LITTLE CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st. July 2026 at 7pm at village hall
Present: Cllrs Karen Gilbert (Chair), Cheryl Crane, Nick Lightbown, Nigel Monk, Jill Thomas, Karen Winter, BDC Cllr Lee Parker and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 5 members of the public present.

058/2026 **Apologies for Absence** were received from SCC Cllr Philip Faircloth-Mutton, Cllr G. Deere

059/2026 **Declaration of Interest**
To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda
Cllr K. Gilbert declared an interest in any item relating to Anglian Water and footpaths

060/2026 **Minutes -** To confirm and sign the minutes of two LCPC meetings held on 19th. May 2026
All Agreed

061/2026 **Suffolk County Councillors report -** Cllr Philip Faircloth-Mutton No report was supplied

062/2026 **BDC Councillors report –** Cllr Lee Parker

- Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Scoping Consultation 2026 - 3 weeks to go. Scoping consultation is open to 31st. July to inform the joint local plan. Straightforward questions for residents to complete. All Parish Councils are encouraged to submit comments.
- CIL funding is open for further applications
- BDC has lost it's 5-year housing supply. The reason to the reduce in housing supply is the success of Neighbourhood plans.
- East Bergholt conservation area has been expanded
- The new bins are being delivered. Cllr Jill Thomas passed thanks on behalf of village to Cllr Lee Parker for his assistance in resolving bin delivery issues for the village
- Contribution by Cllr Parker (BDC) of £500 for the village hall project has been received by LCPC, Cllr Monk noted the funds can be adjusted by the (extra) External Audit costs of approx. £50 leaving £400 still to be paid to the Village Hall Management committee. To be rounded into the Payments in August

063/2026 **Public participation session - Total of 15 minutes is allowed**
Plans for the park is in hand. The roads generally in the village are having more closures resulting in problems for residents getting to and from their homes. Can the Parish Council, District Council and County Council deals with all these road closures and lack of signage? The standards are slipping and understandably repairing roads must be done especially with National Grid coming through the village. There must be ways to be better informed. Cllr K. Winter and Clerk to write to Anglian Water stating the upset of the residents, carers, buses and motorists during the works. A collective thought to make the issue better. Roads were closed at very short notice with the signs not being placed out in ample time. Little Cornard village has been let down tremendously. More communication between authorities and residents would be appreciated.
National Grid, when required, will close roads with lights and possible diversions being put into place.

064/2026 **Highways / PROW**

1) Highways Speed limit in the lanes – Cllr K. Winter to update
2 SID on Spout Lane for the last few weeks. 1 on Blackhouse Lane. LCPC are slightly forward with data collection which will go towards the report being compiled. Hopes for a Temporary 30mph on Bures Boad near NG works as with the case in A134, but any speed limit change in the lanes is a legal process.

2) Permissive Path near to Kedington Hill – update from Cllr K. Gilbert
This project is now complete. The payment is due for this evening's meeting

3) Footpath 17 - Footbridge replacement – update Cllr K. Gilbert. The footbridge has been replaced

4) Kissing Gates for Shalford Meadow – Cllr K. Gilbert. They are on the list to be delivered

Highways Issues

1. Bollards – Chapel Lane

Cllr Gilbert to challenge Highways to reconsider the provision of replacement Bollards due to at least 3 cases in recent weeks of cars being lost to ditches in road works unofficial diversions. Cllr K. Gilbert will request support from SCC Philip Faircloth Mutton.

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065/2026 National Grid – to set up working group to secure funding for projects in the village in liaison with the village hall

LCPC to access the funding available. Projects must align with their standards. Play equipment at the village hall can be applied for. No closing date for these funds. Multiple applications will be submitted to include the Church and village hall etc.

The top band is about £20,000 reducing down and there is no match funding. If planning is required all planning applications must be granted before the application is look at. Communities within a kilometre of the NG equipment will be given greater preference.

The group to be set up will start by Karen Winter, Nick Lightbown, Mark Irwin and Nigel Monk. The PCC will supply a representative.

066/2026 Community Maintenance

1) Footpath, Grass and Hedge cutting plan for consideration – update Cllr K. Gilbert

Footpath cutting going well, Verges Cut by SCC earlier in season. A cutting schedule was circulated…. And Councillors agreed to hire Pip Bowers to cut for a one day job, cost £400 per day.

2) Daffodils order for 2026-2027

An increase in daffodil price but a discount. Location will to be Upper Road where cars cannot mount the bank, down Chapel Lane onto Bures Road. Cllr K. Gilbert will order the daffodils and is open to residents to ask for daffodils for there own use.

3) Bus Shelter – update Cllr C. Crane

Cllr C. Crane informed the meeting on the progress on the new bus shelter on Bures Road.
Littlethorpe bus shelter was circulated to Councillors and the link is below
https://www.bus-shelters.co.uk/?file=Littlethorpe-Brochure-Digital-Version.pdf&nonce=a34a51c6a3ad3b09c7144284cd6809c2&email=cjcrane52%40gmail.com
Cllr C. Crane proposed to find a local builder to repair the existing bus shelter. Cllr K. Gilbert seconded.
All Agreed

067/2026 Village Hall – update Cllr N. Monk

Cllr N. Monk informed the meeting of the financials for the village hall and the future event.

068/2026 Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response

a) Joint Local plan update – BDC Cllr L. Parker

A response by resident, Councillors and the Parish Council was encouraged to complete the consultation which has been circulated to Councillors

069/2026 Clerk's report - Clerk to produce an updated ongoing projects list

The Clerk circulated the Ongoing projects report to Councillors

070/2026 Finance

a) To receive the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. June 2026

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliations as at 30th. June 2026

b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2026/2027

Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget for 2026/2027

c) To approve the payment of Accounts for June & July 2026 and to agree a transfer of funds to meet the Parish Council financial arrangements **All Agreed**

071/2026 Councillors to discuss any further training for 2026-2027

072/2026 Items for Next Agenda - Employment meeting

073/2026 Next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 15th. September 2026 at 7pm in the village hall

074/2026 Councillors to note meeting dates for 2026: 17.11.26

075/2026 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* 15th. September 2026

K. Gilbert - Chair