Parish Council Meetings 28th November 6.30pm 23rd January 2023 6.30pm 27th March 2023 Ordinary Meeting 6.00pm Annual Meeting 6.30pm

All Parish Council meetings are held in Coughton CofE Primary School's hall

THERE WILL BE 15 MINUTES AT THE START OF EVERY MEETING FOR YOU TO ADDRESS ANY ISSUES. CONCERNS & QUESTIONS. IF THERE IS ANY-THING THAT IS CONCERNING YOU. OR THAT YOU FEEL NEEDS LOOKING INTO, PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING AND LET US KNOW. IF YOU DON'T TELL YOUR PARISH COUNCIL. WE CAN'T TRY AND PUT IT RIGHT FOR VOII

Agendas & Minutes of all meetings are available on the Parish Council website and noticeboard by Coughton CofE school

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Do you have time to volunteer for a couple of hours each month to help with village issues? We need someone to join us and help with village matters and stop Coughton Sarah Whittaker: Clerk from merging with other towns and Roy Piddington: Chair

villages. Please contact the Parish Len Carter: Vice Chair Clerk or pop and have a chat with a $\stackrel{\text{Lynne Stanton: Cllr}}{\text{--}}$ councillor, 'WE NEED YOU'

Parish Council Meeting 25th July 2022

There was a minutes silence at the start of the Parish Council meeting for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This was then followed by the reading of the Proclamation of King Charles III

Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest were updated. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Report was given by Mr. Kolb, Headmaster of Coughton CofE School. He told us that they had received a successful OFSTED report maintaining their 'good' status. He is concerned with the cost of living crisis and how it will impact on the school's curriculum and trips. There are to be some new parking signs for Coughton lane, we are awaiting designs. The pot hole on the traffic lights and the damaged drain on A435 incoming from Alcester has been reported. The council queried if there was any budget for the pathways to be improved from Coughton Court to Hayden Way. C.C. Kerridge said the quote for this was over 90K which was over his budget, but has requested further quotes for some widening improvements. There is also a match fund which he will help us apply for. C.C. Kerridge gave report regarding proposed future cycle routes. D.C. Forman gave report regarding bin collections and success of new food waste bins. The Blood Bandage Kit has now been installed in the defibrillator box behind the phone box on A435.

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Volunteers to deliver the newsletter bi-monthly to a maximum of 20 houses in the village would be much appreciated. Please contact: Lynne Stanton

COUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL **NEWSLETTER** OCTOBER 2022

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our beloved Queen Élizabeth II

She served her country and the Commonwealth with dignity, loyalty and humility. She vowed to do her duty for the whole of her life and this is something she did ten fold. She was sincerely loved and will be greatly missed by people worldwide

Our condolences to her family at this very sad time God Bless you Ma'am God Save King Charles III

There is a Book of Condolence in St Peters Parish Church. Coughton, should you wish to sian this.



Community Help

Coughton Parish Council need volunteers & assistance to organize community events, such as the Ford Group, Cemetery Tidy, Book Club, Walking Football, Yoga. The Barn Project, Hog Roast, Coughton Fete & Flood issues are also projects with which we need help. We appreciate time is valuable but even if it's just an hour or two you have to spare, this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact a Councillor or the Parish Clerk to add your name to our list. Thank you in anticipation.

Parish Council Informal Coffee Mornings

Join us again for a coffee morning in 'The Mews' on October 22nd (weather permitting) and 19th November. It is just an informal coffee and chat with 2 of your Parish Councillors. You can bring up any questions /ideas you have with them or just pop in for a coffee and a slice of cake!

Coughton Community Choir

If you would like to join Coughton Community Choir, they meet at Kings

Court Hotel, on a Thursday evening @ 6.30pm. After choir there are always a few refreshments in the bar (if that doesn't entice you nothing will!) Contact; Parish Councillor Christine Lewington if you are interested in joining.

The choir will be having a Christmas Meal at Kings Court on 2nd December. If you are on your own or feel isolated, and would like to join us you are most welcome. Please contact Christine ASAP to book your space.





Average Speed Cameras

As you may be aware we, at long last now have the average speed cameras up and running through the village on the A435, from Arrow to Studley Cricket Club. This is in the hope that the excessive speeding and accidents will be reduced along this stretch of road. I must admit this has already slowed the traffic down considerably WATCH YOUR SPEED!

Coughton Ford Group

After the annual Parish Council meeting, we had an overwhelming response to our request for help for the Ford Group. Should anyone else still wish to join, please contact the Parish Clerk & she will pass your name onto the relevant person.

Stray Dogs/Animals

If anyone finds a stray dog, please take it to your local vets to be scanned for a chip. If you do not have time, please contact your local dog warden.

McGettigan Vets 01527 893016

Dog Warden 01926 456734

<u>Please contact Lynne if you would like to put something of interest to the village into the newsletter</u>

Dates for your Diary

Coughton Community Choir Practice every Thursday @ Kings Court Hotel 6.45pm

OCTOBER Breast Cancer Awareness Month

17th & 18th October Cemetery Tidy 10-4pm

22 October Parish Council Coffee Morning in 'The Mews' 10am—12pm

31 October Halloween Celebrations – Don't forget to dress up your house and yourselves.
19 November Parish Council Coffee Morning in 'The Mews' 10am—12pm

13 November Remembrance Sunday 11am
1st December Coughton Community Choir
Christmas Dinner

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Ladies and gentlemen, will you join me this year and get your bra's or vests out! plant them up and display them in your front gardens, there may be a little something for



the best display! Let Lynne know if you are joining in please. Come on Coughton show us your bra's and vests it's for a great cause!

<u>Judging last week of October</u>

Coughton Community

As we are now coming towards the winter months. can we kindly ask everyone to take care of the drains in the lanes at the front of their properties or report any issues to your Parish Councillor. We realise this is the responsibility of highways, but they are not always quick to sort these issues due to resources. For your info, these photos are from the flood we had last month showing the excess water coming onto the A435 from neighbouring lanes







School Parking

As you all know this is an extremely busy time of year for local farmers. With the schools returning from the summer break and a new influx of students, the parking has once again become an issue. I have myself witnessed parking on both sides of the narrow lanes forcing the farmers to either block the roads or try to squeeze through these narrow gaps with their huge machinery. If you park in the lanes, please be considerate of local residents and farmers. Thank you