



# LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup>. July 2024 at 7pm at Little Cornard Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Karen Gilbert (Chair), Cheryl Crane, Clive Johnson, Nigel Monk, Scott Savage, Jill Thomas, SCC Cllr J. Finch, BDC L. Parker and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk).

There were 4 members of the public present.

## **069/2024 Chair welcome**

a) To accept the resignation of Mark Smith from the Council with immediate effect also Scott Savage with immediate effect and the Clerk also tendered his resignation but will remain until a suitable successor is found

## **070/2024 Apologies for absence** None received

## **071/2024 Declaration of Interest**

Receive declarations of interests and request for dispensation from Councillors. Cllr N. Monk, Cllr C. Johnson and Cllr K. Gilbert declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application number DC/24/02839

## **072/2024 Minutes** To confirm and sign the minutes of LCPC meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup>. May 2024

**All Agreed**

## **073/2024 Co-Option**

**Councillors are requested to receive written applications for the office of Parish Councillor and co-opt candidates to fill the vacancies.** No candidate/s have submitted a co-option application form. This item to be carried over to the September meeting.

## **074/2024 Public participation session - Total of 5 minutes is allowed**

Upper Road is an accident waiting to happen due to delivery drivers passing pedestrians very closely. Can Highways reinstate the passing places? Highways have already raised their concerns regarding the road. Both sides of the road have been interfered with by the soil tipping to remove the layby. Footpaths will be resolved this week. Delays are due to mechanical failures. Residents asked whether they can cut the footpaths and the verges.

## **075/2024 County Councillors report - Total of 5 minutes is allowed**

Cllr J. Finch comprehensive report can be found at <https://e-voice.org.uk/littlecornardpc/reports/2024/>

A solar farm planning application has been approved near Mildenhall covering 2,792 acres.

Cllr J. Finch has challenged the County Council as to why the footpaths and verges are not regularly cut. A site visit has been arranged. The Parish Council was asked to submit any documentation as to where the passing sections of the road were originally agreed. Once the bank has been reduced in height this may assist in the passing problem. Chapel lane blocked culvert and road damage - first logged 23<sup>rd</sup>. October 2023. This requires to be cleared at least on an annual timescale. Highways excuses are not acceptable by stating that other priorities take preference. Little Cornard verges on C & U class roads have not been cut as per schedule. All roads also form the footpath route for pedestrians, walkers and cyclists.

## **076/2024 District Councillors report - Total of 5 minutes is allowed**

Just come out of pre-elections. All other committees have met. Full Council meeting was cancelled.

Listed and Heritage properties being able to have an easier application to be better insulated. At the next Full Council meeting this item is on the agenda for discussion and possible agreement. This meeting will be available on YouTube. The last few years has affected Council being underfunded. With better funding more local issues can be addressed.

Cllr J. Finch left the meeting at 7.45pm

## **077/2024 Community Wardens – update on litter picking and SID information**

No litter picking due to the overgrowth of verges. Some footpaths have been cut back by residents.

The community wardens unable to support footpaths and litter picking due to Staffing issues. The SID movement have been interrupted due to staffing issues. Janice has resigned as Speedwatch

co-ordinator due to police not supporting the Speedwatch team. The Chair to liaise with police regarding support of the CSW team



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## 078/2024 Highways

1) Following Councillors logging details about highway issues to BDC then to send highways report/number to the Clerk to keep up to date

The pond has been cleared but the overflow pipe was not cleared.

2) Update SCC on the Grass / Footpath cutting schedule for 2024. As discussed above

## 079/2024 Planning Applications

**DC/24/02839** - Village Hall Spout Lane Little Cornard Suffolk CO10 0NX

Application for Listed Building Consent - Remove cement render external cladding and repair clay lump and replaster three walls of the hall. Re-arrange and update toilet facilities.

**RESOLVED: Support this application**

## 080/2024 Planning Decision/s made by Babergh District Council affecting Little Cornard

No planning decisions made by BDC affecting Little Cornard

**081/2024 Agree any action required on the emails** circulated by the Clerk to Councillors since the last scheduled meeting of the Council

## 082/2024 Clerk's report

a) Clerk to produce an updated ongoing projects / action list for Councillors

b) Reserves policy – Councillors to review Reserve policy

Cllr K. Gilbert proposed accepting the Reserve policy. Cllr C. Crane seconded. **All Agreed**

**083/2024 Footpath update** - As discussed above

**084/2024 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme** – Councillors to appoint a new NHW co-ordinator

A new co-ordinator is not required as Mark Smith will update everyone at the Annual Parish meeting.

**085/2024 Village Hall** – Update from Cllr N. Monk

Planning application submitted. £14500 are in the accounts. Accounts have been audited in June and were well presented. Summer BBQ in July. Table tennis on a Tuesday evening 6.30pm – 9pm.

Cllr L. Parker left the meeting at 8pm

## 086/2024 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2024

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2024

b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2024/2025

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c) To approve the payment of Accounts for June & July 2024 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial arrangements. **All Agreed**

**087/2024 Update on National Grid** – Cllr K. Gilbert. Still with the Government examination officer

**088/2024 Councillors to discuss any further training for 2024/2025**

All training sessions have been circulated to Councillors.

## 089/2024 Items for Next Agenda

Co-Option: 2025/2026 budget:

**090/2024 Next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. September 2024**

a) **Councillors to note 2024 meeting dates** - 19.11.24

b) **Councillors to agree meeting dates for 2025:**

**21.01.25: 18.03.25: 20.05.25: 15.07.25: 16.09.25: 18.11.25**

## 091/2024 Closure of the Meeting

To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.15pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

*K Gilbert*  
**K. Gilbert - Chair**

17<sup>th</sup>. September 2024