

CORELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Coreley Village Hall on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.00 pm

2023/59

Present

Mrs J. Thomas (Chairman)

Mr. V. Romeo

Mr I. Smith

Ms J. Penrose

Also Present: Mrs. S. Jones (Clerk), Mrs C. Hill and Mr A. Parkhill

Mrs. A. Austin

Mr T. Hilder

Mrs R. Skellern

2023/60

Apologies

Mrs J. Williams

2023/61

Public participation

none

2023/62

Declarations of Interest

None

2023/63

Approval of Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 19th July 2023.

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.**

2023/64

Clerks Report

a) The clerk advised the Chairman that if Cllr Williams wishes to resign from the Council it has to be in writing.

2023/65

Parish Matters

a) The notice board at The Bower is unsafe. Cllr Skellern offered to take a look to see what can be done to make safe.

b) The junction has now been remarked at The Bower

c) There was a near-miss with a car at the junction at Crosshands. A "Give Way" sign or the road markings to be re-done would help the situation.

d) The salt bin by the Church has kindly been removed by Cllr Skellern.

2023/66

Co-option of Parish Councillor

There were two candidates for the Parish Councillor Vacancy. Both candidates introduced themselves and after a discussion, Mr Andrew Parkhill was co-opted as Parish Councillor. The declaration of acceptance and declaration of interests were completed.

2023/67

Planning Applications

a) **Planning Applications for Consideration**

None

2023/68

Parish Plan Review

Actions from the last two meeting.

- a) The CPPRG asked if the Parish Council would offer £100 lucky draw prize for all the completed and returned questionnaires to be sent out later in the year. This was discussed and agreed that they would give £50.
- b) The Parish Council would communicate the next stage of the Parish Plan on the website.
- c) The group suggested that 4 – 6 new notice boards should be placed around the Parish. A4 and A3 were suggested but would that be large enough. The clerk would obtain some prices. The locations would need further investigation due to ownership etc.
- d) The Quarry has been passed to Shropshire Council to investigate.
- e) A Parish Information board was discussed, the Millennium Green was thought to be a good location. Given the information that was suggested this would have to be quite large. Clerk to investigate possible costs
- f) Past and present records were discussed, and the possibility of using “The Cloud”. Historic records are kept at the County Archives, recent papers are held by the clerk.

2023/69

Financial Matters

Bank Mandate

Adjourned to next meeting

Approve Payments

Chq No. 184	Hugofox (Aug & Sept)	£71.98
Chq No. 185	R. Skellern (July, Aug & Sept)	£200.00
Chq No. 186	S Jones (Salary July – Sept)	£463.42
Chq No. 187	S Jones (HMRC July – Sept)	£115.80
Chq No. 188	A Freestone (Parish Plan Expenses)	£46.30

Financial Summary

A bank reconciliation and bank statements were reported to members showing a balance on the 15/09/23 £13,987.59

2023/70

Councillor Reports

1. Shropshire Councillor was not present but monthly report had already been circulated to members.
2. South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Hilder
 - a) The paper - 'Community Benefits from Solar Farms in Shropshire' was discussed and the importance of identifying enforceable conditions on developers, this will lead to further action within the SALC organisation.
 - b) A few names were given as contacts:
Adrian Cooper - Climate Change Manager for Shropshire Council - sympathetically answered many of the questions on solar farms
Suzanne Wykes - specialist within Shropshire Council to identify the ecological impacts of any planning application
Eddie West - Shropshire Council - for anything to do with mineral extraction.
 - c) Advice given was to 'State on your Parish Council web site what development your community might welcome and what it would not.' This encourages people to approach you or not. This is something that could come out of the Parish Plan survey work later this year.
 - d) The future problems of domestic heating and available Government and Council grants were discussed. (eg no new oil boilers on sale after 2026). (Olly Rothwell as a contact within the Council, and The Marches Energy Agency who can give advice on surveys for

- e) insulation, alternative heating solutions, etc. were mentioned. As was the need to get a 'PAS 2035' accredited installer of alternative energy). Parish Councils were advised to look at the website <https://www.communitiesprepared.org.uk>
- Communities Prepared is a national community resilience programme that equips Community Emergency Volunteers (CEV) and Flood Warden groups with the knowledge and confidence to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a range of emergencies, from flooding and severe weather incidents to pandemics.

2023/71 Items for next agenda
“D” Day Celebrations

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m. The next meeting will be on the 18th October 2023 at 7.00 pm.