CORSE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the bi-monthly meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at
Corse and Staunton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr M Jones (Chair) (MJ), Cllr A Collings (Vice-Chair) (AC), Cllr P Burford (PB), Cllr D Preston (DP).
The meeting was chaired by Cllr M Jones and the minutes were taken by the Clerk.
Dave Williams and Jayne Millar sent apologies as the Staunton Parish Council representatives. No members of the public attended the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Hall (RH), Cllr T Jones (TJ) and Cllr B Buck (BB), 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 resolved by all Cllrs present to accept the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2026 and the minutes were signed as a true record.

4. Public consultation

There were no members of the public present.

5. Reports

5.1 District Councillor Philip Burford gave a report to the Cllrs on the single unitary council, black bins at village halls and churchyards, the biosphere and the local plans.
5.2 District Councillor Clayton Williams was not in attendance.
5.3 County Councillor Stuart Graham was not in attendance.

6. Finance

6.1 Accounts for payments

It was resolved by all Cllrs present to agree the payments for July 2025 as presented at the meeting and listed below, the payments are to be made.

Payee	Expenditure	Power	Amount
Clerk & RFO	Salary and Home Working July 26	GPC	256.07
Mythic Beasts	Webhosting May, June & July 26	GPC	9.00
HMRC	PAYE & NI July 2026	GPC	58.60
Clerk & RFO	Salary and Home Working August 26	GPC	255.87
Mythic Beasts	Webhosting August 26	GPC	3.00
HMRC	PAYE & NI August 2026	GPC	58.80
Phil Cooke Web Services	Email, website hosting and support	GPC	70.00

Source	Income	Amount
Clark Trading	Pound Rental June 2026	200.00
Natwest	Interest	2.14
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Natwest	Interest	2.07

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 Quarterly Financial Check

An internal quarterly check was carried out and it was noted that all was in order.

6.4 External Audit 2025-26

The Clerk advised that no matters have been raised during the period of elector rights and that the external audit has been completed.

6.5 Remembrance Wreath 2026

It was resolved that the Remembrance Wreath is to be ordered for Remembrance Day 2026 the Clerk will arrange the wreath, the poppy display and the soldier are all in order and not further action is needed on these.

 Chairman's Signature ……. Date …….

6.6 Website Support

It was resolved that the website hosting and support is to continue for November 2026 to October 2027 with Mr Cooke at a cost of £70, the cheque will be signed for the hosting and support to continue.

6.7 Assets and Inspection

Following the recent inspection of assets the works considered at the meeting were agreed and quotes will be sought for the agreed actions.

6.8 Budget 2027-28

The proposed budget will be circulated to the Cllrs prior to the November meeting.

6.9 New Digital AGAR Portal

The Clerk advised that a digital version of the external audit will be available this year and it is hoped to take part, in future years the digital system will become compulsory.

7. Grass Cutting

The Clerk advised that there were no planned changes to the cost per cut at the current time.
There were no other matters to discuss.

8. Planning

8.1 Planning Applications for Consideration

Planning Ref	Property	Planning Details	Parish Council Comments
P0965/29/PQ3PA	Agricultural Barn at Pebbles Cottage, Church Lane	Prior approval for the conversion of existing agricultural barn to C3 residential for use as short-term let with building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion.	Corse Parish Council have considered the above planning application for Pebbles Cottage, Church Lane, Corse and have the following comments to make: • The Parish Council do not agree that a class Q application is appropriate as according to the knowledge of the Parish Council the barn has never been an agricultural building.

8.2 Planning Applications previously considered, agreed and comments submitted.

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

Planning Ref	Property	Planning Details	Parish Council Comments
P0758/26/TPO	2 Grange Close	Undertake the following works to trees covered by A6 of Tree Preservation Order number DFTPO 179. Reduce 2 x Ash trees in rear garden to approximately 10 metres in height to alleviate wind loading and end weight due to infection with Ash Dieback disease and presence of bracket fungi at the base. Leave the radial spread no less than 3 metres and maintain as much of the new lower canopy as possible. Mature Willow to right hand side of garden when facing away from the house, remove the low branch growing towards the house and follow around the canopy raising the remainder to this height.	Corse Parish Council considered the application for 2 Grange Close and have no comments to make.
P0685/26/APP	Land at Gloucester Road	Approval of reserved matters (Landscaping, Scale and Appearance) relating to P0517/23/OUT for 50 dwellings (40% affordable) with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS). All matters reserved except for access and layout. (revised scheme)	Corse Parish Council considered the application for Land at Gloucester Road and would like to submit the following comments: The Parish Council would advise that their previous comments still stand and would seek the following: • Low level lighting around the development to avoid light pollution and disturbance to existing local properties and wildlife. • The roof colour and building materials to be in keeping and sympathetic to the chartist bungalows and existing properties and in character with the rural location. Condition 21 referring to the programme of archaeological work needs to be carried out and approved.

8.3 Planning Enforcement

The Clerk will follow up the enforcement status with FoDDC as no further communication has been received since the email update on the 5th Juny 2026.

Following the enquiry from the press the Parish Council resolved to issue a statement which will be submitted by the Clerk, the statement will be as follows:

- Corse Parish Council are disappointed that the activity on the Land to the South of Corse and Staunton Village Hall has been taking place for around a year and FoDDC Planning Enforcement appear to not have taken any decisive action.

9. Police Matters

There were no new matters to discuss.

10. Highways

10.1 Highways report

Highways have been made aware of the condition of the surface and sides of Church Lane.

The overgrown path and damaged bridge will be reported again, the Clerk will send this to the Footpath Officer.

10.2 Flooding

There were no flooding matters to discuss.

10.3 Footpaths

Footpath GC07 that runs from Oridge Street behind the Chartist bungalows and through to the bridge over the brook has been reported to the Footpath Officer for inspection, clearance and repair.

11. Parish Steward or Lengthsman Pilot Research

The above research was considered and it was resolved that the Parish Council would not wish to take part in this at the current time.

12. Defibrillators and Bleed Kits

The Clerk advised that bleed kit has been ordered and when delivered will be placed into the defibrillator cabinet.

13. Parish Elections 6th May 2027

The Clerk advised if the costs for the elections to be held in May 2027 which will need to be factored into the budget for next year.

14. Biosphere

The updates to the Biosphere and the meetings were advised to the Parish Council.

15. Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution

The areas of responsibility for discussions with County and District Councils will be considered at a later date.

16. Nature and Climate Emergency Strategy

As no new strategy has been received from the FoDDC it was resolved to await future updates.

17. Meeting Date Reminders

The Clerk remind Cllrs of the dates for previously circulated external meetings both in person and online.

18. Other Items for Information Only/Future Agenda Items

- It was noted that Cllr R Hall has resigned and that the vacancy procedure will now be followed.
- The responses to the Local Plan questionnaire were discussed and agreed and these will be submitted by the Clerk.

19. Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 3rd November 2026.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

 Chairman's Signature ……. Date …….