

# **CORELEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Coreley Village Hall on Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 7.00 pm**

**2022/69**

### **Present**

Mrs J. Thomas (Chairman)

Mr T. Hilder

Mr I. Smith

Ms. J. Penrose

Mrs. B. Skellern

Mr. V Romeo (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs. A. Austin

Mrs J. Williams

Mrs. C. Clayton

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

**2022/70**

### **Apologies**

None

**2022/71**

### **Public participation**

#### **Shropshire Councillor Report – October 22**

1. A week in Politics. In the week commencing 5th September Boris Johnson resigned as Prime minister and Liz Truss was appointed Prime minister by our late queen who tragically died two days later and we had a new King .The Country , Commonwealth and World were in mourning .The Council instigated operation London Bridge (A co-ordinated Country wide protocol and guidance to follow on death of a monarch ) to deal with the circumstance of the Queens death and the transfer to the new King Charles 3rd . This was undertaken by our Legal and Democratic services who have delivered much protocol and help organise the Proclamation and Books of condolences across the county. God Bless our late Queen, long live the King.

2. I am pleased to report that energy wise the Council is in a capped energy price until 23/24. The council is a leading partner in an organisation called West Mercia Energy which is a company run in Partnership with Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Telford and Wrekin Councils. The organisation acts as a broker to supply energy both Electricity and Gas to many Local Government bodies such as, Schools, Police, and NHS organisations and gives a dividend back to the Council. This has effectively saved the Council a further pressure of £7 million if it were not capped.

3. We are aware of the Governments move to cap household fuel bills at an average circa £2500. The details to date have been circulated around those on mains Gas and Electricity. We are aware that no details have been circulated although agreed in respect of support for those properties that have no mains gas and rely on other sources of heating such as Oil, LPG and Solid fuels. We are aware this affects most of our Council Ward and as soon as details are available, we will circulate.

4. Please do remember we have a Council tax support grant for those suffering financial hardship. This is for financial help with not just your Council tax but also utilities and day to day living costs Please tell your friends and neighbours and lets ensure we look out for everyone this winter. More details can be found on

www.shropshire.gov.uk or telephone the help desk on 03456789000 and ask for information on Council Tax support

5. Warm Hubs - the Council has encouraged its libraries to take on the role of a 'warm hub'. Cleobury's library (at Cleobury Country next to Lacon Childe school) is open Monday-Friday 10.00-17.00 and on Saturdays 10.00-noon. Furthermore 'warm hubs' have been established at the Parish Hall in Cleobury on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (and a hot lunch at £3 can be pre booked 01299 271713); the Community Hub is also a 'warm hub' (offering a free soup lunch on Mondays) and is open 9.30-18.30 Mondays, 9.30-17.30 Tuesdays and 9.30-17.30 Fridays; St Mary's church is open 10.00-16.00 every day and the heating will be on. We also understand that St John's at Doddington is planning to act as a 'warm hub'. Please post this information on your Parish FB pages. Also, as the 'warms hubs' are currently based primarily in Cleobury town, Parish Councils may wish to consider arranging a 'warm hub' for their parishioners. Notwithstanding, the Government assistance that is starting to come through - the increase in utility prices is still going to hurt.

6. Restoring Shropshire Verges Project (RSVP) - this project is a 'grass roots' attempt to improve the biodiversity of our green spaces i.e. verges and other areas that are trimmed back by the Council several times each summer. The belief is that through better management of these areas it is possible to assist our insect life and help our pollinators. My understanding is that the Council is willing to support but we believe probably needs direction from local communities. After all by restoring traditional wild flowers and reducing the number of cuts not only will summer look prettier - but tax payers money can be saved! Parish Councils could identify certain re plant areas and obtain advice on how to seed them and then how to work with the Council to ensure that they are only cut once the plants have seeded - and then properly managed to encourage more wildflower growth. Perhaps this is something that a volunteer group working alongside the lengthsman could take on. Contact: Janet Cobb of RSVP Janet@jan-net.co.uk. Please copy Simon who has agreed to help liaise with the Council's Highways team.

GB also was pleased to report that there is finally going to be a "50" MPH speed limit across the common on the A4117. The police decided that a lower speed limit would be difficult to enforce. If there is still a problem strips will be put across the road to monitor the speed.

GB suggested the Parish Council put that they want a "20" MPH speed limit through the Village of Hints on to the Place Plan. Also, to contact Nick Newton at Shropshire Council and ask for a site visit, to highlight the issues coming down the narrows from the Cattle Grid also the "Width and weight restriction signs that have been requested.

**2022/72**      **Declarations of Interest**  
None

**2022/73**      **Approval of Minutes**  
**To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**  
The minutes were **APPROVED**, and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Mrs. J. Thomas & seconded by Mr. V. Romeo, minutes **to be signed by the Chairman.**

**2022/74**      **Clerks Report**  
1. The Clerk has not been able to find suitable wording and the legislation regarding the removal of hedge cuttings. GB suggested that SALC or Nick Newton may

have a standard letter that may help, also a possibility could be that the Lengthsman clears it up and the landowner responsible be recharge.

2. The bench in the Play Area has been erected.

**2022/75 Parish Matters**

**Dog Noise Nuisance**

Residents have approached a Councillor about barking dogs, late at night and early in the morning. It was suggested by the Parish Council that neighbours contacted the owners of the dogs as they may not know that people are being affected.

**2022/76 Parish Plan Review**

The Committee asked for clarification about the Constitution Document that had previously been adopted by the Committee as under the heading of 'Finance' there is reference to a 'Costs incurred sheet'. The clerk was unable to comment as this did not come from the PC.

Predicted expenditure to be decided at the next committee meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> November. The Parish Council can then discuss when setting the budget for next year.

**2022/77 Village Hall**

Correspondence has been received from the Village Hall Committee reminding the Parish Council that there are "No Parking Signs" by the Fire Doors and that we should ensure these safety signs are adhered to when hiring the hall.

Fund raising by the Committee has been going well. The Band night raised £245 and the Bingo night raised £1,100 to be divided between the Football Club, The Church and the Village Hall.

**2022/78 Planning Applications**

**i) Planning Applications for Consideration**

None

**ii) Planned Applications Granted by Shropshire Council**

22/03764/FUL - New House Farm, Coreley, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 3AP

Proposal: Proposed two storey rear extension and a single storey rear extension

Decision: Grant Permission

**2022/79 Financial Matters**

**Approve Payments**

Chq No. 145	Hugofox Oct	£71.98
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Chq No. 146	Andrew Clayton Contracting	£336.00
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Chq No. 147	Richard Skellern Sept Grass cutting	£200.00
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**Financial Summary**

A bank reconciliation and bank statements were reported to members showing a balance on the 13/10/22 £14,403.05

**2022/80 Councillor Reports**

No reports

**2022/81 Items for next agenda**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m. The next meeting will on the 16th November, 2022 at 7.00 pm.