

Parish Council Meetings

26th Jan 2026 Ordinary

23rd March 2026 Ordinary

18th May 2026, Annual &

Assembly Meetings

15 minutes is available for members of the public to speak on issues or concerns they have regarding Coughton. If there is anything specific you wish to discuss at length, please email the parish clerk to pass on to Coughton councillors.

All Parish Council meetings are held @ 6.30pm in Coughton C of E Primary School Hall.

Agendas & Minutes of all meetings are available on the Parish Council website and the noticeboard by Coughton C of E School

VILLAGE ISSUES

Calling all heroic villagers! Our street, parking, and village signs have reached their peak dirtiness. They are so grubby even the pigeons are complaining! If you fancy a bit of light scrubbing, mild glamour and the satisfaction of seeing your reflection in a sign that hasn't shone since 1898, we'd love your help. Bring your enthusiasm and maybe a bucket and sponge. Let's make our village look like we actually live here on purpose!

If you have salt bins near your home can you please check these and report to the Parish Council if they are damaged or need refilling please, as we are coming to the time of year when we may need these.

If you notice any trees that have fallen or are in a dangerous position, please contact either Stratford District Council, Highways or the Parish Council and someone will help you.

Coughton with Sambourne Church Services

Sambourne Holy Communion 4pm, 7th December
Coughton Carol Service 6.30pm, 18th December
Coughton Christingle 5pm, 24th December
Sambourne Evening Prayer 4pm, 4th January 2026
Coughton Holy Communion 11am, 18th January 2026
For services at St Peter's Coughton, entry from A435 Birmingham Road, entrance to Coughton Court. The gates open at 10am and parking is in the car park. Everyone is welcome to our friendly informal services. Refreshments are served afterwards. We wish you a happy & peaceful New Year

Coughton with Sambourne 100 Club

The £450 Jackpot draw for October was won by one of the organisers, John McTavish recently of Coughton. The November draw for £100 was won by Jayne Kirkwood, a relation of John's, living in Hampshire.

The draws are made on the first Sunday each month at 5.00pm in Sambourne Church Hall. This month's draw has two prizes one for £100 and another for £50. January's draw will again be a Jackpot draw for £450.

The organisers would be pleased to have more members joining the 100 Club as it would then be possible to increase the prizes. They would also be helping to maintain the Village Church and have a chance of winning a cash prize each month. Contact Peter Laband (07732 360493) or John McTavish (07732 630164) should you wish to join.

Dates for your Diary

Coughton Community Choir practice every Thursday @ Kings Court Hotel 6.30pm

Bi Monthly Parish Council Meetings

Christmas Tree Light Switch On

Walk & Chat 30th December 2025 from Coughton C of E School @10.15am

9th February 2026 Defibrillator Training

Litter Picking Days Dates TBC

Sambourne with Coughton Cemetery Tidy Weekend Date TBC

Boozy Book club @ The Throckmorton Dates TBC

Book Swap Club, Coughton's Phone Box Grand Opening Date TBC

Monthly Coffee Mornings

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Sambourne Information

Newsletter contact

- Lynne Stanton
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If you have recently moved into Coughton or do not have a 'Village Pass', for Coughton Court Please contact;
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COUGHTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025



COUGHTON FESTIVE
'WALK & TALK' MEETS
AGAIN



Join us for a festive winter stroll!

Tuesday 30th December 2025

Meet: at Coughton C of E School

Time: 10.15am for a 10.30am start

Route : A circular walk from Coughton to Sambourne and back finishing at The Throckmorton for warmth, good company and some well earned sustenance!

Bring Along: Dogs, cats, children—even your festive outfits! Dress up—Dress down—just come ready to have fun!

Please let us know you'll be attending so we can plan for numbers

We cant wait to see you for some

festive fresh
air and
friendly
conversation!



Coughton's Annual Scarecrow Competition

Took place on Saturday 1st November, the theme this year was Halloween. What a wonderful response we had. This year the scarecrows were judged by our very own Matt Quirk, who found the decision very hard. The winner in the end was 11 Coughton Lane. Well done and thank you to everyone who entered.



