

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th December 2024 in the Corsley Reading Room

Present: D Ball (DB)
C Brown (CB)
N Carpenter (NC) Chair
O Hares (OH)
A Helliard (AH)
J White (JW)

In attendance J Willcox Clerk
B Parks County Councillor

7 x members of the public.

24/91 Apologies

Apologies were received from L Mitchell, J Phillips and J Selman.

24/92 Declarations of Interest

OH in respect of planning applications No 08592 and 10606.

24/93 Update from the County Council

Mr Parks updated the meeting on matters specific to the parish, notably:
LPT4 - This is the consultation document published by Wiltshire Council that covers Local Transport Planning objectives for the next 23 years. Mr Parks urged everybody to participate in this. The closing date for responses is the 24th January 2025. AH observed that the PC should respond as a body and the PC agreed they would draft a response and submit it by the deadline at the end of January

Lyes Green, Court Lane – Highways were proposing that the spur at the junction of Court Lane and Lyes Green should be extended to its previous position and kerbed. The proposal was welcomed.

Parish Council Elections - Mr Parks reminded the PC that elections were to be held in May and that any election costs would have to be borne by the PC. Due cognizance should be taken of this in budget discussions. Based on previous elections it would be prudent to assume a figure of between £1500 and £2000.

24/94 Minutes of a meeting held on 6th November 2024

It was proposed by AH and seconded by NC that the minutes be accepted as a true record. The proposal was approved by a vote of 4 to 1 with one abstention.

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24/95 Minutes of a meeting held on 11th November 2024

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting were a true record subject to the following clarification being added to 24/84:

'The Rights of Way update included the good news that the resurface of CORY 8/10 had begun, after many years of having a very muddy route. Also, money had been secured via LHFIFG for footpath gates to replace stiles in the village.'

24/96 Planning

PL/2024/09932 Listed Building consent. Installation of a satellite dish at eaves level on the south elevation

At: 35 Temple, Corsley, BA12 7QN

The PC were unanimous in having no objection to this application.

PL/2024/09852 Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery, fodder and associated equipment.

At: Overdale, Corsley, BA12 7QH

The PC were unanimous in having no objection to this application subject to the building being retained for Agricultural use and that the roof be coloured grey and any walls be green.

PI/2024/10606 Permission In Principle (PIP) for a phased development of up to 2 self build dwellings.

At: Land at Lane End, Corsley

A number of the members of the public who attended had indicated that they had an interest in this application and were given leave to speak to it.

(The Clerk noted that PIPs are a relatively new class of application and would be seen as streamlined outline consent, this means that the only details submitted are number of dwellings and their site location. All of the detail that would normally be included in a full application, eg what sort of dwelling, what they would look like, access arrangements, drainage arrangements, etc, are reserved for a future application.)

After considering what the members of the public had to say and a lengthy discussion the PC voted 3 -2 in favour of agreeing to support the application subject to; there being two units only, the units be true self build (ie built by or for the end user) and the access arrangements to the site being very carefully considered.

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PLL/2024/10001 Convert and extend two barns to create a dwelling house with ancillary accommodation and associated works (amendment to PL/2021/06150)

At: Water Farm, Corsley, Warminster, BA12 7QD

The PC were unanimous in supporting this application.

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Finance

Parish Council Grants

At the meeting of 11th November the PC had deferred two grant applications pending further information being provided. A report had been circulated prior to the meeting detailing the response to the information gaps:

The Corsley War Memorial Playing Field (CWMPF)

Committee The accounts for the current year had been circulated before the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that a grant of £1600 be made to the CWMPF.

J De Groot (A parishioner) The PC were satisfied that the questions asked had been answered and it was unanimously agreed that a grant of £750 be made.

Emergency Planning

The PC had previously agreed that any spending decisions regarding equipment to be used as part of the village Emergency Plan should be put on hold pending a decision on the planning application to site a container in the car park of the Royal Oak. It was agreed that, with approval being granted, the equipment list drafted by D Ball be re-examined. It was further agreed that an order for the racking be made soonest. AH advised that Big Dug was usually competitive on price and DB agreed he would research further. An order could then be placed. It was agreed that rather than a padlock and key to be used for the container, the option of using a combination lock be considered. OH agreed to explore this option.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the proposals incorporated in DB's early Emergency Plan draft should be revisited with a view to moving forward with more urgency than hitherto shown. To this end a meeting of interested parties, eg the PC, the RR, local farmers, interested parishioners should be mooted.

The PC had received a request from the Trustees of the Corsley Reading Room (RR) that the PC grant them £2,500 to cover the cost of upgrading

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the power supply to 3 phase. It has been agreed that the (RR) should be the 'hub' for emergency response to power outages in the village. The Reading Room has been successful in getting a grant from SSE that would facilitate this and were seeking support from the PC to cover the cost of the associated upgrade of the power supply to 3 phase. The request was agreed.

Precept for 2025/2026

The Wiltshire Council deadline for receipt of the precept requirement is January 20th 2025.

A report was circulated detailing the budget set for the current year, the actual spending to date and any known and potential commitments. (It was noted that the precept for the current financial year, 2024/2025, had in fact been less than the previous financial year.) It was felt that given the inflation rate, the precept request should be increased by 5%. A detailed budget will be presented at the next meeting of the PC, at which point the precept would be finalized..

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Correspondence/Communications

The PC had been invited to nominate two trustees to the Thynne and Keyford Educational Foundation. The Clerk reported on the response received from the administrator of the trust following which it was agreed that C Brown should be one nominee and the PC would make a further nomination following the PC elections in May.

A letter from a parishioner expressing concern about the meeting of the 11th November had been circulated. The Clerk confirmed that he had replied.

DB reported that despite a number of requests the issue of flooding at Sturford Lane had still not been resolved by the Longleat Estates and he requested that a formal letter be sent reminding Longleat of their responsibilities in this area and the steps that could be taken if they did not fulfill them. It was agreed that AH should speak directly with the officers at Longleat to explain the frustration and irritation felt by the lack of any action and to seek the reasons for it..

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None

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Date of Next meeting

Bi Monthly meeting

13th January 2025

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