CORSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the bi-monthly meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at
Corse and Staunton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr M Jones (Vice-Chair), Cllr P Burford, Cllr T Jones, Cllr D Preston and Cllr A Collings.
The meeting was chaired by Cllr M Jones and the minutes were taken by the Clerk.
Dave Williams attended as the Staunton Parish Council representative. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr B Buck and Cllr R Hall. The apologies were accepted and minuted.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. Minutes of previous meeting(s)

It was proposed by Cllr T Jones that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 7th January 2025 be accepted as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr A Collings and agreed by all Cllrs present.

4. Public consultation

Members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the recent appeal decision regarding Land at the Swan. Following discussion the Parish Council agreed to send a letter regarding the flooding and decision to Mr Colegate at FoDDC to reinforce that there flooding does occur in this area and to ask why there was not a flood reason for refusal in the appeal from the FoDDC planning Dept.

It was asked where the Speed Indicator Sign is now situated, the Clerk will discuss with Cllr Hall.

5. Reports

5.1 District Councillor Philip Burford gave a report to the Council on the budget, Five Acres Leisure Centre, the Biosphere, Local Govt. Reorganisation and County Elections.
5.2 District Councillor Clayton Williams sent his apologies.
5.3 County Councillor Philip Robinson sent his apologies.

6. Finance

6.1 Accounts for payments

It was proposed by Cllr P Burford to agree the payments for March 2025 as 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	Office 365 Subscription	GPC	79.99
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator Annual Cover	GPC	162.00
V Roberts	Salary & Home Working February & March 2025	GPC	497.40
V Roberts	Mythic Beasts - Webhosting Monthly Fee - Dec, Jan & Fab	GPC	9.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI February & March 2025	GPC	114.00
ICO	Annual Renewal	GPC	52.00
Donation	Playing Fields	GPC	300.00
Donation	Village Hall	GPC	300.00
Donation	Scouts	GPC	100.00
Donation	Brownies	GPC	100.00
Donation	Football Club	GPC	300.00

Source	Income	Amount
Clarks Trading	Pound Rental December 24	200.00
Natwest	Interest	3.34
Clarks Trading	Pound Rental January 25	200.00
Clarks Trading	Pound Rental February 25	200.00
Natwest	Interest	3.19

 Chairman's Signature ……. Date …….

6.2 Financial statement and cash re-conciliation

It was proposed by Cllr P Burford to agree the income and expenditure, the bank reconciliation and the expenditure against budget to date this was seconded by Cllr A Collings and agreed by all Cllrs, and it was resolved to accept the statements.

6.3 Pension Auto-Enrolment and Re-Declaration of Compliance

The Clerk advised that there were no staff to auto-enrol and that the re-declaration of compliance had been submitted to confirm that the Parish Council had carried out their legal duties.

6.4 Quarterly Financial Check

A quarterly internal check was conducted by Cllr M Jones and it was confirmed that all was in order.

6.5 The Pound

The valuation on The Pound was received and the re-build cost would be in the region of £40k, this will be taken into account when considering the Insurance renewal in April.

The access to The Pound was discussed and Cllr M Jones is to seek information regarding the access for further discussion on any actions that need to be taken.

6.6 Annual Grants

The donations were discussed following receipt of applications and accounts and it was resolved to make the following donations for 2024-25. The cheques will be raised, signed and sent out following the meeting. It was resolved to retain the remaining £150 in an earmarked reserve for any further donation applications that may be received for consideration.

Playing Field £300
Village Hall £300
Scouts £100
Brownies £100
Football Club £300

7. Grass Cutting

There were no matters for discussion.

8. Highways

8.1 Highways report

The most recent Highways list was circulated to Cllrs and discussed, new matters to be added are the pothole at the Eldersfield Junction, the junction signage at the junction when travelling from the Tirley direction and the Oridge Street sign that has come lose from one of the posts

The list will be updated and circulated to Cllrs and sent into Highways for updates.

8.2 Footpaths

Cllr T Jones provided an update to the Parish Council on footpaths and the list will be updated and circulated to Cllrs, any new issues will be reported to the Footpath Officer.

Cllr M Jones has offered to walk the footpath from Kilmorie to Chestnuts and will advise the Clerk on the location and condition of the bridge to allow for this to be sent to Highways.

8.3 Trees

There were no matters to be discussed.

