

CORSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a bi-monthly meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2023 held at
Corse and Staunton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr R Hall (Chair), Cllr M Jones, Cllr P Burford, Cllr D Preston, Cllr B Buck and Cllr A Collings.
The meeting was chaired by Cllr R Hall and the minutes were taken by the Clerk.
Dave Williams attended as the Staunton Parish Council representative.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr T Jones.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. Minutes of previous meeting(s)

It was proposed by Cllr M Jones that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4th July 2023 be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr B Buck and agreed by all Cllrs present.

4. Public consultation

There were no matters for discussion.

5. Reports

5.1 District Councillor Philip Burford advised that it had been quiet during August but that the scrutiny into the development management process will be seeking Parish Council input, if the Parish Council feel they have matters to report then comments may be submitted.

It was agreed that no comments were needed at this time.

5.2 District Councillor Clayton Williams attended the meeting but had no further matters to add as it had been the summer break and quiet during August.

5.3 County Councillor Philip Robinson spoke to on Adult Education and the Ofsted Inspection outcome, the agreed spend for a new SEN School and the newly opened Special School in Stroud, the Tour of Britain and the concerns regarding RAAC in Gloucestershire.

6. Finance

6.1 Accounts for payments

It was proposed by Cllr T Jones to agree the payments for September 2023 as circulated, presented at the meeting and listed below, this was seconded by Cllr A Collings and agreed by all Cllrs present. It was resolved that the payments be made.

Payee	Expenditure	Power	Amount
V Roberts	Cartridge Save - Printer Inks (Clerk & Vice Chair Printers)	GPC	71.11
V Roberts	Salary & Home Working - August & September	GPC	446.67
HMRC	PAYE/NI August & September	GPC	101.20

Source	Income	Amount
Natwest	Interest	3.11

6.2 Financial statement and cash re-conciliation

It was proposed by Cllr M Jones to agree the income and expenditure to date, the bank reconciliation to date and the expenditure against budget to date this was seconded by Cllr B Buck and agreed by all Cllrs, and it was resolved to accept the statements.

6.3 Quarterly Financial Check

Cllr M Jones has carried out a Financial Check and confirmed that all was in order.

6.4 External Audit 2022-23

It was noted that the external audit process was now completed and no matters were raised and there are no actions to be undertaken.

6.5 Appointment of Internal Auditor

After discussion and considering the service offered it was agreed that GAPTC would be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the year ending 2023-2024.

6.6 Noticeboard Lettering

Cllr R Hall advised that the letters are being sought and it was agreed that no further quotes were needed at the current time.

6.7 Grant Request from Corse Church

Having sought further advice and confirmation on the position of Parish Council donations it was agreed that no donation would be made. However, as there are Parishioners willing to give their time it was agreed that the Clerk would advise that with help from the Church a rota could be arranged to assist with the grass cutting. Dates for interested Parishioners to meet with the Church are to be sought.

6.8 Assets and Inspection

Following the asset inspection it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Finches re the weed spraying at the bus shelter and Highways about cutting the grass edge back in line with the original pavement.

7. Police Matters

There were no Police matters to discuss.

8. Highways

8.1 Flooding

There were no matters for discussion.

8.2 Highways report

The Highways report was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would chase up the cutting back of the verge and hedge at the junction of Oridge Street and the A417.

The Clerk is to also chase the cleaning of the drains through the Village as these have still not been cleared.

9. The Pound

The Clerk advised that Smiths had re-valued The Pound at a value of between £20,000 and £22,000.

10. Planning

To make recommendations to the Planning Authority upon the suitability of the following planning applications/appeals.

Planning Ref	Property	Planning Details	Parish Council Comments
P1128/23/TCA	Long Acre, School Crescent	Undertake a crown reduction of no more than 25% to Snakebark Maple, identified as Tree 1 on Plan of Proposed Works. Undertake a crown reduction of no more than 25% to Cherry, identified as Tree 2 on Plan of Proposed Works. European Larch to be felled, identified as Tree 3 on Plan of proposed Works. Red Hawthorn to be felled, identified as Tree 4 on Plan of Proposed Works. NOTE removal of Trees 3 and 4 is preparatory work to the planting of 20 fruit trees, 2 oak trees and 2 Ash trees	Corse Parish Council considered the planning application for Long Acre and have no comments to make.
P1159/23/TCA	Prince of Wales, Gloucester Road	T1 Walnut: Dismantle the tree and grind out the stump, remove all arisings from site, and replant with an English oak (<i>Quercus robur</i>) nearby in an appropriate location. Reason: The tree is almost completely dead, and there is evidence of decay on two main structural limbs, meaning that structural failure (in proximity to a Listed building) is reasonably foreseeable. T2 Robinia (adjacent to Walnut and growing up and through large Hazel): Fell to ground level and poison stump to prevent regeneration. Reason: Upper part of the tree is dead. No amenity value.	Corse Parish Council considered the planning application for Prince of Wales and support this application to protect the future of the building.

The Parish Council had received an email Black Box Planning offering to meet to present the proposed application for the Swan the submitted planning application, it was agreed that as in the past the Parish Council would wait to receive the submitted planning application.

11. Cycle Event

The cycle event due to be held on Saturday 24th September 2023 was discussed and no matters were raised.

The Parish Council agreed to write to the Cycling Club using the A417 through Corse to ask for more consideration to be given to other road users.

12. D-Day 80 Celebrations

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not be organising a beacon but it was suggested and agreed that the Clerk look at available flags, further information and costs will be discussed at the November meeting.

13. Other Items for Information Only/Future Agenda Items

The Parish Council were advised that trees are being cut down in Warners Farm but there is already an awareness that this is due to Ash Die Back and that they are being replaced with around 2,000 trees in their place.

14. Dates of next Meetings 2023-2024

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 7th November 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm