

MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on Wednesday 5th November 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)

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 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 October meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October were recommended for approval, proposed by GA, seconded by DF, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

- Planning application for 20 Manor Park Road – Cllr Ashdown explained that it will be going to Committee on Tuesday, 11th November and said it would be good if someone from Parish Council could speak to the Committee on the residents' behalf. BG agreed to be the representative at the meeting.
- The Clerk said that the person who asked about the deer warning signs had said could they be put on roads leading into Corton, but as this is a general problem on many roads, Councillors decided not to proceed.
- Condition of land at end of Stirrups Lane – East Suffolk had visited the site and reported that it was private land and the Council had no duty to clear. However, they have requested the landowner clears the builder's rubble at the entrance.
- Sewing Machine Planter – Mr Butcher had informed the Parish Council that the planter had rotted and he had cleaned up the area and arranged for the broken sewing machine to be collected.
- Clerk has sent councillors their new email addresses to install and asked they could follow the instructions and let her know when completed.

5. To receive reports from the County and District Councillors

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Rugby Club are having their annual firework display on Saturday. Rugby Club said they are not allowed to put out No Waiting Cones to reduce the parking in Corton Long Lane. However, BG proposed the Parish Council give permission for the Rugby Club to put out cones on behalf of the Parish Council, seconded by PA, 3 agreed, 1 against. Cllr Ashdown said he would inform the Rugby Club.

Colman Road – communication from resident about the standard of care of gardens in this road. Cllr Ashdown has reported it and is in hand.

Cllr James Reeder

Cllr Reeder reported on some of the Agenda items later in the meeting.

6. To receive reports from the Committee Representatives

a) **Playing Field**

Everything is going well. Functional Fitness started on Tuesday and Board Games started yesterday afternoon. A Christening Party was also held. Unfortunately, at a 16th birthday party held recently, the toilets were vandalised.

b) **Speed Sign**

Speed report has been circulated to Councillors. SP had problems with downloading the information. The company informed him they will upgrade the Speed Indicator Device.

Figures from 18th October to 31st October – Total vehicles 35,571. Majority of vehicles are within the speed limit.

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

Corton Poor's Land Trust - Meeting held on 21 October 2025

A new secretary has been employed.

The allotment rents have been increased with a contribution for water.

A villager has suggested setting up distribution of meals for people in need, around the village, using excess produce from the allotments, batch cooking and distributing. This will be discussed in the new year.

Christmas benefits, for the villagers who have applied, will be paid at the beginning of December.

East Suffolk have discontinued support for the analog home alarm systems, that are funded by the Poor's Land. A new company, has been employed, who have supplied and installed all new digital equipment

A mobile phone has been purchased for the secretary.

Corton Almshouse Trust - Meeting held on 21 October 2025

The gas safety inspections, on all bungalows and the wardens house, have been scheduled

The windows and doors on the remaining four bungalows will be replaced

Outside maintenance for all the bungalows and loft insulation for several bungalows has all been scheduled.

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

Allotments – a resident asked a question about the allotments but was advised that they are the responsibility of the Poores Land Trust and not something the Parish Council can help with..

A question was asked about the changes to the Garden Development and was advised that they were about the houses off Corton Long Lane although the actual proposed plans haven't been seen yet.

It was reported that there was a large amount of horse manure at the end of Manor Park Road.

8. Parish Clerk Report

a) Finance

Bank Account Balance

Community Account - £10,834.19 Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

b) Payments

5 payments awaiting authorisation:-

BT: Broadband - £55.10

Barclaycard: £560.18 - Wickey: Swing Seats - £237.60, Microsoft: Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription - £84.99. Clerk explained that Wicky had mistakenly taken two payments for the seats which will be refunded shortly.

SWARCO: New battery for Speed Indicator Device - £168.00

S Pavey: Paint & Wire Brush Set for The Pit - £59.48

Clerk's Salary

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

c) Income

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

d) Correspondence

East Suffolk Council: Emergency Preparedness and Building Community Resilience Webinar Report of smells from Sewerage Works (on 9th 13th, 14th 15th October) by resident in Yarmouth Road and 12th October on The Street.

First Bus: Report of Coast Road closure from 20th October to 30th November.

East Suffolk Council: New Street Trading Policy.

Stantec: Suffolk Water Recycling, Transfer and Storage (SWRTS) project Winter 2025 Consultation

East Suffolk Council: Call to Action (Mental Health and Wellbeing).

9. To note Planning Applications received

DC/25/3291/FUL: Proposed new learning centre and site alterations to suit and change of use of Farm Building from Office/Meeting Rooms back to a residential dwelling

Site address: Pathways, Leonard Drive, Lowestoft

No objections.

10. To receive an update on improvements on The Pit

SP and DF replaced the swing seats and cleaned up some of the equipment. SP, GA and PA had attended a meeting about funding which they will investigate shortly.

11. To discuss overgrown hedges/trees in The Cut

Cllr Reeder reported that SCC had carried out a search with Land Registry which showed that the land belongs to East Suffolk Council. Clerk to email Cllr Ashdown about the hedges and he will forward it on.

12. To discuss problems with drainage on Tramps Alley

Cllr Reeder had been negotiating with officers about the problems. DF said he was informed the problem has been passed on to the drainage department.

13.To receive an update on the Broadland Sands planning application progress

No further to report. BG stated that trees had been taken down around the church and asked the Councillors if this could be checked.

14.To receive an update on the purchase of a Village Christmas Tree

Methodist Church are happy to host the Christmas Tree.

15.To discuss the arrangements for the Remembrance Day Service

SG had informed the Clerk that everything was in place for the service.

16.To discuss a possible sink hole at junction of Station Road/The Street

Cllr Reeder said that this is being monitored and will check that this is continuing.

17.To discuss parking at the White Horse

It has been determined that the piece of land up to the bollards outside the White Horse belong to Suffolk Highways. The remedy is to install double yellow lines on that area. Cllr Reeder will also look at putting yellow lines on the narrow part of The Street as discussed previously.

Cllr Reeder said that he has received a quote for road-markings on the bends by the Church.

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

Possibility of setting up a Men's Shed in Corton

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

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3rd December 2025 at 7.00pm in Corton Community Room.
The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

SignedChair Date