

## MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 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)

In Attendance: Lynne Pavey (Clerk)      Cllr Paul Ashdown      Cllr Paul Sutton

Members of the public – 6

### 1. Welcome

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.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were recommended for approval, proposed by GA, seconded by BG, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

#### Matters Arising

The hedge on The Pit – complaint from a nearby resident of the overgrown hedge. DF went to have a look and reported that there is a large sycamore tree with overhanging branches which are quite close to a new Summer House. DF recommended the tree be inspected, seconded by GA, all agreed.

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

#### Cllr Paul Ashdown

The new bin collections are starting this week. Instructions have been issued and the change of bin lids is still progressing.

The work on the seafront is nearly complete. The Council passed the regulations to start the new Local Plan. On 10<sup>th</sup> June, there will be a consultation online, which Cllr Ashdown asked everyone to complete and return.

A meeting with Broadland Sands about the Planning Application has still not been arranged. The Planning application is being looked at by the Re-enforcement team.

Geological and Archaeological Fieldwork – Corton: Despite the Parish Council decision to approve the work, the Coastal Management Team have refused permission for this work to take place. SP had objected to this decision but it had still been refused. SP asked if Cllr Ashdown would report back how disappointed the Parish Council are with this decision.

#### Cllr Paul Sutton

Cllr Sutton introduced himself to the meeting.

The double yellow lines, near the White Horse will be proceeding soon.

BG told Cllr Sutton about the new Garden Village planned to be built near the sewerage works and asked what he could do. Cllr Sutton said he would look into it and report back.

## 6. To receive reports from the Committee Representatives

### a) Playing Field

Lots of work has been taking place. The hedge has been cut and the holes filled in where the old goal posts came out. The new mobile goal posts are much easier to manage. Thank you to the guys from the village for helping out, it is much appreciated. The Bowling Group now only play one afternoon a week due to low numbers.

Two big events this weekend – Martha and Bill's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and a Football Presentation Day. On Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, a Craft Fair is booked.

### b) Speed Sign

SP read out the figures taken from two cameras, one in The Street and one in Corton Long Lane.

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

#### Corton Almshouse Charity

Fire doors have been fitted in 6 bungalows, making them compliant with building regulations. The vacant bungalows have been decorated, and cleaned and the new residents move in this week.

A wildflower meadow has been sown for the residents.

#### Poor's Land Trust

New number posts have been erected to make plot identification easier.

1 vacant allotment, the rest are being worked.

The July meetings will be face to face, in order to welcome the new vicar as a trustee.

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

Resident asked about the handrail repair at the bottom of Tibbenham's Score – Clerk to chase up.

Manor Park Road – The parishioner has put in a Freedom of Information request about the drainage and is waiting for a response.

Hole in road in The Street (opposite 52) - DF said that some tarmac has been put in it - SP to check and report to Suffolk Highways.

## 8. Parish Clerk Report

### a) Finance

#### Bank Account Balance

Community Account - £16,113.04

Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

### b) Payments

Three payments awaiting authorisation:-

BT: Broadband - £59.14

Three: Mobile Phone - £10.80

Clerk's Salary

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

**c) Income**

HMRC: VAT Refund for 2025/26 - £320.76

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

True Network: Mobile Phone Discount - £2.00

**d) Correspondence**

- Suffolk County Council - Preview of new LGR website Future Suffolk
- The Pit – Traversing Wall Incident

**9. To note Planning Applications received**

None

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

SP still waiting to hear about the Funding Applications.

**11.To receive an update about setting up a Men’s Shed in Corton**

BG reported back that he had someone who would advise when the group is ready to set up. He has a meeting with Warren Lowe at the Methodist Church to look for a spot for the shed. SP said he had a meeting with the Lowestoft Men’s Shed where he discussed how to set one up.

**12.To receive an update on repairs needed to Corton Methodist Church roof**

No update.

**13.To receive Items for the next meeting’s Agenda**

TV License for Corton Community Centre

Tree on The Pit

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

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 at 7.00pm in Corton Community Room.

The meeting closed at 7.34pm.

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