

CORELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Coreley Village Hall on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.00pm

2023/132 Present

Mrs J. Thomas (Chairman)

Mr T. Hilder

Mr I. Smith

Mrs R. Skellern

Also present: Mrs L. Grehan (Clerk)

Mr V. Romeo

Mrs A. Austin

Mr A. Parkhill

2023/133 Apologies

Ms J. Penrose

2023/134 Public participation

None

2023/135 Declarations of Interest

None

2023/136 Approval of Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 21st February 2024.

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

2023/137 Clerks Report

- 1) Bus Shelter – The damage on the bus shelter has got worse, and now a third panel is damaged too. How do we combat this? The suggestion of would a wooden structure be more suitable was put forward, however it was reminded that the reason for the current design is for protection from the weather, but with the ability to be able to see the bus coming. The claim has gone to the insurance company for the 2 panels and another claim will now need to be made for the third.
- 2) Quarry complaint – Clerk has confirmed that the ongoing complaint is the one for noise, dust etc.. Clerk will chase contact at the council for an update.
- 3) The Lengthsmen has been in contact with Shropshire Highways, who have been out to meet with him and discussed the areas of flooding around the parish and the use of the jetting machine.
- 4) The residents with the over hanging hedge have been contacted.
- 5) Pot holes – The council have been out and started to fill in the pot holes. The ones with natural springs have been left until the drier weather.

2023/138 Parish Matters

- 1) Waste Management – There has been a few more meetings, locally, without representation of the county council regarding the waste management issue on Lion Lane. Shropshire Council/Veolia are sending a little lorry down for the most vulnerable residents, but not for all. Overall, Shropshire Council's stance stays the same, that until the residents repair the unadopted road, Veolia will not be going down there to collect the waste.
- 2) Barking Dogs – it has been reported that there are dogs barking throughout the day and night within the parish. This is extremely disruptive and therefore the residents in question will be contacted.
- 3) Council Bill – Coreley Parish Council agreed that the precept would be increased by 4.99% for the 24/25 financial tax year, however the Council Tax bills that have been received by residents state 6.2%. Clerk will contact Shropshire Council for an explanation.
- 4) Mattress – There has been a mattress dumped in a gateway, by the Rectory. Clerk to contact Shropshire Council to remove.

- 2023/139 Parish Plan Review**
Nothing to report.
- 2023/140 Planning Application**
No applications made.
- 2023/141 School Bus**
The school bus to take Primary aged children to school was removed as there was not enough children in parish. However, there are now around 12 children who could use the bus. Clerk will contact Shropshire Council to discuss the reinstating of the school bus.
- 2023/142 Approval of Anti-Social Behaviour Policy**
Following a vote, the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy will be adopted and put on the council website.
- 2023/143 Housing Issue with Connexus**
Further to rumblings around the parish, the Clerk contacted Connexus to see if any light could be shared on the matter. We received a response saying that a manager would get back to us the week commencing the 25th March.
- 2023/144 Cleobury Mortimer Men's Shed**
It was agreed that the Parish Council would happily donate £100 to the Cleobury Men's Shed. The Clerk will follow up on the noticeboard and fence posts.
- 2023/145 Approval of Grass Cutting for 2024**
It was agreed that Richard Skellern had done a good job last year and should continue for 2024. Proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Austin.
- 2023/146 Co-option of a New Councillor**
The Clerk will put posters on the noticeboard and on the website for the vacancy of a councillor. If anybody would like to become a councillor please contact the Clerk on the details above?
- 2023/147 Financial Matters**
Bank Mandate
- Approve Payments**
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| Chq No. 207 | L Grehan Wages (February)
(including £148.80 tax refund) | £451.92 |
| Chq No. 208 | Hugofox – March | £35.99 |
| Chq No. 209 | A Clayton Contracting | £360.00 |
- Financial Summary**
A bank reconciliation and bank statements were reported to members showing a balance on the 13/03/2024 of £9,568.56
- 2023/148 Councillor Reports**
No councillor was present.
- 2023/149 Items for Next Agenga**
Thoughts and ideas for the Annual Parish Meeting (APM).

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m. The next meeting will be on the 17th April 2024 at 7.00 pm.