CORSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the bi-monthly meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at
Corse and Staunton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr A Collings (Vice-Chair), Cllr R Hall, Cllr P Burford and Cllr D Preston.
The meeting was chaired by Cllr A Collings (Vice Chair) and the minutes were taken by the Clerk.
Staunton Parish Council were represented by Cllr Williams.

1. **Apologies for absence**
   Apologies were received from Cllr B Buck, Cllr M Jones and Cllr T Jones. The apologies were accepted and minuted.

2. **Declarations of Interest**
   There were no declarations of interest made.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting(s)**
   It was resolved by all Cllrs present to accept the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2026. The minutes were signed as a true record.

4. **Public consultation**
   There were no members of the public present.
   Highways are to be reminded of the repairs needed to the damaged bridge along the footpath from Oridge Street to Snigs End, this will also be reported to the Footpath Officer.
   The condition of the road surface in Prince Crescent and Boundary Place are to be reported to Highways for inspection and repair.
   Highways will be reminded to rectify the filling in of the drain and return the area to it's original condition as this was carried out by Highways operatives.

5. **Reports**
   5.1 District Councillor Philip Burford attended the meeting and spoke to Cllrs on the recent vote of no confidence, the Local Plan and the Glynchbrook development.
   5.2 District Councillor Clayton Williams was not present.
   5.3 County Councillor Stuart Graham was not present.

6. **Finance**
   6.1 Accounts for payments
   It was resolved by all Cllrs present to agree the payments for March 2026 as presented at the meeting and listed below, the payments are to be made.

Payee	Expenditure	Power	Amount
V Roberts	Salary & Homeworking January 26	GPC	256.07
HMRC	PAYE/NI January 26	GPC	58.60
V Roberts	Salary & Homeworking February 26 & Mythic Beast Jan & Feb 26	GPC	261.87
HMRC	PAYE/NI February 26	GPC	58.80
ICO	Annual Registration	GPC	52.00
Zurich Insurance	Renewal of 2nd yr of 3 yr LTA	GPC	660.86
Greenfinch	Annual Grass Cutting	GPC	354.00
V Roberts	Salary & Homeworking March 26	GPC	258.87
HMRC	PAYE/NI March 26	GPC	58.80
V Roberts	Office 365 Annual Subscription	GPC	84.99
Playing Fields	Donation	GPC	300.00
Village Hall	Donation	GPC	300.00
Scouts	Donation	GPC	100.00
Football Club	Donation	GPC	300.00
WI	Donation re Flower Troughs	GPC	50.00

Source	Income	Amount
Natwest	Interest	2.45
Clarks Trading	Pound Rental January 2026	200.00

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Natwest	Interest	2.23
Clarks Trading	Pound Rental February	200.00
Natwest	Interest	2.09
Clarks Trading	Pound Rental March	200.00

6.2 Financial statement and cash re-conciliation

It was resolved to agree the income and expenditure, the bank reconciliation, and the expenditure against budget to date, the statements will be attached to the minutes.

6.3 Microsoft Office 365

The renewal of Office 365 for business was agreed at a maximum cost of £85 plus VAT the Clerk is to arrange for the renewal.

6.4 Domain, Website and Email Update.

The domain has now been purchased with Mythic Beasts and the website will be transferred shortly. The email for the Clerk has been set up for .gov.uk and will start to be used going forward. The Clerk will liaise with Cllrs to set up the new Cllrs emails on laptops.

6.5 Quarterly Internal Check

An internal check will be completed at the next meeting.

6.6 Insurance 2026-2027

The Parish Council agreed to proceed with the 2nd year of the 3 yr LTA, the Parish Council assured itself that the insurance was adequate for the needs of the Parish and fit for purpose.

6.7 Donations

The annual donations were discussed following receipt of applications and accounts and it was resolved to make the following donations for 2025-26: Playing Field £300, Village Hall £300, Scouts £100, Football Club £300, WI Flower Troughs £50. The cheques will be raised and signed and sent out following the meeting. It was resolved to retain the remaining £200 into the earmarked reserve for any further donation applications that may be received for consideration.

