

# CORELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Coreley Village Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.00pm

### 2024/129 Present

Mrs. J. Thomas (Chairman)  
Mr. T Hilder  
Mr. I. Smith  
Mr. R. Edwards

Mr. V. Romeo (Vice)  
Ms. J. Penrose  
Mr. S. Houston-Mills

Also present: Mrs L. Grehan (Clerk) and Mr. S. Harris

### 2024/130 Apologies

Mrs. A. Austin and Mr. A. Parkhill

### 2024/131 Public participation

None

### 2024/132 Declarations of Interest

None

### 2024/133 Approval of Minutes

**To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

The minutes were **APPROVED**, and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. T. Hilder and seconded by Cllr. J. Penrose. Minutes **signed by the Chairman**.

### 2024/134 South Shropshire Councillors Report

Devolution. Shropshire is already unitary, with elections being held in May. We haven't had definite answers regarding the future structure and there are still a lot of questions. Therefore, the elections in May are still going ahead.

Purdah is on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. It is at this date that the council will stop carrying out works that are deemed political, but general day-to-day admin will continue. Both Simon and Gwilym will be in place to help until the elections. Therefore, if we do need anything we should still contact them, until elections. Unfortunately, Simon will be stepping down at these elections.

*(On this note Coreley Parish Council would like to thank him for his help during his time as Unitary Councillor).*

The last full Shropshire Council meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> February. This is when the budget will be passed. The audited accounts for the fiscal year of 23/24 will then be released.

Shropshire Council is not bankrupt. It did not receive the settlement it needed, however it did receive some.

Local Plan. This has stalled. The current Government is not happy, mainly due to the number of new homes. The concern with this is it could lead to developers being more powerful.

### 2024/135 Clerks Report

- 1) Bus Shelter – Claim has gone in to the insurance company for the repair/renewal of the bus shelter.
- 2) Sign, Van and Fence – All have been reported to the relevant authorities. No response received.
- 3) Quarry – Clerk will follow up with the quarry in Spring. Cllr. Hilder has been to see if any work has been carried out to the trees and has reported that so far nothing has been done.
- 4) Phone Box – Cllr. J. Thomas will chase for this to be fixed.
- 5) Speed Zone Stickers – The council will ask P3 if they could do a site tour to decide how many signs we need, what size we need and what material they need to be to be most effective and to last the longest.

- 6) Hall Ownership – Clerk looked in to Land Registry, however the payment required for any paperwork is £25. Councillors have approved this payment so the Clerk will continue to look into this matter.
- 7) Clerk has forwarded on the details of Ben Walker to Cllr. T. Hilder for further investigations into broadband.
- 8) VE Day. The clerk brought up the idea of a VE day celebration. The councillors will think about whether they would like to organise anything.

**2024/136 Parish Matters**

- 1) Pot Holes. This is a matter that does need addressing and was put to Cllr. S. Harris. The concerns are that the holes are simply being filled in, then the same holes are reappearing.

**2024/137 Parish Plan Review and Action Plan**

- 1) Welcome packs – This is still on hold for the time being.
- 2) Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr. T. Hilder has done some research into this. The suggestion has been put forward for the Clerk to contact local parishes with successful Neighbourhood Watches to get information. The suggestion was put forward as to whether we should do a poll on social media.

**2024/138 Planning Applications**

None to review

**2024/139 Coreley Memorial Hall Report**

The quiz has unfortunately been cancelled due to numbers. The hall now has new curtains. The 50/50 lottery has been set up, final number on this are to be calculated. The decision has been made to increase the hall hire cost. The committee have been looking into options to upgrade and for saving money on things such as heating and lighting. They are also looking at kitchen equipment.

**2024/140 Parish Council Website**

Cllr. A. Parkhill was unable to attend the meeting, so no update was given.

**2024/141 Appointment of a Lengthsman**

The clerk contacted Simon regarding him carrying out the lengthsman work, he is happy to carry this out in the short term, and should start carrying out the works in early March. The council would like to investigate further whether a single person needs to be assigned as the Lengthsman or whether it can be done on a job by job basis. The Clerk will also contact the local parishes to ask if any of their Lengthsman would be interested in carrying out work in Coreley Parish. The council are happy to speak to anyone who would be interested in carrying out this work.

**2024/142 Financial Matters**

**Bank Mandate**

**Approve Payments**

L Grehan Wages – January	£378.90
Hugofox – February	£35.99

**Financial Summary**

Balance as of 14/02/25 is £10,937.45

**2024/143 Items for Next Agenda**

VE Day

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.