CORELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Coreley Village Hall on Wednesday 16th October 2024 at 7.00pm

2024/81 Present Mrs. J. Thomas (Chairman) Mr. V. Romeo (Vice) Mr. T Hilder Mr A. Parkhill Mr. R. Edwards Also present: Mrs L. Grehan (Clerk): and Mr. G. Butler (for item 2024/86)

2024/82 Apologies

Mr. I. Smith, Mrs. A. Austin & Ms. J. Penrose

- 2024/83 Public participation None
- 2024/84 Declarations of Interest None

2024/85 Approval of Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 18^h September 2024. The minutes were APPROVED, and it was <u>RESOLVED</u> that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. A. Parkhill and seconded by Cllr. R. Edwards. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

2024/86 South Shropshire Councillors Report

Shropshire Council need to save money, due to this some repairs to highways are being postponed until the new financial year. The recent bad weather has only made matters worse with some rural roads being closed completely.

Everyone is now waiting to see what is announced in the Budget.

The prospect has been put forward of the idea of a combined authority, this mainly stems from Government wanting to talk to larger size councils, with the ability to have more powers by having an authority figure in charge, such as a mayor. Although we have strong connections with counties over the border into Wales, joining forces with these councils are not an option. Although Hereford and Worcester are keen to join forces, this too is something that isn't an option. Therefore, the options are more likely to be Staffordshire.

Social Houses Auctions. More and more social housing is being put up for auction due to the need that social housing must meet the required EPC standards. The plan is to push the same requirement on to the private rental market.

Planning application has gone in for the old medical centre in Cleobury Mortimer to be converted in to a 10 bedroom "institution", either a care home for disabled adults or a children's home. Privately run, but under the umbrella of social services. It is needed and it will bring in new jobs, but the final decision is yet to be approved.

Manor House, Cleobury Mortimer. The Conservation Officer is checking on the property regularly and at this point it is still considered watertight. The second house rule over council tax will be coming into force soon so that may affect the future of the building.

Fibre Broadband. Government are adopting a scheme where a household will be given a voucher to help pay the broadband provider. This is encouraging and could help with the push to get broadband in to the area. Parish Council should contact Shropshire Council if they require or would like further information. Meanwhile, we await feedback from kloud9 as to whether they may be interested in installing fibre and offering a service within the parish.

The speed limit, 50mph zone, across the A4117 has been drawn up, so will hopefully come into force soon.

2024/87 Clerks Report

- Bus Shelter The original sub-contractor was given one final chance to provide a quote, however, they did not respond. The Clerk contacted other contractors to see about building a wooden shelter. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with one of the contractors and a councillor to discuss further options.
- 2) Speed Zone stickers and signs Clerk to look into what other types of signage have been used in other parishes to help prevent speeding.
- 3) Lengthsman Clerk is waiting for a response from SALC for advice.
- Pillar Fountain The water fountain outside 3 Hints Cottages has now been given a Grade II status.
- 5) Quarry Clerk to follow up with Quarry over trees.

2024/88 Parish Matters

- 1) Shropshire Rookery Survey posters to advertise this will be put on the noticeboards.
- 2) Post box Clerk to look into getting a free standing post box installed in Coreley, to replace the one in the wall.
- 3) Noticeboards The Parish Council would like to say Thank you to P3 for all of their hard work around the parish repairing and renewing the Noticeboards. They have done a wonderful job.

2024/89 Parish Plan Review and Action Plan

Hard copy Parish Action Plans and Newsletters will be put outside the Memorial Hall, Church and Phone box. The Action Plan has been updated and will be sent out, this illustrates what the council has already achieved and has been working on. The Newsletter will be sent out following this meeting to inform the Parish of what has been going on. Both will be viewable on the Parish Website.

2024/90 Planning Applications

None to review

2024/91 Coreley Memorial Hall Trustees

Coreley Parish Council are to be named the Memorial Hall Custodian Trustees. Clerk will contact Shropshire Council to enquire about the discharging of the loan for the Memorial Hall.

2024/92 Coreley Memorial Hall Report

The dance was a huge success and raised over £500.

2024/93 Parish Council Website

The template made by Mr. A. Parkhill was very impressive, and this will now be progressed further.

2024/94 Financial Matters

Bank Mandate

Approve Payments

L Grehan Wages – September	£303.12
Hugofox – October	£35.99
R Skellern – September	£200.00
P3 – Noticeboards	£255.58

Financial Summary

Balance as of 08/10/2024 is £13,821.21

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th November at 7pm.