

CORELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Coreley Village Hall Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 7.00 pm

2021/24 Present

Mrs J. Thomas (Chairman) Mrs. C. Clayton Mr. V Romeo (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs. A. Austin
Also Present: Mrs. S. Jones (Clerk) and Iwona Jones

2021/25 Apologies

Mrs J. Williams, Ms Katie Sylvester, Mr Ian Smith and Mr Terry Hilder

2021/26 Public participation

None

2021/27 Shropshire Councillor Report – Simon Harris

The condition of our roads remains a major concern – and is likely to remain a major concern for some time to come. The Leadership at the Council is well aware of both the problem and the public's complete dissatisfaction. I have asked for a strategy that can be shared as I feel that the sooner the Parish and Town Councils know what can be expected over the coming months the better

We can expect 3 actions: complete resurfacing; surface dressing (which is designed to make the existing road last longer nb the B4555) and most commonly temporary fixes. There are several issues around these fixes: how temporary is temporary and why fix only some of the potholes when those nearby need fixing as well! I intend to continue working with the Highways team to ensure we receive long term fixes and all potholes in a selected area are fixed when the team is on site. Do use the 'Fix My Street' app – if for no other reason than the app does keep a record of communication that both the Council and the Public can see. It is probably best to just keep reporting the problem on 'Fix My Street'.

During the Lockdown Shropshire Council has distributed £150m of business grants to more than 9,000 businesses. However, at the present time the opportunity to access these grants will cease as at 31July2021.

This means that the Council team that has been redeployed to work with businesses applying for grants will now return to their pre COVID duties. In our case we will now have our Place Plan officer back. She has been unable to assist with updating the Cleobury area Place Plan in recent months – but hopefully she will soon be ready to help us review the Plan. The Place Plan is a dynamic and rolling Plan and can be updated whenever required – which means that the Parishes can uplift their own Parish Plan 'action points' into the Place Plan; with her assistance. This is good news as if the 'action point' is in the Place Plan it is more likely to get traction from the Council. Maybe, as we look for a new post COVID beginning in our local community now is the time to take another look at our own Parish Plans – and how we wish to support our constituents.

Litter – across south Shropshire and indeed across the country there is a huge increase in community-based litter picking groups. The Council can assist with litter picking equipment. The Keep Britain Tidy website is worth a look as it shows that this ‘disgusting’ problem is a shared problem and it offers plenty of encouragement. The recent ‘Spring Clean’ cleared over 1 million miles of roadside. Although the cold weather may seem a long time out into the future it can be a very real worry. The Council has a scheme to ensure that this winter will not be a cold winter:

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/warmer-homes-shropshire> or call: **0333 202 4481**.

You can also call the team at Keep Shropshire Warm on **0800 112 3743**, the council’s free and impartial energy advice service.

2021/28 Declarations of Interest

2021/29 Approval of Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 16th June the minutes Were **APPROVED**, and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Mrs C Clayton & seconded by Mrs. V Romeo, minutes **to be signed by the Chairman**.

2021/30 Co-option of Councillor

Iwona Jones attended the meeting and give the members a brief summary of why she would like to become a Parish Councillor. It was proposed by JT and seconded by CC that IJ was co-opted as a Parish Council. IJ signed the “Acceptance of Office”

**2021/31 Matters Arising
Clerks Progress Report
Cattlegrid**

Peter Gould confirmed that their final decision is that the existing 3.8m wide cattle grid will be replaced on a like-for-like basis with regards to dimensions and level. The bypass and pedestrian/ equestrian gates will also be reinstated as per the existing arrangements on site. He has sent copies of existing and proposed General Arrangement of the grid. He has also asked the engineering traffic team to look into having additional traffic information signs installed regarding the actual width of the highway pass the grid along what is called the (Narrows).

Triangle

Still nothing from Andy Keyland, have chased him.

Grant Application

On notice boards and website – closing date 31/08/21

**2021/32 Parish Matters
Cattle Grid Hints**

- a) The clerk to ask SC if there is a possibility when the cattle grid is closed that the diversion route is a one-way system
- b) On The Bower there is no HHV sign, Ask Gwilym Butler if the signage in the whole of the Parish can be looked at.

**2021/33 Parish Plan
Adjourn to next meeting**

2021/34

Project Suggestions

A bench on the Millennium Green was suggested. The clerk to investigate

2021/35

Village Hall Annual Report

This report covers the two consecutive years ending 31st December 2019 and 2020. It was not possible to hold an AGM in the first quarter of 2020 owing to the outbreak of Covid19, and it has only recently been permitted to hold an AGM for the second year; 2020.

The year: 2019

This year saw the completion of the much-needed replacement of both sets of double doors on the west side of the building. Following some initial settling in problems they are now proving to be very satisfactory, and they complement the existing windows. They contributed to the annual expenditure of just over £7,500. This was much higher than usual, whilst the income for the year was lower than in previous years owing to unfortunate and sad event cancellations. However, it was a record year for the Village Fete, with the Hall's share being £650. So, many thanks are due to everyone who worked especially hard to generate that success.

The year: 2020

The year started with great promise of events ahead and there was good income for January and February. It was very pleasing to have Art Classes started by Anita Parkhill, which proved to be very popular. Thank you to her for choosing to use the hall as her venue. The traditional "early year" Barn Dance, lead by Peter Dunkley, was greatly enjoyable with forty participants enjoying his skills in calling and a fish and chip supper. That was the last event for many months as the outbreak of Covid19 closed the hall in mid March.

The Coreley Village Fete, planned for 4th July, sadly did not take place.

In May we received £10,000 from the Shropshire Council Temporary Covid19 Business Grant.