SO, NOW LET'S SHOW EVERYONE HOW WE CAN DECORATE OUR LOVELY HOMES THIS CHRISTMAS IN COUGHTON!

LET'S LIGHT UP THE VILLAGE.



Coughton's Annual Defibrillator Training

Studley First Responders will be taking the annual defibrillator training session again next year, it will take place at Coughton C of E School on Monday 9th February 2026, @ 6.30pm



We feel this is something everyone should know how to do. It could save a life. EVEN YOURS!

Can you please contact Lynne on: 07841818377, What's App or message to confirm you wish to attend as we need to know numbers just in case we need 2 sessions.

We are also looking to fundraise through Coughton Community for new defibrillators for the village, as the one we have at present, works well but due to it's age, the batteries and pads are becoming harder to get hold of. If you wish to contribute in any way or have any fundraising ideas, please contact a member of the Parish Council and they will point you in the right direction. Thank you



NOTICEBOARD

The Parish Council are looking to refurbish our noticeboard by the school, as it is starting to look quite run down and dirty. Any offers of help would be gratefully received

Coughton Book Swap & Book Club

Big news from the A435..... Our Parish Council has now officially bought the telephone box for the princely sum of £1. (Don't worry—we checked, and that is the going rate for vintage red real estate.) We've also found wonderful volunteers to paint and refurbish it, which is brilliant—mainly because the rest of us can't be trusted with a paint brush. Once it's spruced up, the newly christened Book Swap Box will be fitted with shelves, a noticeboard, and books for all ages. Yes, even that age where you only read things with dragons, cake, or both. We may even host a grand unveiling, depending on how many ribbons we can find and whether anyone knows how to cut them ceremonially without injuring themselves. Everyone is welcome to donate, borrow or swap books—no library card, PIN number or secret handshake required. And because reading is thirsty work, we'll soon be launching our very own Boozy Book Club—open to alcohol drinkers, tea drinkers and anyone who just wants an excuse to sit in a pub with a book. Watch this space for the start date!



Coffee Mornings



Coughton Coffee Mornings are fabulous times for villagers and friends to meet and chat over tea coffee and cake! Some even have several slices (you know who you are!) The next coffee mornings are on SATURDAY 13th December (Christmas Hats obligatory) & SATURDAY 17th January 2026. 10 am—12pm. Please pop in and join us for coffee, cake and a chat. Everyone is Welcome, as long as I can squeeze you into my kitchen and there is enough cake to go around!

Roads & Pathways

The drains throughout the village have once again been cleaned. Highways have now started putting in a new larger diameter drain from the ford and along Coughton Fields Lane. This will then be taken under the A435 and into Coughton Lane (Look out for the Traffic Lights!!!). With the wider gauge pipe, this should help alleviate some of the flooding issues in this area, creating a better environment for villagers and traffic. Unfortunately, we have still had no response from The National Trust regarding the blocked drain in the field behind properties on the A435 which is also causing major issues.

Can we respectfully ask land owners and home owners alike if they would kindly trim back their hedges/trees in order for the public to walk along the pathways safely without having to walk into the road and for drivers to be able to see when pulling out of lanes.



Coughton Needs You (yes, you!)

Have you ever wondered what happens at Parish Council meetings? Well.... Not much, if no one turns up!

Your councillors are not superheroes (though we try). We're just ordinary villagers like you, giving up our time— and no, we don't get paid even in tea and biscuits (sadly).

But here's the thing: if nobody comes along, if nobody speaks up and nobody supports us, we could lose our Parish Council. This means Stratford District Council, would be calling the shots for Coughton. And nobody wants that, right?

So if you've ever grumbled about potholes, wished for more flowers, or just want to know more about what's going on— Come along! Bring your ideas, your moans, your praises...and maybe even some biscuits?

Your Parish Council: Slightly ordinary people doing their best to keep Coughton extraordinary!

Please join us at our next Parish Council Meeting.