted independently during May. The warden's report has

been received and acknowledged for reference. All Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) inspections remain valid and up to date. Furthermore, a fire inspection is to be undertaken.

The final accounts for the year ending 31st October 2024 were submitted for approval by both charities.

The next Trustee Meeting will be on Wednesday, 11th June 2025

Denise West – Secretary 19th May 2025

BG asked a question about a letter received by a resident and PA responded that the matter had been sorted satisfactorily.

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

Resident asked about CIL money for yellow lines which had been mentioned earlier. This matter had been discussed at a previous parish council meeting.

Resident asked the Councillors about Suffolk County Council stopping the provision of personal alarms in Suffolk. PA advised that in Corton, the Poor's Land Trust pay for the alarms for people in Corton. Speed Indicator Device – a resident stated that there should be a set-up on the system to change the speed. SP replied that only one of the devices doesn't have this system.

8. Parish Clerk Report

a) Finance

Bank Account Balance

Community Account - £13,858.95

Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

b) Payments

2 payments awaiting authorisation:-

BT: Broadband - £55.10

Clerk's Salary

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

c) Income

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

Barclays: Interest - £15.41

d) Correspondence (circulated)

Suffolk Police and Commissioners Update May

East Suffolk – Local Government Review

Suffolk County Council - Briefing on Local Government Re-organisation

9. To note Planning Applications received

DC/25/1425/FUL: Construction of a two storey chalet style dwelling and all associated works.

Site address: Land Adjoining 20 Manor Park Road, Corton. Object

BG signed the Declaration of Interest and then talked about the problems nearby residents have been experiencing for a long time. Cllr Ashdown explained how he and the parish council could help the residents.

DC/25/1613/AND: Non Illuminated Advertisement - 4 Pole One-Sided Carriageway Sign

Site address: Part Land Adjacent, Yarmouth Road, Corton – Object

SP explained why the parish council objected to the advertisement for houses being built in Oulton.

DC/25/1283/OUT: Sub division of garden and construction of detached house and garage

Site address: Four Stones, 110 Corton Long Lane, Corton

Reasons to object - Concerns about cutting down the trees, replacement trees will take many years to grow. It is also very close to the neighbour's property.

10.To discuss installing traffic convex mirrors for pedestrians at The Street/Corton Long Lane

Discussion took place about installing a convex mirror at this junction. The cost of installing and fitting a mirror would be approximately £300. Concerns were raised about headlights dazzling oncoming traffic. PA proposed not to install a traffic convex mirror, seconded by BG, five agreed, one abstained. DF suggested going back to the resident who proposed the mirror and asking if she knew other people who have the same concerns and, if so, to report back to the parish council.

11.To discuss providing dog bags near the dog bins around the village

Discussion took place about people not picking up after their dogs. Following a discussion, everyone agreed not to provide dog bags at this time.

12.To discuss setting up dog fouling fines

SP explained some of the rules and stated that one of the Councillors would need to be appointed as an Authorised Officer. Chair asked each Councillor if they would be interested and one Councillor said that he would give it some consideration.

13.To discuss overgrown hedges around the village

Several hedges in Corton and along Coast Road overgrown. Clerk to report them on Suffolk Highways Reporting Tool.

14.To receive an update on improvements on The Pit

Nothing to report at present. MB asked about putting on some different activity equipment. Cllr Ashdown said that CIL funding could be applied for.

15.To discuss car park promised to the Church by Broadland Sands

Previously discussed – Cllr Ashdown to monitor.

16.To discuss ideas for a Sensory Garden at Corton Methodist Church

As SG not here, to keep on Agenda for next meeting.

17.To receive Items for the next meeting's Agenda

Speedwatch

Concertus - Presentation about proposed Garden Village

18.To agree the proposed date and time of the next Parish Council meeting in July

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 2nd July 2025 at 7.00pm in Corton Community Room. The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

SignedChair Date