Successive "Lock downs" and relaxations have necessitated concentration on the hall's compliance with health and safety requirements and ensuring that it remains fit for purpose and a safe environment for all who use or visit it.

The regular cutting of grass and hedges became problematic at the time. Meanwhile Andy and Marina Freestone regularly donated a lot of their time and resources in maintaining the garden and inserting many tubs and planters of flowers to provide a colourful, interesting and well cared for exterior. This is very much appreciated by all the committee and all who use the hall and those who pass by it. Thank you to you both.

Thanks are also due to the Ludlow Pony Club, St Peter's Church and the Coreley Football Club who has used the hall as their venue of choice as much as the events of the past two years have permitted.

Finally, I would like to add a personal note of thanks to all the committee who have attended meetings and worked hard to ensure that our events are successful and that jobs that need doing are carried out willingly, with dedication and enjoyment. Without them we would not have the benefit of a hall for the use by members of the parish and the surrounding area.

Thank you to all and those from the village who have supported and used the hall.

Anton Schooley- Chairman: Coreley Memorial Village Hall Committee

2021/36

Phone Box Report from the Friends of Coreley

In 2019 paint was purchased at no cost to the PC. As the paint is coach enamel it requires application with great care. The vegetation has been cut down and exterior cleaned. As BT had put many coats of paint on, flaky paint had to be removed with a power grinder. Some of the beads around the glass panes were loose and had to

be secured, gaps were filled with mastic. Undercoat was applied during the summer of 2019. Autumn of 2019 was the wettest on record so no enamel would be applied until spring 2020 and the temperature rose.

From mid-March we were faced with Covid restrictions. April and May were good months for weather, but people wanted to use the library more during lockdown. Due to social distancing, there was an issue with 2 or more people working on the box. Lockdown was relaxed on 1st June but from 3rd June the weather was atrocious throughout most of the summer months.

Also, the pandemic continued. 2021 – Frustration as the vegetation has regrown around the box which has now been cleared ready to proceed. March – May 2021 has been the wettest and coldest on record, and not blazing June. Cleaning down and remedial work of some of the undercoat is now required when the weather is reasonable. It is hoped that the enamel topcoat can then be applied. It should be understood that the work processes and weather both have to coincide with the personal availability when time is being donated.

Conclusion – the simple truth is that the delay is due to both weather and the pandemic. The effects of which have been apparent to all.

2021/37

Coreley Chatter Update Report from The Friends of Coreley

The Coreley Chatter was created in 2017 and since then 17 editions have been published, one in each quarter – Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Over 300 copies have been produced and hand distributed to the 200+ dwellings in the parish, local shops, as well as libraires and information centres in Ludlow and Tenbury. A short time later electronic versions were produced and available through an automated email system. The Chatter Team evolved (name changed) into the 'Friends of Coreley' and continued under this name to produce the Coreley Chatter. The Chatter team organised several social events such as tabletops sales and mince pie and mulled wine evenings. Work stated on the refurbishing the Jubilee library and flower displays placed around the village and the Memorial Hall. The Parish council purchased a printer so printing could be carried out 'in house' but all consumables were financed by the 'Friends'.

For the most part publications were financed by advertisements in the Chatter or by raffles and fundraising at the above events. It is worth stating that the "Mince Pie and Mulled Wine events were free to parishioners, although each was asked to bring a small plate of food. The Mulled Wine was provided by the 'Friends'.

When COVID first appeared in Spring 2020, the Spring edition of the Chatter had already been completed, and although concerns were expressed in the Chatter group about distributing it, we went ahead providing a copy to every household. As the COVID situation got worse, and after much discussion within the Chatter, it was decided not to physically deliver the summer edition to each household but provide an electric version, with several copies to be made available in the Millennium Library for those with no access to email. To ensure parishioners were aware of the change in distribution, notices were placed with information on the change on every notice board as well as a dozen or so other visible sites in the Parish. The Summer edition was an extended version in full colour with many photographs from around the village.

At the following editorial meeting, the future of the Chatter was discussed. Not one e-version of the Chatter had been requested and only one of the paper copies in the Millennium, Library had been taken. Views were put forward that there appeared to be little continued support in the village for the Chatter and the Parish Council seemed to have little interest in its continuing. It was pointed out that neither the Chatter or the 'Friends' received mention in any Parish Meetings and with one or two exceptions, the Parish Council members did not contribute to articles or attend

events. It was also increasing rare to receive articles from parishioners for inclusion and the editorial committee found themselves writing most of the articles. It was felt this this was hardly representative of the Parish.

Although the Chatter committee had differing views it was agreed to stop producing the Chatter, although some members favoured resurrecting the Chatter post COVID if there was genuine support within the Parish.

2021/38 Planning Applications

- i) Planning applications for consideration
21/03289/COU – The Nickless, Milson, Change of use of agricultural land to Animal Sanctuary - (retrospective) – No Comments to make

2021/39 Financial Matters:

i) Payments since last meeting

Chq No. 093 Hugofox – Website (Replacement Chq 80)	£478.80
Chq No. 094 R. Skellern (Grass Cutting)	£100.00
Chq No. 095 Hugofox – Website	£35.99

ii) Approve Payments

Chq No. 096 A Clayton Contracting	£120.00
Chq No. 097 SALC – Affiliation Fees	£196.77
Chq No. 098 Hugofox – Website	£35.99

2021/40 Councillor Reports

None

2021/41 Items for next agenda

- a) It was suggested to ask SC representatives to the next meeting for an update on the Pig Farm. It was agreed to email Richard Huffer, Simon Harris and Gwilym Butler for an update instead.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m. The next meeting will be on the 15th September 2021 at 7.00 pm.