

# CORELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the meeting held at Coreley Village Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 7.00pm

### 2025/089 Present

Mrs. J. Thomas (Chairman)                      Mr. V. Romeo (Vice)  
Mr. T Hilder    Mr. J. Parton  
Mr. I. Smith    Mr. S. Houston-Mills  
Also present: Mrs L. Grehan (Clerk), Ms. P. Davies (Shropshire Unitary Councillor) and Mr. A. Parkhill (prospective new councillor)

### 2025/090 Apologies

Mr. R. Edwards

### 2025/091 Public participation

None

### 2025/092 Declarations of Interest

None

### 2025/093 Approval of Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

The minutes were **APPROVED**, and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. I. Smith and seconded by Cllr. V. Romeo. Minutes **signed by the Chairman**.

### 2025/094 Shropshire Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr. Pamela Davies had already sent out the monthly report, which had been sent to the Parish Councillors.

Parish Councillors asked Cllr. P. Davies for updates on the following:

- 1) Overgrown tree by the Cockpits – Cllr. Davies reported that Shropshire Council had finally responded to her regarding the overgrown tree and reported that it is indeed owned by Shropshire Rural Housing. They have inspected the tree and have concluded that there is no immediate danger, so will not be pursuing the issue further.
- 2) Other various issues in the Parish, especially concerning the Coreley junction from the A4117 including the lack of Cats eyes, incorrect sign location and missing speed zone signs, have all been previously reported to Shropshire Council through either emails or Fix My Street, Cllr Davies has agreed to follow these up.
- 3) Fix My Street – Cllr. Davies is aware that residents of the whole of Shropshire have been reporting issues on Fix My Street, which get updated as being fixed or sorted, when actually nothing has been done. If any resident have had any issues with this, please let us know and we can get Cllr Davies to follow it up.
- 4) Speed Zone – The new speed zone of 50mph is now in force on the A4117 across the common. However, the issue of sheep being killed has still been raised. It has been agreed that this issue will continue to be monitored.

### 2025/095 Clerks Report

- 1) Turner Gates – The order has been placed for the new door on the bus shelter. Works will be carried out soon.
- 2) Lengthsman – The lengthsman has been busy working around the parish, he has cleared the drains to stop the flooding in the south of the Parish. He is continuing to clear drains and will carry out the works on the fence shortly.
- 3) Memorial Hall Ownership – Clerk has been trying to work through all the relevant paperwork for the Land Registry. Cllr.T. Hilder has very kindly agreed to help with this matter.
- 4) Defibrillator – Clerk looked into the cost of getting a defibrillator for the southern part of the parish. As the average cost does seem to be expensive, around £1000, the clerk has agreed to look into possible funding options, such as a charity or grant.
- 5) Auditor – The Clerk has found a new Auditor for this year. Councillors are in approval of this.
- 6) Website – Mr. Parkhill is happy to help with the new website, so this will be back underway shortly.

**2025/096**

**Parish Matters**

- 1) Tree Breakages – With all the recent storms, there are a lot of broken branches etc. on the road. The Clerk will ask the Lengthsman to clear.
- 2) Low lying hedge – There is a low lying hedge near to Coreley Farm. The Parish Councillors will ask if it could kindly be cut back.
- 3) Footpath on Nash Border – The concrete ramp of the footpath of the ford on the Nash/Coreley border has worn away and become overgrown. Clerk will report this and get it followed up.
- 4) Toposcope – The costings for the Toposcope has come back and the quote for the Toposcope itself has come back at nearly £4,000, this does not include an stone work. The original plan was that the cost would be split 50/50 between Coreley and Caynham Parishes. However, the Councillors believe that this is too high of a cost, for something the residents of Coreley Parish will not benefit from, so would not be willing to fund this.
- 5) Welcome pack – The Welcome Pack has been delivered to 2 new residents.

**2025/097**

**Memorial Hall Report**

The main hall has now been repainted. The go ahead has been given for the double glaze panels to be repaired/replaced. The go ahead has also been given for a slope to be put at the entrance of the car park. However, the plans for a new kitchen have been put on hold as it was felt that this was too expensive at the moment. The Coreley Memorial Hall Management Committee would welcome new members.

**2025/098**

**Planning Applications**

No applications to review

**2025/099**

**Co-option of New Councillor**

Mr. A. Parkhill has said that he would like to re-join the Parish Council. All Councillors voted in favour of his co-option. Mr. A. Parkhill completed all the paperwork.

**2025/100**

**Gritting and Adverse Weather in the Parish**

With the recent bad weather, in particular the ice and snow, there have been issues in the Parish with roads not being gritted or snow ploughed, resulting in the school bus being cancelled, carers struggling to get to the vulnerable and people not being able to leave the village to get to work. The Clerk has already reported on Fix my Street the need for new grit bins, so will get Cllr. Davies to follow this up, as well as requesting more. Cllr. Davies has also asked for a map to be sent over of the bus route to help encourage these roads to be gritted.

**2025/101**

**Budget and Precept**

The Clerk gave the Councillors the predicted budget for the financial year 26/27. This showed that due to the increase in costs and the decrease in grants/support from Shropshire Council, the Parish are needing to dip more and more into their reserves, therefore the precept will need to rise by 4.99%.

**2025/102**

**Financial Matters**

**1) Bank Mandate**

**2) Approve Payments**

L Grehan Wages – November & December	£674.24
L Grehan – HRMC Tax – November & December	£2.97
L Grehan – Clerk Sundries	£16.99
Anthony Harman	£TBC
SALC – Election costs	£125.00

**Financial Summary**

Balance as of 14/01/26 is £10,141.94

**2025/103**

**Items for the next agenda**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.