

**MINUTES OF CORTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 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)      Cllr Paul Ashdown      Cllr James Reeder

Members of the public – 7

**1. Welcome by Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the safety procedures.

**2. To consider accepting apologies for absence**

No apologies received.

**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 September meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September were recommended for approval, proposed by GA, seconded by SG, all agreed. They were duly signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

**Matters Arising**

No matters raised.

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

Cllr James Reeder

The regular Newsletter had been sent to the Clerk to forward onto Councillors. Cllr Reeder explained about the Local Government Review and Suffolk County Council's proposal for 'One Suffolk'. He informed the meeting that the full Council will be discussing Devolution at a meeting tomorrow. The Integrated Care Boards for Norfolk and Suffolk will be combining under one Chief Executive, Ed Garratt.

Cllr Paul Ashdown

Cllr Ashdown explained the views of the District Councils in Suffolk who want three unitary bodies and are voting differently to Suffolk County Council who only want one.

The planning application for 20 Manor Park Road will be going to Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm at Riverside. Cllr Ashdown will be speaking at this.

Cllr Ashdown had an online meeting yesterday with Essex and Suffolk Water about their new developments.

A new local plan for East Suffolk is being prepared, and from 13<sup>th</sup> October, there will be another consultation taking place.

Cllr Ashdown answered questions from the Councillors.

## 6. To receive reports from the Committee Representatives

### a) Playing Field

The religious meet-ups have been booked until December.  
The Football Groundsman is using a new line spray marker.  
A new exercise bicycle has been installed on the playing field

### b) Speed Sign

Figures had been circulated to Councillors. The camera installed along The Street, near Warners recorded 60,912 vehicles leaving the village, showing an average number of vehicles as approximately 2,000 per day. SP read out the speed of the vehicles recorded. Two vehicles were recorded travelling at very high speeds through The Street. The average speed for the whole period was 25.5 mph. These figures have been sent to the police.

Cllr Ashdown said that the application for another battery for the speed device has been sent in.

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

Residents in Corton who have previously benefitted from Trust-funded home alarm services provided by East Suffolk Services will see a change in provision this autumn. With East Suffolk Services concluding their contract at the end of September, a new supplier has been identified to ensure continuity of support. Arrangements are currently underway to facilitate a smooth transition. New fencing is underway at the Allotments, and currently, two plots are available. In preparation for the upcoming Coastline edition, both the Christmas Benefit and Assistance to Study posters have been forwarded for inclusion.

#### Corton Almshouse Charity

The warden's report has been received and acknowledged for reference. The transition to a new Alarm Receiving Centre provider is now underway. This change reflects the Trust's ongoing commitment to ensuring responsive and secure support for those living in the Almshouses. Recent external and internal inspections of the almshouses have identified a number of minor works, which are now being scheduled. In addition, four properties have been earmarked for upgrades, with new windows and doors set to be installed in the coming weeks.  
The next Trustee Meeting will be on Wednesday, 8th October 2025

GA reported the Secretary has resigned and the post has been advertised, with interviews being held shortly.

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

Resident advised the meeting that signs advising dates for the closure of the Coast Road have been sited along the road, but the exact dates are not known. Parish Council is usually advised when there is a closure so arrangements can be made with the bus companies for the bus diversions and 'No Waiting Cones' can be put out along the narrow parts of The Street.  
Resident asked about the Local Review, the different councils and the proposed changes. Cllr Reeder gave a detailed explanation.

**Water across the road** - Resident stated that there are flood signs along Corton Road but they are nearer to the football area and are hidden behind bushes rather than at Tramps Alley. These were situated where flooding was an issue a few years ago.

## 8. To agree the Insurance Cover for 2025/26

Quote from Community First Insurance for a three-year agreement of £367.45 per year starting from 5<sup>th</sup> October. BG proposed to accept the quote, seconded by PA, all agreed.

## 9. Parish Clerk Report

### a) Finance

#### Bank Account Balance

Community Account - £12,130.46      Business Premium Account - £4,638.45

### b) Payments

7 payments awaiting authorisation:-

BT: Broadband - £55.10

Barclaycard: East Suffolk Green Waste Bin Subscription - £54.00

Community First: Parish Council Insurance Renewal - £367.45

HMRC: PAYE - £153.00

RoSPA: Annual inspection of Play Equipment on The Pit - £100.80

Community Action Suffolk: Email and Domain - £217.00

Clerk's Salary

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

### c) Income

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

### d) Correspondence

- Report of broken posts – one at overlook at Bakers Score and one on King's Path opposite allotments. DF to check and report back.
- Electric Scooters in Corton Woods – Report received from local resident. SP to look into the report. It was noted that there has been an increased police presence in Corton recently and Cllr Ashdown stated that the police did arrest someone on the beach 10 days ago.
- Suffolk County Council – Our plan for One Suffolk.
- Planning and Building Control Newsletter.

## 10.To note Planning Applications received

DC/25/3646/TPO - W1 1no. Sycamore (marked on submitted plan) - Pollard at 4m from ground level  
Site address: Azure Seas Caravan Park, The Street, Corton

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

SP is continuing to investigate funding opportunities.

RoSPA report received and discussed. SG proposed SP replace the swing seats, seconded by GA, all agreed. SP and DF to inspect the rest of the items on the report.

## 12.To receive an update on the proposed plans for the new Garden Village

No further information received. A question was asked about the buffer zone alongside Corton Long Lane which has definitely changed from the original plan. Cllr Ashdown advised to wait until the final plans are received before this can be checked.

## 13.To discuss overgrown hedges/trees in The Cut

Cllr Reeder stated that The Cut is private land but it is not known who owns it. SP and DF to investigate.

## 14.To discuss problems with drainage on Tramps Alley

Cllr Reeder stated that, following the last parish meeting, a report has been logged about the blocked drain. Suffolk County Council are aware of the problems and now need to find a way to unblock them.

**15.To discuss installing a road sign warning of deer in Station Road, Corton**

This matter was discussed but, as there are muntjac deer all around Corton, it was decided not to install a sign in Station Road.

**16.To discuss the condition of property in Stirrups Lane (near A47)**

The area of land at the end of Stirrups Lane is being used as a dumping ground. Cllr Ashdown suggested taking photos and making a formal complaint to Mia Glass at East Suffolk Enforcement, as well as reporting it to the Environmental Team.

**17.To receive an update on the Broadland Sands Planning Application**

No further updates received.

**18.To discuss the purchase of a Village Christmas Tree**

Following a discussion, it was suggested to ask the Methodist Church if they would be happy to have a Christmas tree planted in their grounds. SG to ask at their meeting next week and report back.

**19.To discuss plans for the Remembrance Day Service 2025**

SG will be conducting the service this year and hopes to liaise with St Bartholomew's. GA agreed to arrange the teas and coffees after the service.

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

- Sink hole at junction of Station Road/The Street
- Parking at the White Horse
- Sewing machine planter at corner of Colman Road/Manor Park Road
- Drainage at Tramps Alley
- The Cut

**21.To agree the proposed date and time of the next Parish Council meeting in October**

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.00pm in Corton Community Room.  
The meeting closed at 8.27pm.

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