

Corsley Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th January 2025 in the Corsley Reading Room

Present: D Ball (DB)
N Carpenter (NC) Chair
O Hares (OH)
A Helliar (AH)
L Mitchell (LM)
J Phillips (JP) Vice Chair
J White (JW)

In attendance A number of members of the public.

25/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from C Brown, J Selman and the Clerk.

25/02 Declarations of Interest

None

25/03 Update from the County Council

Mr Parks (County Councillor) was unable to attend the meeting and tendered his apologies.

25/04 Upate on the Development at Maud Davis Close

Officers from Wiltshire Council did a presentation on the Development at Maud Davies Close and answered questions from Councillors and members of the public who were present.

Key points that were made:

The rent for the 4 x two bedroom houses would be £304 per month plus £11 per month for sewage management.

The rent for the 3 bedroom house would be £336 per month plus £11 for sewage management.

The shared ownership would be based on a valuation of £230,000.

It was confirmed that with limited exceptions Corsley residents would get priority when it came to allocation.

Availability would probably be in the Spring (March)

As yet the Council tax banding has not been set

The Council Officers encourage anyone interested in renting or shared ownership to apply promptly as the current time taken to process enrolment was 11 weeks.

They requested that we could have an unveiling ceremony once they homes were handed over to the Council which was agreed as a good idea.

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The Chair thanked the officers for their presentation.

25/05 Minutes of a meeting held on 9th December 2024

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

25/06 Matters Arising from Previous meeting

24/97 – Emergency Planning OH reported that the design of the lock on the container precluded a combination lock being used. It was agreed therefore that a keysafe should be used.

ACTION: Keysafe to be ordered.

25/07 PC response to Wiltshire consultation on the Local Transport Plan (LPT4)

Following a detailed discussion it was agreed that AH should summarise the PC response and circulate for comment prior to submission by the deadline of 24th January.

The discussion also covered the letter received from parishioners regarding the speed limit at Lane End and it was agreed that the LPT4 response should cover Lane End as well as a number of other locations in the village to address this issue.

ACTION: AH to circulate draft for submission by Clerk prior to 23rd January deadline.

25/08 Planning

It was reported that:

Planning Application no PI/2024/10606 - Permission In Principle (PIP) for a phased development of up to 2 self build dwellings at Land at Lane End, Corsley had been refused by the planning authority. (The PC agreed they would have no objection to this application subject to certain conditions.)

The application had been refused because:

The proposed development because of its location and proposed land use would be located in an unsustainable location which would result in the future occupiers being reliant on private vehicles to access services and facilities. The development therefore conflicts with the aims of the spatial strategy of the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

The Council's SFRA indicates that the site is at risk of high ground water levels and no site-specific FRA has been submitted which would mitigate the risk of groundwater flooding.

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25/09

Finance

Precept for 2025/2026

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

Following discussion it was agreed that the precept should be increased by 5% on the 2024/2025 total. (It was also agreed that the Clerks salary should be increased to £3000 pa to be paid monthly.)

25/10

Streetscene

A report had been circulated by DB. The report and the recommendations therein were approved.

DB requested that we send the SID back to manufacturers for repair of the solar panel superstructure damaged during the recent storm at a cost of approximately £800. After discussions it was agreed that DB would deliver solar panel to JP to see if we could repair this ourselves.

ACTION: DB to deliver to JP for repair.

DB also suggested that we get a second SID to save having to move between locations. It was suggested that it may be cheaper for the PC to source a new SID that would work with Wiltshire Police Software (as we may get 75% of costs from LHFIG).

25/11

Rights of Way

AH gave a verbal report. Improvements have been made to CORY 3. CORY 8 and 10 would be improved over the next 6 months. A few landowners are being chased for stile and gate repairs. The CORY 7 diversion is still awaiting another bridge survey from Somerset Council.

25/12

Correspondence/Communications

A letter received from Parishioners referring to the speed limit at Lane End – see para 25/07 above.

25/13

AOB

NC reported that the mobile Police van would be at the Royal Oak on the 17th January.

NC reported that he had cut down one of the Birch trees on the Birchwood Close island for safety reasons. It is probable that the remainder of the birch trees will have to be cut down for similar reasons in time as the trees are at the end of their normal life span. . It was suggested that the residents of Birchwood Close be advised of this and be consulted on what should replace them.

25/14

Date of Next meeting

Bi Monthly meeting

3rd March 2025

TBC

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