8.4 Flooding

The driveway/entrance to the Drs surgery will be added onto the Highways list to seek further clarification regarding the responsibility for this area and to ask if any action can be taken to alleviate the flooding that occurs.

8.5 Worcester Road Junction

This item is to be kept on the Agenda for further discussions with the County Cllr to begin discussions on changing the junction layout.

9. Planning

9.1 Planning Applications

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

Planning Ref	Property	Planning Details	Parish Council Comments
P0037/25/FUL	7 Boundary Place, Corse	Erection of single storey front and rear extension	Corse Parish Council have considered the above planning application for 7 Boundary Place at their recent meeting and have no comments to make.
P0036/25/FUL	Land South of Straight Lane, Corse	Removal of Condition 3 (occupancy restriction to those named) and variation of Condition 4 (occupancy by gypsies and travellers only as defined in Annex 1 of Planning Policy for traveller sites (August 2015)) relating to planning permission P1143/18/FUL (APP/P1615/W/19/3227891) to enable change to the personal permission to a general traveller permission reflecting the change to the definition of traveller in Annex 1 of Planning Policy for travellers sites (December 2024)	Corse Parish Council have considered the above planning application for Land South of Straight Lane at their meeting yesterday evening and would like to submit the following comments. • The Parish Council feel on the basis that the permission granted at appeal, where access was limited to a single named family of gypsies, with the land changing hands it is reasonable for the new owners family to be the named family. • A change to a general traveller permission would be at odds with the judgement of the inspector.
P0203/25/FUL	Butts Cottage, Ashleworth Lane	Change of use of holiday cottages to residential by removal of condition no 5nof P0011/03/COU	Corse Parish Council have considered the above planning application for Butts Cottage, Ashleworth Lane and would like to submit the following comment: • The change of use creates a new permanent dwelling in the open countryside which is outside provisions of policy
P0086/25/FUL	Pitts Mill, Oridge Street	Erection of a single steel framed residential outbuilding including stabling and associated works. Demolition of existing dilapidated outbuildings.	Corse Parish Council have considered the above planning application for Pitts Mill, Oridge Street and have no comments to make on the application but would point out that this application is in Staunton. Thank you for the opportunity to make comment.

Appeals
The outcome of the appeal for Land at the Swan was received and acknowledged. Please also see minute ref 4.

9.2 NPPF Update

Cllr P Burford provided an update to the Cllrs regarding the NPPF updates and the increase in the housing numbers needing to be found.

9.3 SHELAA

The current SHELAA is seeking sites from landowners to submit land for consideration, Cllr Burford provided a brief overview for Cllrs.

10. Prince of Wales

The Clerk provided an update that had been received regarding the Prince of Wales advising that updated plans ere currently being considered, the Parish Council will be kept up to date as and when matters progress.

11. Police Matters

The increase in Police presence was noted in response to the increase in car thefts and attempted burglaries.
There were no other matters to discuss.

12. Website and Email Accounts

12.1 To Clerk advised that the updates have been carried out and that the website now meets the new compliance regulations.

12.2 The actions and costs relating to the change to a .gov.uk domain and email(s) will be discussed at a future meeting.

13. Rally 2025

The changes to the Rally were discussed and it was noted that the Hasfield Stage will not run this year.

14. Communications Update

The Clerk provided a brief on the Communications online discussion, there were some good ideas which are being considered by the FoDDC.

15. Other Items for Information Only/Future Agenda Items

There were no other items.

16. Dates of next Meeting and Meetings for 2025-2026

The dates of the next meeting and the meetings for next year were agreed as follows:

Annual Parish Meeting	Tuesday 6th May 2025
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council	Tuesday 6th May 2025
July Meeting	Tuesday 1st July 2025
September Meeting	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
November Meeting	Tuesday 4th November 2025
January Meeting	Tuesday 6th January 2026
March Meeting	Tuesday 3rd March 2026

The Parish Council resolved that members of the press and public are excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item by reason of the confidential nature of the item of business to be transacted in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

17. Contract of Employment

The Parish Council compared the original and new format contracts and after discussion it was resolved that the contract for the Clerk/RFO be transferred to the updated contract as obtained from GAPTC. This is to be updated with immediate effect to include a statement regarding indemnity as included in the previous original contract.

The Clerk will be paid monthly from 25-26 financial year, as per the annual salary agreed at the November meeting and within the budget discussions for 25-26.

18. Closure of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

 Chairman's Signature ……. Date …….