It was resolved to wait to see if the Brownies/Guides make an application which will be considered at a future meeting.

It was resolved that the Clerk will seek advice on making a donation to Glynchbrook and report back to the Parish Council at the May meeting.

6.8 Internal Audit 2025-26

The Internal Audit is due to take place on the 2nd April 2026.

7. Grass Cutting

It was resolved that the grass cutting for 2026-2027 should remain the same number of cuts and areas as per 2025-2026. The Clerk requested the confirmation of any increase to costs but this information is yet to be received, further discussions will take place at the May meeting regarding any cost increases.

8. Planning

8.1 Planning Applications

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

Planning Ref	Property	Planning Details	Comment
The STW planning application submitted to GCC was noted, it was resolved that the Parish Council have no comments to make.			

8.2 Revised Draft Local Plan

It was resolved that the Parish Council would submit the following response:

Corse parish Council object to the Draft Local Plan for the following reasons:

1. The new settlement is a flawed approach to delivering the housing need.
2. The landscape impact has not been adequately considered, especially dark sky allocation.
3. Alternative sites have not been considered
4. The infrastructure delivery is not guaranteed
5. There is an over reliance on Junction 2 of the M50 especially the Glynchbrook development
6. The lack of sustainability and reliance on motor vehicles
7. Failure to comply with Government guidance with regard to developing near railway lines

9. Local Government Reorganisation

It was resolved that the Parish Council would submit a response that Gloucestershire should remain as one Council and not be split into two.

10. Assertion 10, Policies and AGAR

The following policies, as previously circulated, were discussed and it was resolved to adopt them without change. Data Protection Policy, Document Retention and Record Management Policy, FOI Publication Scheme, General Privacy Notices, IT Policy, Privacy Notice for Staff or Volunteers, Risk Management Policy and internal Checks (Audit) Policy. The policies will be added to the website.

11. Police Matters

An incident of fly tipping has been reported to the police and it was noted that there may have been some cold calling taking place in Compton Close.

There were no other matters to discuss.

12. Highways

12.1 Highways report

The most recent Highways list will be updated following the meeting and submitted to Highways.

The Clerk will add the following to the Highways report prior to submission: The recent works on the drain at the entrance to the Drs Surgery. The surface of the roads in Prince Crescent and Boundary Place, the Oridge Street Road surface at the junction. The grass verges in Boundary Place.

The Business signs around the parish will be followed up for removal and reported to the relevant depts.

The noticeable amount of water pooling at the junction of the Worcester Road and the A417 since the works have been carried out will be reported to Highways again. The concerns remain regarding this junction and the Parish Council will again request that this be reviewed and that alterations are made to close off the slip road and to make a T Junction at a right angle with the A417 creating the needs for all traffic having to fully stop.

12.2 Floodsax

The Parish Council were offered 100 floodsax from the FoDDC which were accepted by the Clerk and are now stored with Mr Priday the snow warden and snowplough operator should they be needed during flooding.

12.3 Footpaths

There was no update on footpaths

13. Milestone

The costs for the repair of the Milestone on the Worcester Road and the quotes received will be added to the July meeting for discussion.

14. Community Emergency Plan

The Community Emergency Plan was agreed at the January meeting and is now completed.

15. Dates of Meetings 2026-2027

The dates of the meetings agreed for 2026-2027 are as follows, these will be added to the website and the noticeboard.

Tuesday 5th May 2026 - Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm

Tuesday 5th May 2026 - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to follow the Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 2nd July 2026 - Ordinary Meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Ordinary Meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 3rd November 2026 - Ordinary Meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Ordinary Meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 2nd March 2027 - Ordinary Meeting 7.30pm

16. Other Items for Information Only/Future Agenda Items

There were no other matters for information or future agendas.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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