



LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th. November 2024 at 7pm at Little Cornard Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Karen Gilbert (Chair), Cheryl Crane, Clive Johnson, Karen Winter, Graham Deere, Nigel Monk, Jill Thomas, SCC Cllr J. Finch and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk).

There were 5 members of the public present.

112/2024 Apologies for absence were received from BDC L. Parker

113/2024 Declaration of Interest

Receive declarations of interests and request for dispensation from Councillors

Cllr C. Johnson declared an interest in item 123/2024. Cllr N. Monk declared an interest in item 123/2024

114/2024 Minutes - To confirm and sign the minutes of LCPC meeting held on 17th. September 2024
All Agreed

115/2024 Public participation session - Total of 5 minutes is allowed

New planning application sent 15.11.24 – Check with Babergh

116/2024 County Councillors report - Total of 5 minutes is allowed

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

Cllr J. Finch left the meeting

117/2024 District Councillors report - Total of 5 minutes is allowed. No report was given

118/2024 Neighbourhood watch update – Mark Smith

a) May '25 Annual Parish meeting to invite Local Police Officer to answer resident questions
Mark Smith supplied a Crime Update and The Little Cornard Neighbourhood Watch Group
The Little Cornard Neighbourhood watch continues to grow its membership and we now have 82 members.
If you would like to join, please contact Mark Smith my email address is mjsmith500@outlook.com
We finally got permission from Suffolk Highways for our neighbourhood Watch signs and these have now been put up around the village.

I have regular meetings with the Community Police Officers in Sudbury under Sergeant Williams and Little Cornard will have a new Community Police Officer from the 18th November. PC McKenna joins the team to replace PC Norman.

Unfortunately, we have seen a rise in crime in our area in the second half of 2024. Two males were arrested in June for Possession with the intent to supply Class A drugs and have been dealt with by the courts.

Two local horse riders have suffered abuse from drivers and One had a very near miss with a speeding driver on our quiet lanes. We need a reduction in the speed limit of our country lanes, now!

Since September 2024 Little Cornard and the surrounding villages has seen a spate of thefts and burglaries committed. These have ranged from dwellings, garages, sheds, and businesses. Cash, vehicles and tools have been stolen.

The Church and private dwellings in Little Cornard have been targeted again and there has also been some Anti-social behaviour in the Church car Park.

We have seen increased Police patrols and Officers have followed up with the victims of the thefts and burglaries to offer crime prevention advice and pass on some Smart Water and UV Pens. I have also been given some kits to pass on to the Residents. I still have some if anyone would like one?.

I would like it put on record that the response from the Police has been fantastic when they have been called to attend in an emergency.

I have passed on our thanks to Inspector Hollands, Sergeant Williams, his CPT Team and the Response Officers from Sudbury Police Station.

I would like to remind Residents that you need to call **999** in situations like these:

- there is an immediate danger to life
- someone is using violence or is threatening to be violent
- a crime is happening right now, like a house burglary or a theft
- the suspect is still at the scene



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If you've witnessed or been the victim of crime that isn't an emergency, please report it to the Police on line or via 101.

There will be an article in the Christmas Parish magazine giving some useful advice on helping to keep burglars out by giving them no hiding place and secondly, on how to prevent a distraction burglary. Here is some advice I will be sharing:

1. Lower fences at the front around one-metre high are preferable to high fences as they allow for a clear view over the top and don't provide cover for anyone wishing to hide.
2. At the rear and sides, taller fencing is recommended to prevent easy access.
3. Trellis, thorny plants, or a suitable anti-climb topping such as plastic spikes make it difficult for anyone climbing over a fence or gate.
4. Planting prickly or barbed shrubbery along boundaries and fence lines acts as an effective natural barrier.
5. Gravel driveways and paths will make sure you hear anyone approach.
6. Install Dusk to Dawn lighting, Doorbell and CCTV cameras.

Common methods used by distraction burglars

- pretending to be from a care agency, the council or a utility company investigating a gas or water leak
- seeking help to leave a note for a neighbour or even asking for a drink of water if they claim to be thirsty or unwell
- claiming to be in a hurry or emergency and needing to get into your home quickly
- working in teams, with one person distracting you while the other searches your home

We must remain vigilant and support each other.

