



LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st. November 2023 at 7pm at Little Cornard Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Karen Gilbert (Chair), Cheryl Crane (Vice-Chair), Clive Johnson, Mark Smith, Jill Thomas, BDC Cllr L. Parker and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were no members of the public present.

251/2023 Chairman welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

252/2023 Apologies for absence were received from SCC Cllr J. Finch, Cllr N. Monk & Cllr S. Savage

253/2023 Declaration of Interest

Receive declarations of interests and request for dispensation from Councillors.
Cllr M. Smith declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Watch item 263/2023

254/2023 Minutes

To confirm and sign the minutes of LCPC meetings held on 19th. September 2023. **All Agreed**

255/2023 Public participation session - Total of 5 minutes is allowed. No questions were asked

256/2023 County Councillors report - Total of 5 minutes is allowed.

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

257/2023 District Councillors report - Total of 5 minutes is allowed.

- Defibrillator training is set up 5th. April 2023 from 9.30 – 8pm at Art Centre St. Peters
- Adoption of joint Local plan part 1 has been approved after 7 long years in the making.
- Planning policies are included in this section.
- £950,000 in reserves have been released to pay for additional labour on the Council housing stock
- Heritage houses in locality – Consultation asking for everyone's view on how to streamline energy use.
- CIL fund another £1.3m has been released at the end of October '23

258/2023 New Kissing gate – update from Cllr K. Gilbert. Placed up for sale due to not being able to install. PROW advise horses are allowed on the footpaths with permission of the landowner only. Public motorised vehicles are all but prohibited on public vehicles.

259/2023 Planning Applications

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO TREE(S) PROTECTED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - **DC/23/04994** - The Bumbles, Upper Road, Little Cornard CO10 0NZ

Application for works to Tree subject to Tree Preservation Order (BT346/T1) - Cut Oak Tree (T1) back to the size when it was previously trimmed

Due to the response time restraint of 15th. November 2023 the Parish Council sent the following response

Little Cornard Parish Council - Supports this tree planning application subject to the tree officer's approval

23/04979 - Ruddens, Prospect Hill, Great Cornard, Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0PQ

Full Planning Application - Erection of 1No dwelling and creation of new vehicular access.

RESOLVED: REFUSE this planning application

- Increase in traffic along Prospect Hill as it is an unrestricted narrow rural road
- Dangerous access, especially for an increased number of vehicles.
- Prospect Hill is part of the villages Quiet Lanes Scheme.
- Limited access to local services
- The proposed development would cause unacceptable harm to the rural character of the countryside and the Special Landscape Area.
- Loss of land as habitat and impact on Great Cornard Country Park. The land falls within the evaluation area of the proposed extension to the Dedham Vale AONB boundary and is very close to the Country Park.
- Surface water flooding in the lower section of Prospect Hill/Wells Hall Road/Blackhouse Lane the area is prone to flooding and will add to the issues already encountered in the area.

Signed

K. Gilbert
Chairman

16th. January 2024



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- Prospect Hill is very narrow
- The Parish Council shares the Great Cornard Parish Council, Local residents' and SCC Highways Department concerns that if this planning application were approved, it would set a dangerous precedent for other properties along Prospect Hill to submit similar applications.

260/2023 Agree any action required on the emails circulated by the Clerk to Councillors since the last scheduled meeting of the Council

261/2023 Clerk's report

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

Councillors noted the ongoing projects / action list

- b) The Mere – No update received from the Solicitors, Land Registry or Owners

262/2023 Footpath update

- a) Update on quotation from SCC plus other cuts throughout 2024/2025

Footpath contract with Mr. Gotts has terminated at his request. Therefore, LCPC has returned the footpath cutting to SCC. SCC will only undertake 2 cuts per year. Any additional cutting comes back to LCPC finances.

263/2023 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Update from Cllr M. Smith

- Following the successful reinstatement of the scheme in July 2003. The scheme now has 49 members which is up from 23 members at the time of our last parish council meeting.
- The Little Cornard NHW What's app page is working well and we also now have a Little Cornard Residents App set up. Please let me know if you know of anyone who wishes to be part of these groups.
- There will be a crime prevention article in the next parish magazine,
- We have now received 25 Neighbourhood watch signs and I will be meeting with a few of the volunteers to propose sites for the new signs and replacing the old signage.
- I am in regular contact with the Police in Sudbury and there will be a new policing model for Suffolk starting in December. Details are available on their website. We will hopefully see more of a Police presence in our village!!
- I was given an update on the crimes recorded in Little Cornard.
- In the last 28 days and there were two crimes recorded in Little Cornard:
- In regards to the previous burglaries a male was arrested and he has made admissions to numerous burglaries with 4 in Little Cornard and the rest in surrounding parishes. He is due to be sentenced in the New Year.
- The Police wanted to stress that these burglaries were opportunistic and were not targeted against the owners.

264/2023 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 Clerk asked Councillors to use the "What3Words"

2) Proposed Speed limits for Little Cornard – update from Cllr M. Smith

Update with Cllr J. Finch and have come up with a speed sensor for the village. A January survey

3) The Fence – Upper Road Little Cornard – Ref: CR380891

Response from Enforcement team. Our latest update on 24th October 2023 is still the latest on the post and wire fencing. The landowner has 1 month (deadline is 23rd November 2023) to move back the fence. We will follow up the deadline with an official inspection, at the moment there is a slight backlog due to recent storms. If on our inspection, it has not moved back we will look to proceed with arranging the removal of posts and wires. We will update you further once our inspection has been completed with an update on our next intentions.

265/2023 Community Wardens – update on litter picking and SID information

No update was given

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266/2023 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. October 2023

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b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2023/2024

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c) To approve the payment of Accounts for October and November 2023 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial arrangements. **All Agreed**

267/2023 Anticipated Budget for 2024/2025 and subsequent Precept amount for 2024/2025

Councillors to discuss and agree the anticipated Budget expenditure and Precept for 2024/2025

Cllr K. Gilbert proposed this 1st. draft being deferred to the January 2024 meeting. **All Agreed**

268/2023 National Grid Group meetings – update from Cllr C. Crane

Cllr. Crane attended the meeting between the Inspectors and National Grid re the developments on the Bramford to Twinstead power line. Whilst there were no changes to the plans for the SEC (Sealing End Compound) situated on the parish boundary, there was discussion as to the siting of the proposed access road from the B1508. It was felt that National Grids present proposal would create an additional junction and a considerable scar on the landscape seen from both sides of the valley.

An alternative proposal to use an access point further along the Bures Road with an already acceptable splay and connecting to an existing track had the advantage of cloaking with mature trees and hedging and could be developed instead.

269/2023 Councillors to discuss any further training for 2023/2024

The Clerk has supplied Councillors with the training calendar for 2024

270/2023 Items for Next Agenda

2024/2025 Budget

National Grid Group meetings – update from Cllr C. Crane

Asset Register

271/2023 Next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 16th. January 2024

Councillors to note 2024 meeting dates - 19.03.24: 21.05.24 (APM / AGM):

272/2023 Closure of the Meeting

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

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 9pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

**K. Gilbert
Chairman**

16th. January 2024