

Corringham Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council March 3rd 2026, 7.15 pm Corringham Village Hall

Present:

Parish Councillors: D Semley, S Blades, J Tipping, M Parr, M Johnson, R Craven, K Bacon, S Bibb

Clerk: D Groves

In Attendance: County Councillor C Reeve

7.15pm – Public Forum: No members of the public present.

Cllr Semley invited Cllr Reeve to provide an update in regards to any ongoing matters. The budget proposal for Lincolnshire County Council has now been approved and includes an extra 4 million pounds for Highways. Some has been allocated to help fund additional teams to tackle pothole repairs and they are doing what they can, when they can, however, the wet weather is still hindering when they can complete any works.

Item:

123. CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME - Cllr Semley welcomed all to the meeting. Due to a recent review of the policy, Cllr Semley reminded all councillors of the Code of Conduct, in particular to be aware of their responsibilities as a Parish Councillor. They should be mindful that if expressing an opinion the recipient is aware if it is a personal opinion not that of the Parish Council. To ensure there is no confusion between the 2, it was suggested they specify “in my opinion not the Parish Council” whilst conversing on any matters.

124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None.

125. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS – None in relation to agenda items

126. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING -

i. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on February 3rd 2026 as a true and accurate record.

ii. **Village Memorial** – Item to be discussed under Item 5vii Ecology Works.

127. BUSINESS MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION – To consider and review:

i. **Village Hall Update**

An email had been received from the Chair, Scotty Wilkinson, advising that to date, there was nothing further to report.

ii. **Proposed H2East Hydrogen Pipeline** – Cllr Semley had today received additional information regarding this matter and requested the item be moved from Item 8 Correspondence to Item 5ii. It was **RESOLVED** to move the agenda item.

Cllr Semley distributed information and allowed a few minutes for councillors to read prior to a discussion. After discussion it was suggested, if able, councillors will attend one of the information events in March. Prior to this, it was advised they canvas opinion from the village in order to gather any questions or issues which they could present during the event.

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It was **RESOLVED** all councillors to canvas parishioners to gather information.

It was **RESOLVED** the Clerk would post the information on social media, requesting any questions wishing to be raised, be forwarded by email to clerk@corringhampc.org.

All information and findings will be discussed further at the next meeting.

iii. Clerk Updates

- a. **February Salary** – Additional 10 hours overtime due to training. It was **RESOLVED** to pay overtime retrospectively
- b. **Church Clock** – An email of thanks has been received.
- c. **Estates with Unadopted Amenities** – No reply had been received from email requesting further information.

iv. **Emergency Planning** - Cllr Johnson advised that the Church and Village Hall would provide representation on the committee. He was still awaiting the information pack he had requested. Once received, he would look to schedule a meeting. Cllr Semley advised that these meetings could be done via an online platform (ie Teams) if required and did not have to be in person.

v. **Policy Review** - The following documents have been reviewed and no amendments required.

Expenses
Financial Regulations

The following document was reviewed and suggested amendments on Page 7 discussed

Grant Donation Policy

It was **RESOLVED** to amend the wording regarding submission of bank statements or annual accounts for all applications to be only applicable to requests of £1000 or over.

It was **RESOLVED** to amend the address to the Clerks.

vi. **Asset Register** - Cllr Semley and the Clerk had recently reviewed the Asset Register and Cllr Semley advised all of the findings. There were a few items to be added and removed, plus 1 item which could not be found. Going forward, any items held by an individual, would require them to sign the register as having received.

It was noted that many of the items, such as benches and signs, required cleaning. Cllr Semley requested all to think of the best way to do this and would look to formulate a cleaning plan, including volunteers, at the next meeting.

vii. **Ashwin Charity** - Cllr Semley advised a new Deed of Trust document had been signed and accepted by the Charities Commission. However, she was still in discussion with

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Nat West Bank over access to the funds and was awaiting a call back in relation to this matter.

- viii. **Ecology Work** – During the review of the Asset Register, it was noted the burial site was in need of tidying. Cllr Semley will make a report on how best to proceed with this and would include suggestions in relation to a proposed Memorial Garden.

128. FINANCIAL REPORTS – To receive the financial report and approve payments.

RFO Report March 2026

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	ACTION
1.	Monies in bank as of 27 th February 2026	Current Account = £1,828.99 BMM (Reserve) Account = £30,438.05 Total = £32,303.23 Bank reconciled to 27 th February 2026	
2.	Bank activity	Interest on reserve account February 2026 = £36.19	
3.	Paid invoices & expenses	Clerk Salary = £233.60 Clerk Salary uplift - £42.08 Ionos – Domain and email registration - £15.60 LALC – Subscription - £188.98 LALC – Training scheme - £156.00 D Groves – SLCC subscription - £126.00 Time Assured – Church clock maintenance - £192.00	
4.	Income	Exclusive Rights fee - £200	
5.	Income expected	None	
6.	Payments awaiting approval		
7.	Payments expected	None	
8.	VAT	Vat to date for 2025/26- £1,122.93	

Bank Reconciliation

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Balance B/fwd	6	£2,583.25	£30,438.05	£33,021.30
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Income	£200.00	£36.19	£236.19	
Plus income	£2,783.25	£30,474.24	£33,257.49	
Expenditure	£954.26	£0.00	£954.26	
Minus expenditure	£1,828.99	£30,474.24	£32,303.23	check
In Bank	£1,828.99	£30,474.24	£32,303.23	check

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- i. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the RFO report as presented.
- ii. Payments were approved as follows:
 - LALC – Clerk Training Lunch Expenses - £15.20
 - Thonock & Somerby Estates – Allotment Rent - £206.00
 - LALC – Webmaster Hours - £216.00

129. PLANNING MATTERS – WL/2026/00164 Application to erect an agricultural building at Grange Farm had been received. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** there were no comments in relation to this request.

130. CORRESPONDENCE – Circulated prior to meeting.

Parish Council Representative on Village Hall Committee – The Clerk had received an email from the Chair of the Village Hall to ask if we wished to nominate up to 2 councillors at the upcoming AGM. After discussion, it was agreed that the current relationship with the village hall was working well and there was no requirement to nominate anyone to this role as long as Cllrs Craven & Johnson were Trustees of the Village Hall. It was **RESOLVED** the Clerk would email the Chair of the Village Hall to inform him there was no requirement for a representative.

131. ONGOING MINOR ITEMS AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING –

Allotment Flooding – Cllr Parr advised the allotments are badly flooded. He showed the council a video which highlighted the extent of the problem. He suggested the issue could be alleviated by digging out the dyke and placing pipes in to drain the water. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Parr would arrange for necessary emergency works to be undertaken.

HGVs using Aisby Loop Road – Cllr Craven had been asked by some Aisby residents if it was possible to prevent large HGV vehicles using the village loop road. There had been incidents involving pedestrian safety in addition to the road around 1 of the bends being badly churned up, resulting in mud all over the road. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk would contact Lincolnshire County Council Highways and seek further guidance on how this matter could be resolved.

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132. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – It was **RESOLVED** that the date for the next meeting of the Parish Council, which will be **Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7.15 pm.**

Meeting closed 9.00 pm