

Corsley Parish Council

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

Present: C Brown (CB)
N Carpenter (NC)
C Firman-Ford (CFF)
M Liquorice (ML)
J Phillips (JP) Chair
M Travers (MT)

In attendance The Clerk, B Parks (County Councillor)
2 x members of the public

25/94 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from J White.

25/95 Declarations of Interest

NC and ML in respect of the item on Village Grants – 8.2

25/96 Presentation by Melanie Grace, Customer and Community Adviser SSE

Ms Grace outlined what SSE are doing in relation to community support and what is available for those that are vulnerable and may be in need of a priority service in the event of power outages.

Ms Grace was thanked for a very informative and helpful presentation the information from which it was felt could also be fed into the village Emergency Plan.

25/97 Update from County Council

Councillor Parks advised that there was nothing to report per se but he was happy to comment on matters if asked to do so.

25/98 Minutes of a meeting held on 5th September 2025.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2025 were agreed as correct and signed as a true record.

25/99 Matters Arising from Previous meeting

None

25/100 Planning

PL/2025/07554 (Listed Building Consent) removal of non-original stud wall between two small first floor bedrooms to form one large bedroom.
At: Little Thatch, 49 Whitbourne Room Corsley, BA12 7QL

The PC agreed unanimously that it had No Objection to this application.

Signed:.....

Date:

25/101 Finance

Reading Room Grant Following the receipt of the current figures relating to costs which had been requested at the previous meeting it was agreed unanimously that a grant of £1800 be made to the Reading Room as a contribution to their running costs. It was further agreed that the discount made to the RR by SSE on the installation of the solar panels should be retained by the RR.

It was confirmed that any future applications from the RR for a contribution towards their running costs would be considered annually.

Grants to Village Organisations Two grant applications had been received: Corsley War Memorial Playing Field (CWMPF) and the Corsley & Chapmanslade Parochial Church Council (C&C PCC)

Following discussion it was agreed that:

A grant of £1000 be made to the C & CPCC. The Clerk was asked to suggest to the PCC that it would be worth exploring the use of equipment and volunteers in the village to achieve their aims with respect to the churchyard.

A grant of £1800 be made to the CWMPF. It was also agreed that if the CWMPF were to seek a contribution towards specific project costs eg the purchase of additional play equipment, this would be considered.

25/102 Rights of Way

It had been previously reported that Alice Helliard (AH) had resigned as a Parish Councillor. It was agreed that how/who was to take on the RoW responsibilities in the future should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

(The Clerk advised on the procedure regarding the resignation of a councillor; it is reported to the local authority whereupon it is then advertised that a vacancy has arisen and the opportunity to request an election to fill that vacancy is offered to the electorate. If no request for an election is forthcoming the PC must decide how to proceed.)

An update on the current position had been provided by AH and was reported by the Chair – attached to these minutes.

The PC had been advised, following the last meeting, that Wiltshire Council would not support a plaining solution for CORY 20 which had been the PCs preferred solution and which it believed had general support from the relevant parties.

Signed:.....

Date:

25/103 Streetscene

A verbal report was given by CB.

The Parish Steward will be in the village on the 21st and 22nd.November. It is planned to move the SID cameras. A metro count has been done on Geys Hill.

A report from the Community Police Officer was circulated.

25/104 Emergency Planning

NC and MT reported on work recently done. MT circulated a draft leaflet that could be the basis of, or included in, information that is distributed in the village.

It was agreed £450 be authorized to purchase further equipment.

25/105 Correspondence/Communications

The Clerk advised that there was nothing of note additional to the ‘normal’ updates/news from Wiltshire Council and other bodies which is routinely circulated to councilors.

25/106 AOB

There was discussion about the advisability of PCs having a DBS check. It is not a requirement for Councillors to be DBS checked. The feeling was that it was a good idea. As it is not a requirement the PC should decide whether any Councillor going for it should be re-imbursed.

25/107 Date of Next meeting

PC meeting	5 th January 2026	tbc
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