

CORELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Coreley Village Hall on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7.00pm

2024/64 Present

Mrs. J. Thomas (Chairman)

Mr.I. Smith

Mrs. A. Austin

Mr A. Parkhill

Mr. V. Romeo

Mr. R. Edwards

Also present: Mrs L. Grehan (Clerk) and Mr. G. Butler

2024/65 Apologies

Mr. T. Hilder, Ms. J. Penrose

2024/66 Public participation

None

2024/67 Declarations of Interest

None

2024/68 Approval of Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 17th July 2024.

The minutes were **APPROVED**, and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be signed and **ADOPTED** as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. R. Edwards and seconded by Cllr. A. Parkhill. Minutes **signed by the Vice Chairman**.

2024/69 South Shropshire Councillors Report

Finance. To help balance the books, Shropshire Council have going through the motions of voluntary redundancies, however, they may need to move to making compulsory redundancies in order to save more money. The concerns with this is the pressure it will put on resources.

The paper has gone to the cabinet in regards to the move of the council from Shirehall to the Guildhall, located near Theatre Severn. This will hopefully lead to savings on things such as electricity etc.. The plan is for Shirehall to eventually be sold off.

The paper has gone to the cabinet regarding the plan to mortgage the council car parks. This will give the council capital upfront.

The take up for the Green Bins has been really good. Households will be sent a barcode sticker to put on their green bin once they have paid. Only bins with the bar code on will be collected. No food will be able to go into the green bins, however, from April 2026 there will be weekly food collections.

The tips, including the one in Craven Arms, will use a booking system. This will enable the council to ensure that only people who are residents of Shropshire use them. It will also allow the tips to efficiently run with regards to staffing levels etc..

Alterations to the speed zone on the A4117 across the common are on a Kier's schedule of works, although no date has been confirmed as of yet.

New Government means new decisions when it comes to finances, for example the removal of the Winter Fuel Allowance. Talks have been held with Citizen Advice Shropshire and Age UK for advice and support.

There is a plan to withdraw the 25% Single Person Council Tax Relief, this will be a big hit for around 50,000 households in Shropshire. This may lead to people wanting to downsize in properties, however the question then leads to where?

Government plans to build more new houses. The Local Plan is yet to be decided. The Government want the number of new house in Shropshire each year to increase from 1030 to 2100, the Councils plan is to try and compromise with around 1580. But the main question will

be where?

2024/70

Clerks Report

- 1) Councillor Resignation – It is with regret that we report the resignation of Councillor R. Skellern. The Parish Council thank her for her time and wish her well.
- 2) Bus Shelter – There has been a struggle to get the sub-contractor to respond with a quote or to respond at all regarding the works on the bus shelter. The plan is to try one more time, if not to find an alternative, such as a wooden one.
- 3) Quarry – The Clerk has received a very positive response from the Quarry. They are in talks with their subcontractor, who have begun removing the trees that are no longer alive and fertilizing the remainder. They are looking into alternative variety of trees, which are more hardy to the surroundings and environment.
- 4) Noticeboards – P3 have removed the noticeboard at The Bower, ready to be reinstated and have freshly stained the one at the Memorial Hall.
- 5) Van and Broken Fence – Both the van and the broken fence have been reported. Someone from Shropshire Council has been out to look at the fence.
- 6) Shropshire Planning – The clerk contacted the council planning department regarding some contradictions that had been made to the Parish Council and parish residents. Shropshire Council maintain their stance on the situation.
- 7) SALC AGM – Cllr. J. Thomas (Chairman) and the Clerk cannot make the SALC AGM, and neither can any other councillor, so the agreement has been made that apologies will be sent.
- 8) Memorial Hall Trustees – Cllr. J. Thomas (Chairman) and the Clerk went through all the old paperwork on the Memorial Hall and found original documents stating the Trustees of the Memorial Hall is the Parish Council.

2024/71

Parish Matters

- 1) Lengthsmen – The lengthsmen has been involved in a serious accident. The council would like to thank him for his hard work and will look into options moving forward.
- 2) New Speed signs – The Clerk will look into new speed signs to put up around the parish to help prevent speeding.

2024/72

Parish Plan Review and Action Plan

Broadband – Many people registered their interest with Kloud9, so it is now in the hands of the company as to whether they think Coreley is commercially viable for them.

There is no hard copy of the Parish Plan for those who have no access to emails. Clerk will print out 3 copies, 1 for the Memorial Hall, 1 for the church and 1 for the phone box.

2024/73

Planning Applications

None to review

2024/74

Tree pack Application

Councillors could not think of a place where we would need more trees, but agreed to think about it.

2024/75

Town and Parish Council Survey

The Parish Council are happy to give feedback to Shropshire Council on local needs etc., so Clerk will report back.

2024/76

Parish Council Website

The Parish Council website is quite boring. It would be good if the website could incorporate the events etc. that are held at the Memorial Hall. A demo will be built to look at new possibilities.

2024/77

Coreley Memorial Hall

The Memorial Hall Committee have appointed a new Chairman, Cllr. R. Edwards. The Parish Council thank the previous Chairman for all of his hard work.

2024/78

Financial Matters

Bank Mandate

Approve Payments

L Grehan Wages July & August	£682.02
Hugofox – August & September	£71.98
R Skellern – July & August	£500.00
A Clayton – July & August	£360.00
Defibrillator Pads	£63.55
Parish Plan Launch Day	£72.53

Financial Summary

Balance as of 11/09/2024 is £15,468.41

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th October at 7pm.