

CORELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held at Coreley Village Hall on Wednesday 18th March 2026 at 7.00pm

2025/118 Present

Mrs. J. Thomas (Chairman) Mr. V. Romeo (Vice)
Mr. T Hilder Mr. R. Edwards
Mr. S. Houston-Mills Mr. A. Parkhill
Also present: Mrs L. Grehan (Clerk), Mrs. P. Davies (Unitary Councillor) and Mr. Davies (Member of the Public)

2025/119 Apologies

Mr. J. Parton, Mr. I. Smith and Mr. A. Hardman (Lengthsman)

2025/120 Public participation

None

2025/121 Declarations of Interest

None

2025/122 Approval of Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 26th February 2026.

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. R. Edwards. Minutes **signed by the Chairman**.

2025/123 Shropshire Unitary Councillor Report

There was no March report sent out as Cllr. Davies was away. The main issues which seem to be affecting all parishes are pot holes. This is an issue Cllr. Davies is chasing up and is corresponding with numerous people at Shropshire Council to try and resolve it. One option Cllr. Davies has been looking into is for Shropshire Council to give the power of filling in pot holes directly to Parish Councils, along with ensuring they have the correct training and the correct insurance in place. As of the beginning of April, Shropshire Council do have a new contractor in place to carry out the repairs of pot holes. The Clerk informed Cllr. Davies, further to email correspondence that had been sent out in regards to pot holes reappearing after works have been carried out, that Coreley bank has had numerous pot holes filled in/repaired, that have now come back and need re-repairing.

Gritting - Cllr. Davies would still like to be sent a map of the route we would like to have gritted in adverse weather, taking into account the school bus and vulnerable people. Cllr. Edwards is looking into this and will get the map over to Cllr. Davies.

2025/124 Clerks Report

- 1) Overgrown Tree – The Clerk has contacted Shropshire Rural Housing Association, informing them that Shropshire Council have said that Shropshire Rural Housing Association own the tree and therefore it is up to them to maintain it. The Clerk is waiting for a response.
- 2) Fix my street – The Clerk has contacted Chris Mellings to discuss the councils concerns over the fact that Fix My Street doesn't remove old reports and therefore makes it very complicated to see if something, especially pot holes need to be reported again.
- 3) Other items – The Clerk is still working on the setting up of BACS payments and looking into ownership/legal rights of road and car park at the Remer.

2025/125 Lengthsman Report

The Lengthsman was unable to attend the meeting, however he sent the following report to the Clerk. He has spoken to Mr. Chapman, who has confirmed he is happy for him to carry out the works on the Coreley bank. The Clerk will ask for a quote for the works to include adequate drainage.

2025/126 Parish Matters

- 1) The edges of the main road are now covered with mud and you can no longer see the white lines. The Clerk will contact Highways/Fix My Street to report.

- 2) As well as looking into the ownership, the Clerk has been asked to contact Connexus to find out more information regarding any future plans with the car park for the Remer.
- 3) Memorial Hall Ownership – Cllr. Hilder spoke with Norris & Miles, they informed him that without the original paperwork from 1966 it would be extremely difficult to carry out the registration of the Memorial Hall with the Land Registry. They are happy to carry out the process if we wish to proceed, for a charge. This is still to be decided. In the meantime, we will continue to look for the required paperwork.
- 4) Clee Hill Toposcope – The car park on the edge of Clee Hill village has had the resurfacing works carried out. They still plan to install a wheelchair accessible bench and disability parking space. A new viewpoint sign will also be installed. This has not been done by Coreley Parish Council, so no financial input has been given from Coreley Parish Council.
- 5) SSALC Meeting – The South Shropshire Area meeting was attended by Cllr. Hilder. Alex Wagner had attended the meeting to discuss the ‘devolution of ownership’, with Shropshire Council planning to give back control of things such as parks etc. back to parish councils.

2025/127 Memorial Hall Report

The new glass has been installed in the windows at the Memorial Hall and it has made a big improvement. There has also been an increase in the number of hires for the Memorial hall, which again is good news.

2025/128 Planning Applications

Reference: 26/00648/FUL

Address: The Willows, Coreley, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 3AP

Proposal: Erection of a replacement agricultural building for use as a muck store and general agricultural use.

Applicant: Mr. J. Hicks

Councillors have reviewed the application and have some concerns over the size and height of the proposed building, and what impact this will have on the neighbouring properties and highway. Whilst the council are not opposing the planning, they would like some more information.

2025/129 Website

The Clerk will look into setting up a gov.uk website address and an email address.

2025/130 Shropshire Council Tax

The Clerk will write a letter to Shropshire Council in response to their increase of 9% for council tax and ask what benefits Coreley as a rural parish will see from the increase in revenue. The Clerk will also ask if someone from Shropshire Council would like to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

2025/131 Section 106 – Strong Local Connection

No action on this item was required.

2025/132 Financial Matters

1) Bank Mandate

2) Approve Payments

L Grehan Wages – February	£337.12
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L Grehan – HRMC Tax – February	£2.00
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Anthony Harman	TBC
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Hugofox – March	£35.99
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Financial Summary

Balance as of 12/03/26 is £8,491.34

2025/133 Items for the next agenda

Police commissioner questionnaire

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th April.