

# CORELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Coreley Village Hall Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.00 pm

### 2021/41 Present

Mrs J. Thomas (Chairman)

Mr. V Romeo (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs. A. Austin

Mrs J. Williams

Ms Katie Sylvester

Mr Ian Smith

Mr Terry Hilder

Also Present: Mrs. S. Jones (Clerk) and Gwilym Butler

### 2021/42 Apologies

Mrs. C. Clayton

### 2021/43 Public participation

Update report from Friends of Coreley – Telephone Box

Since the last update in July there has been progress on the exterior of the phone Box as there has been cool dry weather, the Cattle Grid has been closed, so less hazardous when using the ladder and volunteers have had more time to donate to the project. Works included: Clearance work around the box & disposal. Undercoat applied to roof and frame. Enamel to roof, rear, east elevation, door, north elevation. Then snagging.

This leaves the corners at the top to be painted gold. Procuring of correct paint in progress. During the works it has been found that the parts making up a notice board and frame were lying on the floor of the box. It is intended to fit the “box frame” in the middle of the roadside panel in the future. Clerk to send email of thanks for the working been done.

### 2021/44 Shropshire Councillor Report – Gwilym Butler

1.The boundary review of Town and Parish councils has taken an unexpected turn as the Boundary Commission have contacted us to advise they wish to undertake a review of the Unitary divisions from October 2022. We had requested this last year and they had refused! Around many market towns with large property growth the populations have grown and the equality of population to elected councillor in some areas is out of average in excess of 30%. It will be an open consultation once under way and I will keep you updated in due course.

2. We currently have a budget deficit in the current financial year of between £2-5 Million against an operating budget of circa £570million. Digital by default and other initiatives are being bought forward to help the situation whilst also being mindful of the Climate change agenda to see if we can create savings and cut carbon at the same time.

3.We all know that communication is key and the issues we have had historically however a new statistic came out this week. Council officers in July read 2.2 million emails before they undertook the day job and this doesn't include the ones they didn't get to read ! It does ask the question is it necessary to copy everyone into every email and we need to understand expectations on how soon things will be replied to and look at how we can get better portals of communication. I know there is a working group of clerks set up and the new App Fix my street will help. As the world changes I can see the ability for more working by Apps on Planning, Licensing, Education enquiries etc.

4.In our future budgetary requirement we try to estimate budgetary demand

especially around Adults and Childrens care. We take into account as many statistics and demographic changes as possible and we are looking at present of a 12% increase in demand over the next financial year and need to try and budget for that so it doesn't catch us out. The formulas used have been accurate in previous years I just hope our demand is not that high moving forward as it is increasingly unaffordable.

5.The government has recently announced proposals for Adult Social care from 2023. No money as of yet for Local authorities to help with existing pressures. The Devil will be in the detail not yet seen. If it is the case that Local Authorities have to monitor and asses every applicant by means this may create a huge level of back office work for which no budget has yet been identified.

It may also create a different market in the care sector for residential and nursing care. At present Councils pay a lot less for permanent care in homes than the open market who effectively subsidise the sector, if this changes with fair prices for all two things may happen, overall prices will rise, more pressure on Local Authorities or the market will collapse as unviable. We watch with anticipation.

6.The Cleobury Mortimer and Highley Branch of the Conservatives met recently to re launch the Branch and anyone interesting in joining or more information please Facebook me or email on Gwilbutler@aol.com or 07801099015. Social and informative events will be arranged in due course with the attendance of Philip Dunne MP where possible.

7. Cornovii the Councils property developer arm has now got its first site up and running with 17 properties already reserved for completion by the year end .There is a call out for land in the South of the county and if anyone knows of any local ambition to build small local need houses to need , these could be 2 bed starter homes, bungalows 3 bed semis etc not in high volumes and can be restricted to local ownership rented or freehold and delivered at a far reduced price to the open market . The purpose of this is to create a far fairer local housing market for local people and key workers to be able to live and work locally. In South Shropshire by 2030 we will have more people over 65 than under and we need to address the problems that will bring.

8. The Care Home in Cleobury Mortimer is due to be demolished and rebuilt.

9. The Portfolio Holder for Highways visited the area and went to Earls Ditton Lane. Councillor Butler said that he would investigate the issues of HGV signage being added to the Place Plan.

10. Councillor Butler had no further update on the potential application for the Pig Farm, since the Environmental Screening stated that a submission of an Environmental Statement with the Planning Application was necessary an application has not yet been received.

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#### **Declarations of Interest**

None

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

**To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2021** 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 Mr. V Romeo, minutes **to be signed by the Chairman.**

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#### **Clerks Report**

##### **Parish Highways Working Group**

The group has held its first meeting which went well. It is agreed that communication is key, research is currently being done and interviews with clerks will be in progress to help develop "Fix my Street" for SC purposes. The next meeting is October. Clerk to ask what the process it when residents don't have mobile phones and access to the app?

## **Triangle**

Still nothing from Andy Keyland, have chased him again. Will report the issue again.

## **Grant Application**

No requests

## **Cattle grid**

Is now open, Clerk to email SC and thank them for the work done.

## **Bench – Millennium Green**

The councillors were given shown pictures and costs for a number of benches, It was decided on the “Timber Ashcombe Garden bench £109. Clerk to get a quote for a concrete base and installation.

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## **Parish Matters**

### **a) Dog Fouling**

There seems to have been an increase in the number of dogs that are being allowed to foul in the Parish and not being picked up by the owners.

It was agreed to put a poster of the notice boards reminding people of their responsibilities and the clerk will investigate how to get some more “Dog Fouling” signs.

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## **Parish Plan**

It was agreed for the clerk to put a poster on the notice boards asking residents if anyone is interested in becoming involved with the Working Party to review the Parish Plan as it was produced in 2015 and it ideally needs reviewing. The clerk also to contact the previous members of the group to see if anyone is interested in reviewing the plan.

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## **Councillors Personal Email Addresses**

It is recommended, but not a requirement, that councilors should use a dedicated parish council email address for council business rather than their personal email addresses. The main issue is surrounding the use by individual councilors of private email addresses. It is not so much to do with any legal requirements but rather the potential need to comply with a Freedom of Information request that requires the publication of email correspondence. Where records are to be recovered from private email addresses it can be difficult to confirm that all records have been searched for relevant data and demonstrating compliance when data is held in personal email accounts could be difficult. It was agreed to action and to continue using personal email addresses. Clerk to investigate further the ICO certificate.

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## **Safer West Mercia Plan**

No comments to be made.

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## **Planning Applications**

### **i) Planning applications for consideration**

None

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## **Financial Matters:**

### **i) Approve Payments**

Chq No. 099	A Clayton Contracting	£120.00
Chq No. 100	Hugofox – Website- Sept	£35.99
Chq No. 101	Richard Skellern–Grass Cutting (July & Aug)	£500.00
Chq No. 102	S Jones (Salary July – Sept)	£419.62
Chq No 103	S Jones (HMRC July – Sept)	£105.00

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## **Councillor Reports**

None

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## **Items for next agenda**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m. The next meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00 pm.