119/2024 Community Wardens – update on litter picking and SID information

1) Litter Pick – Due to problems at Sudbury TC LCPC may have to undertake the litter pick themselves. The community wardens have been undercharging the Parish Council for many years and are totally understaffed. LCPC prefer the Wardens undertake the litter pick along the main road due to Health & Safety.

2) SID update

Due to resourcing issues, Sudbury Town Council will no longer be able to supply the SLA/SIDs service to parishes and therefore we will cease to provide any service from 31st March 2025. Councillors to discuss way forward. The LCPC SID is now in the possession of the Parish Council who will undertake moving the SID around. New batteries will be required going forward.

120/2024 Highways

a) Footpath update

No footpath access to footpath 15. Residents need to walk the footpath to keep the footpath in regular use. Footpath 17 is becoming impassable. A second cut to be investigated.

Before the bad weather arrives the grit bins need looking at being in good order and need grit replacing.

b) 30mph speed limit issue next steps. Proposal for Council to support speed limit on the lanes, reduction of speed on the B1508 and monitoring enforcement on the B1508. Nominate Councillor to draft letter for the January '25 meeting. Cllr K. Winter to undertake this project and to send the letter to the Clerk to be included on LCPC letterheaded paper. The wording of the speed petition be updated to include possible average speed cameras. SCC is having the speed survey done again.

121/2024 National Grid update – Cllr K. Gilbert

Carrying out more surveys on sections of the pythons. No further update is available

122/2024 Village Hall – Cllr N. Monk

a) Update on the repairs to Village Hall

Plans been approved for upgrading. Meeting 02.12.24 discussing next stages. Quotations for new works to follow. Looking at more grants. Funding to raise 20% of the total project cost.

b) Play equipment update at Village Hall

No play equipment has been looked at by the village hall committee. All their effort has gone into getting the village hall improvement done.



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123/2024 Planning Applications

DC/24/04320 - Village Hall, Spout Lane, Little Cornard, CO10 0NX

Application for Listed Building Consent. Alteration to the toilets to Equality Act Standard and provision of disability access as per Design & Access Statement.

Village Hall, Spout Lane, Little Cornard, CO10 0NX. **THIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN GRANTED**

Cllr C. Johnson left the meeting

APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DETERMINATION

DC/24/04821 - Yorley Farm Upper Road Little Cornard CO10 0NZ

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Formation, Alteration or Maintenance of Private Ways for Agricultural or Forestry Use Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Sch 2, Part 6 - Construction of all-weather access track. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council Supports the planning application

Cllr C. Johnson re-joined the meeting

124/2024 Planning Decision/s made by Babergh District Council affecting Little Cornard

DC/24/03876 - Yorley Farm Caravan Park, Upper Road, Little Cornard, Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0NZ

Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/02174 - Condition 5 (Landscaping), 10 (Parking and turning) and 11 (Refuse Bins and Collection Areas). **APPROVED**

125/2024 Agree any action required on the emails circulated by the Clerk to Councillors since the last scheduled meeting of the Council

126/2024 Clerk's report

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

127/2024 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. October 2024

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. October 2024

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

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2024/2025

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

d) To agree transferring monies to Ear Marked Reserve account (EMR)

128/2024 Budget / Precept 2025/2026. Councillors to agree budget for 2025/2026

Councillors discussed the 2025-2026 budget. This item will be finalised at the 21st. January 2025 meeting

129/2024 Councillors to discuss any further training for 2024/2025

All training courses have been forwarded to Councillors

130/2024 Items for Next Agenda

3-point finger post – Cllr C. Johnson
2025-2026 budget

131/2024 Next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 21st. January 2025

Councillors to note the meeting dates for 2025: 18.03.25: 20.05.25: 15.07.25: 16.09.25: 18.11.25

132/2024 Closure of the Meeting

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.40pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

K. Gilbert - Chair

21st. January 2025