

CORELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held at Coreley Village Hall on Wednesday 26TH November 2025 at 7.00pm

2025/072 Present

Mrs. J. Thomas (Chairman) Mr. V. Romeo (Vice)
Mr. T Hilder Mr. J. Parton
Mr. I. Smith Mr. S. Houston-Mills
Also present: Mrs L. Grehan (Clerk)

2025/073 Apologies

Mr. R. Edwards, Mr Cllr Pamela Davies

2025/074 Public participation

None

2025/075 Declarations of Interest

Declaration of interest for Cllr. J. Thomas in regards to item 025/084 – Grant for Churchyard.

2025/076 Approval of Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 22nd October 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. I. Smith. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

2025/077 Shropshire Unitary Councillor Report

Cllr. Pamela Davies was not present at the meeting, however, her report had been circulated.

2025/078 Clerks Report

- 1) Unitary Councillor – The Clerk has reported some of the ongoing issues in the parish to Cllr Pamela Davies, such as the unfinished 50mph zone and the overgrown tree. Cllr. Pamela Davies has contacted the relevant people at Shropshire Council, but is awaiting a response.
- 2) Lengthsman – The new Lengthsman has been busy working around the parish and has cleaned a lot of drains already. He will continue to go around the parish and clear any problems that occur.
- 3) Noticeboard – Following a meeting attended by Cllr. T. Hilder and from Caynham Parish Council Cllr. J. Cartledge and C E William (Clerk), it has been kindly agreed that Coreley Parish Council can install a noticeboard in the car park on the edge of Clee Hill Village.
- 4) Memorial Hall Ownership – Clerk has printed off all the relevant paperwork and is working her way through them.
- 5) Grit Bins – The clerk has put in a request for new grit bins in the southern part of the parish. It has also been brought to the Parish Councils attention that the school bus has been struggling with the recent cold snap, so the Clerk will contact the County Council to ask for the gritters to come down the school bus route.
- 6) Turner Gates – The Clerk put forward to the options given to her by Turner Gates in regards to a new door on the bus shelter. The councillors voted for a stable door to be installed. The Clerk will contact Turner Gates to book in for the door to be fitted.
- 7) Richard Skellern – The Councillors have all voted to continue letting Mr R. Skellern cut the grass on the play area and the Millennium Green.
- 8) Councillor Vacancy – We still have a couple of vacancies for Parish Councillors. The Clerk has put posters on the noticeboards. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Council please do contact the Clerk.

2025/079 Parish Matters

- 1) Defibrillator – The Councillors asked if Defibrillator can be installed in the southern part of the Parish. The Clerk will look into this further.
- 2) Details of the new police team for the parish have been put on the noticeboards. The police will be holding drop in on the 16th December, when there will be someone at the Memorial Hall to speak to if anyone has any queries or concerns. Posters are on noticeboards.

2025/080

Memorial Hall Report

Rooms have started to be painted very kindly by Michael and Susan Capey and are looking great. The rest will hopefully be carried out in the spring. The Memorial Hall Committee are currently looking for professional quotes for the painting of the main hall. The hope then is for the works to be carried out on upgrading the kitchen.

2025/081

Planning Applications

No applications to review

2025/082

Coreley Citizen Award

Further to correspondence sent from NALC discussing how council money should not be used to purchase trophies or such like, it was decided by the councillors that this should not be moved any further forward.

2025/083

Clee Hill Toposcope

Cllr. T. Hilder attended a meeting, along with members of Caynham Parish Council and Nigel McDonald from Shropshire Hills National Landscape. The plan, funded via Shropshire Hills, is to hopefully:

- Surface down slope side carpark installing 3 accessible parking spaces
- Improve surface of area adjacent to the parking spaces and install an accessible picnic bench
- Install a new Toposcope, an 'Open Horizons' accessible viewpoints plaque, to include a QR link to an audio description. The car park will be promoted as part of the Accessible Viewpoints project funded by Shropshire Hills Natural Landscape and hosted on the Shropshire's Great Outdoors Website.
- Build a replacement toposcope.
- Install a new finger post.

Also, with match funding from Caynham Parish Council:

- Surface the roadside side of car park thereby providing a level area
- Replace the existing toposcope panel

2025/084

Grant for Churchard

Mrs J. Thomas, in her position as Church Warden approached the council to ask for a grant of £600 to go towards the maintenance of the churchyard. All councillors voted in agreement to this.

2025/085

Cleobury Mortimer Leisure Centre

The Clerk put a message on social media asking what the parishioners felt towards the Parish Council giving a donation to Cleobury Mortimer Leisure Centre. Overall, the feedback was that the majority of the parishioners do not use the Leisure Centre, so were concerned about how much the contribution would be and the impact it would have on the Parish Councils finances. The Parish Councillors decided it was in the best interest of all to not support this issue at the present time.

2025/086

Coreley Fence

The fence by the culvert had been broken for some time and although it had been agreed to be fixed by Shropshire Council back in the summer, the work had still not been completed. The fence was removed, which resulted in a parishioner complaining as it had now left the culvert exposed & dangerous. Following a vote from the Parish Council it was agreed that the Lengthsman would carry out the works and rebuild the fence.

2025/087

Financial Matters

1) Budget – A draft budget has been drawn up by the Clerk and given to councillors to look over during the Christmas break. The final budget will be agreed in January.

2) Bank Mandate

3) Approve Payments

L Grehan Wages – October	£404.90
L Grehan – HRMC Tax – July – October	£26.23
R Skellern - October	£200.00
Hugofox – November	£35.99
Anthony Harman	£244.80
Grant for Churchyard	£600.00

Financial Summary

Balance as of 19/11/25 is £11,707.52

2025/088

Items for the next agenda

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st January.