

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd March 2025 in the Corsley Reading Room

Present: D Ball (DB)
C Brown (CB)
N Carpenter (NC) Chair
A Helliar (AH)
L Mitchell (LM)
J Phillips (JP) Vice Chair

In attendance The Clerk, Mr B Parks (County Councillor), 5 members of the public.

25/15 Apologies

Apologies were received from J White. The Clerk reported that he had today (03.03.25) received an e-mail from J Selman advising of her resignation as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect.

25/16 Declarations of Interest

None

25/17 Update from the County Council

Mr Parks (County Councillor) advised that because of the imminent elections the actions of the County Councillors would be very restricted. Officers of the Council would be working as normal.

25/18 Minutes of a meeting held on 13th January 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2024 were unanimously agreed as correct and signed as a true record.

25/19 Matters Arising from Previous meeting

25/13 – Felling of Birch Tree in Birchwood Close DB asked who had diagnosed the problem and who authorized the cutting down of the tree. The Chair advised that as one of the Tree Wardens in the Parish he was in a position to both diagnose the problem and suggest corrective action

25/20 Planning

PL/2025/01019 Erection of new agricultural general purpose building for the storage of machinery, implements, hay and straw.

At: 120 Lyes Green, Corsley, BA12 7PD

Following discussion the PC voted 3 for, 2 against with one abstention, that they would have no objection to this application with the caveat that it should

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be stipulated that it should always remain in agricultural usage as per the application.

PL/2025/01562 Conversion of existing garaging and garden room to holiday let.
At: Moor Cottage, 50 Whitbourne Moor, Corsley, BA12 7QL

AH identified two particular issues in relation to this application; parking and consistency of response – similar applications in the past having been approved. Following detailed discussion it was unanimously agreed that the PC would have no objection to this application and that it be conditioned such that permanent residence is not permitted.

25/21 Streetscene

A report had been circulated by DB. The report was approved.

Two requests to the LFHIG had been circulated:

- Implementation of an 18 ton MGW weight limit from the Picket Post roundabout westwards to the county boundary.
- Implementation of a 20mph speed limit on the section of Geys Hill from the junction of the A362 to the junction of Dertford and 40mph for the remaining length of road to the entrance to Longleat.

The requests were unanimously approved for submission.

DB reported that the hedges at Temple have been cut back.

25/22 Rights of Way

AH gave a verbal report.

25/23 Parish Council Elections

The Clerk reminded the PC that the PC elections were on the 1st May 2025 and that all members of the current PC are up for election.

Key Dates:

Publication of the Notice of Election	11 th March
Nominations open	12 th March.
Nominations close	2 nd April
Polling day	1 st May
Counting of votes	2 nd /3 rd May
‘New’ PC	4 th May

Nomination papers must be delivered by hand.

The Clerk agreed that any nomination papers given to him by Friday 21st March will be hand delivered by the due date.

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The PC will be advised, following the close of nominations, whether in fact there has to be an election necessary for membership of the PC ie whether there are more nominations than positions available.

25/24 Litter

It had been noted that the problem of litter in the Parish is getting worse. There was discussion about how best to combat it, including reference to the previous litter picking initiatives. It was agreed that the PC would encourage volunteer efforts around the lanes, the PC does have suitable equipment, but that the A362 should remain the responsibility of Wiltshire Council. MyWilts can be used to report problems.

25/25 Correspondence/Communications

The Clerk reported that nothing beyond the ‘normal’ flow had been received and distributed.

E-mail protocol The meeting discussed how best to ‘manage’ the flow of information and JP described the procedures adopted by his employers. It was agreed that JP should draft some guidelines for possible use by the PC.

25/26 AOB

CB reported on the first meeting of the Thynne and Keyford Educational Foundation that he had attended as one of the PCs appointed trustees. He advised that as the charity develops its investment strategy it could be a valuable resource which eligible members of the Parish could benefit from. The Clerk reminded the PC that it had previously been agreed that the PC would appoint a second trustee after the election in May.

DB read out a personal statement, at the end of which he handed a letter of resignation from the PC to the clerk.

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Date of Next meeting

Bi Monthly meeting

10th May 2025

TBC

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