LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st. January 2025 at 7pm at Little Cornard Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Karen Gilbert (Chair), Clive Johnson, Karen Winter, Graham Deere, Nigel Monk, Jill Thomas, SCC Cllr J. Finch and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were 6 members of the public present.

001/2025 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr C. Crane

002/2025 **Declaration of Interest**
Receive declarations of interests and request for dispensation from Councillors. Cllr N. Monk declared an interest in item 015/2025 (C)

003/2025 **Minutes -** To confirm and sign the minutes of LCPC meeting held on 19th. November 2024
All Agreed

004/2025 **Public participation session - Total of 5 minutes is allowed**
The passing place in **upper road** has no further update in to re-instate the passing place. The wire is now invisible and being pushed down by Roe Deer. Sugar Beet lorries loading in Wyatts Lane. The lorries blocked the road in both directions. However, they are allowed to stop and make short term loadings. If the road is blocked for over an hour, then signs should be erected at both ends of the road to warn oncoming drivers. Cllr Gilbert has requested Farmer that future campaigns have signage to warn of delays.

005/2025 **County Councillors report - Total of 5 minutes is allowed**
Cllr J. Finch report can be found at **https://e-voice.org.uk/littlecornardpc/reports/2025/**

006/2025 **District Councillors report –** BDC Cllr L. Parker arrived at 8.15pm
Cllr L. Parker spoke about the devolution proposals. Local Council elections in May 2025 will be postponed. No report was supplied by Cllr L. Parker

007/2025 **Community Wardens – update on litter picking and SID information**

1) Litter Pick – Due to a revision in resource at Sudbury TC the community wardens are unable to do a litter pick. Residents have been undertaking a litter pick in their own areas. LCPC to contact Sudbury TC to do a litter pick in the Autumn.

2) SID update – SID management is being carried out by Villagers (thanks to Steve and Nancy Arran) battery life questionable for one of two batteries supplied by STC. A new battery has been purchased for the SID. The movement of the SID will be done in the future by The Volunteers.

008/2025 **Highways**

a) Footpath update – Steps at Lower farm FP13 to be reinstated ASAP. Cllr Gilbert to Chase materials and progress.

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 (*Karen Winter letter attached)*
The draft letter, which has been circulated, was discussed and amendments made. Cllr Winter to meet with James and circulate final draft.

009/2025 **National Grid update** – Cllr K. Gilbert suggested LCPC Councillors collaborate with Bure St. Mary Parish Council on road safety on B1508. Cllrs Winter and Gilbert to attend BSM PC meeting.
The National Grid proposal has now been formally approved. A caveat requesting detailed road management was inserted into the approval.

010/2025 **Village Hall – Cllr N. Monk**

a) Update on the repairs to Village Hall
Building Control have been out to look at the building. Planning permission has been submitted and approved but standards have change regarding disability access/heights etc. Village Hall committee is waiting a reply from Heritage.

b) Play equipment update at Village Hall.
No update at this time as the planning application has taken priority
Cllr J. Finch left the meeting

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011/2025 Planning Applications

DC/24/05332 - The Gables Slough Lane Little Cornard Sudbury Suffolk CO10 0NY
Proposal: Householder Application - Loft conversion above the existing garage, and extend the garage to join the house to form a utility room
RESOLVED: LCPC has no comment to make on this application

012/2025 Planning Decision/s made by Babergh District Council affecting Little Cornard

AGRICULTURAL DETERMINATION
DC/24/04821 - Yorley Farm Upper Road Little Cornard Sudbury Suffolk 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. **A Formal approval of the details of the proposed development is not required.**

013/2025 Agree any action required on the emails circulated by the Clerk to Councillors since the last scheduled meeting of the Council. All emails have been circulated to Councillors

014/2025 Clerk's report
a) Clerk to produce an updated ongoing projects / action list for Councillors

015/2025 Finance
a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. January 2025
Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st. January 2025
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 December 2024 and January 2025.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)
The RFO has transferred £16420.00p from the current account to the EMR account. **All Agreed**
e) Councillors to sign Submission form to be added as signatory to Unity Trust Bank
Both Cllr K. Winter and Cllr G. Deere signed the Unity Trust Bank submission form to become signatories on the accounts

016/2025 Budget / Precept 2025/2026. Councillors to finalise budget for 2025/2026
Cllr K. Gilbert proposed an expenditure of £9494 resulting in a Precept demand of £9494. Using BDC tax base figure of 147.76 resulted in a Band D property figure of £64.25p (an increase of £1.70 or 2.72%). Cllr N. Monk seconded. **All Agreed**

017/2025 Councillors to discuss any further training for 2024/2025
All Councillors have been notified of future training courses from SALC

018/2025 Items for Next Agenda
Sprout Lane Passing area: Highways letter to James Finch update Cllr K. Winter
Cllr K. Winter apologies for 18.03.25 meeting

019/2025 Next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 18th. March 2025 at 7pm

Councillors to note the meeting dates for 2025: 20.05.25 APM & LCPC AGM: 15.07.25: 16.09.25: 18.11.25

020/2025 Closure of the Meeting
To close the Meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.45pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed *K Gilbert* 18th. March 2025
K. Gilbert

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Chair