

Parish Council Meetings

24th January 2022 Ordinary
6.30pm

28th March 2022 Ordinary 6pm
Parish Assembly 7pm

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

*THERE WILL BE 15
MINUTES AT THE START OF
EVERY MEETING FOR YOU
TO BRING UP ANY ISSUES,
CONCERNS, IDEAS &
QUESTIONS. IF THERE IS
ANYTHING THAT IS
BOTHERING YOU PLEASE
COME TO THE MEETING
AND LET US KNOW.
EACH PERSON HAS 3
MINUTES TO HAVE THEIR
SAY*

*Our meetings are only for an
hour every couple of months.*

*We welcome ideas for
bringing this wonderful
village together and making
us an even greater
community.*

Agendas & Minutes of all
meetings are available on
the Parish Council website
and noticeboard

Parish Council Meeting 22nd November 2021

The evenings meeting was attended by 4 Parish Councillors, DC Gill Foreman, CC Justin Kerridge, Coughton CofE School Head Alex Kolb and Parish Council Clerk Sarah Whittaker. 0 members of public attended.

Minutes approved, issues re flooding were discussed, some fly tipping on Alcester Heath was reported. Cllr Lewington discussed the success of the choir which now has 25 members, In the New Year she will be applying for grants and funding for this. The bridge at Coughton ford has been assessed and is on the list for repair but it is not deemed unsafe to use. It was decided the scarecrow competition will now be moved to spring / summer as there is a significant amount of events at the time this is done. There have been a large amount of Covid cases at the school in both children and teachers, this is specifically in one class, which arrives and leaves at a different time to the rest of the pupils in the school. Financial matters were discussed and the new budget was agreed. All planning applications received have been approved by the PC. CC Kerridge is finding out more details regarding 'Queens Canopy Jubilee Tree Planting', he will come back to use in due course. It was also discussed as to how we can encourage local residents to attend the PC meetings

Parish Council Informal Coffee Morning

Join us again for a coffee morning in 'the Mews' or maybe a small drinkie as it's Christmas. We appreciate that due to the time of year you may have other commitments, but it would be wonderful if you just pop in and say hello :) The next date is, Saturday December 11th 10am-12pm. See you there, hats on!

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Well, Christmas is upon us once again, where has this year gone!

I am looking forward to dressing my house and trees once again, welcoming loved ones and friends to join in the fun and festivities. I can't wait to see the village decked out in it's usual splendour for Christmas.

I would like to wish you and yours a happy and heathy time with your loved ones.

STAY SAFE

We still require a new Parish Councillor for Coughton. If you would like to join us and help with village matters, please contact the Parish Clerk

We had a lovely donation of a Christmas tree last year (pictured) and wondered if anyone would consider donating a tree for the village this year or contributing to the cost of the tree. Please contact the parish clerk if you are able to help :)

Many Thanks

Scarecrow Competition

Judging for the Scarecrow Competition took place on 7th November, I would like to thank everyone who took part, the village came up trumps again! First prize went to Thomas, 2nd prize went to Isaac & Edward and third prize was for the Richardson Family. Well done to everyone.



Coughton Calendar & Photo Competition

Our 2023 Coughton Calendar is coming along nicely, we have several months filled so far. **December's entry will be a picture drawn by one of Coughton's children, so please ask them to draw a super picture suitable for December in the Calendar.** Send them to Lynne @ The Old Post Office for judging, with name age and address. For now, carry on uploading your photo's every month onto the Coughton Village Facebook page. The proceeds from sales will go towards Coughton Community Fund. Don't worry if you do not have access to Facebook, send your photo to lynnestanton.cpc@gmail.com and it will be uploaded for you. **REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE PHOTO TOO!**

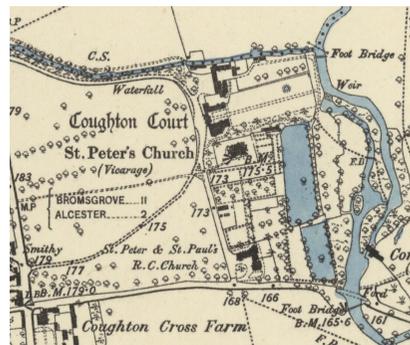
Coughton Choir

Practice for Coughton Choir is going amazingly well, we have been asked to sing at 2 events for Christmas already! Everyone is welcome on a **Thursday evening at 6.30pm @ Coughton CofE School**, Whether you can sing or not, come & join in the fun.. Please contact Christine: christine.coughtonpc@gmail.com



Halloween

Despite the weather, Halloween in Coughton was once again a great success. Thanks to everyone who dressed up and decorated their homes



Map of Coughton

Coughton Ford

We do not have anyone to take over the ford group at present. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Clerk who will forward your name to the relevant Councillor.

Roads & Drain Repairs / Flooding issues

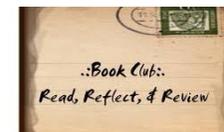
With the onset of winter and bad weather, can we ask you to keep an eye on the drains in front of your properties. If they are covered with leaves can you please clear this away, if they are blocked please contact a Parish Councillor, who will in turn contact Severn Trent. Whilst we appreciate this is not really your responsibility, the water that does not go down these drains, floods down the lanes onto the A435 and sometimes into the properties on this road. Any help to alleviate this issue would be much appreciated. Any flooding issues should be reported to Severn Trent straight away.

Offer of Barn

Coughton Village have been offered a beautiful old barn for the use as a Village Hall for the community. It is at present disassembled and labeled ready for erection. This is a wonderful opportunity for the village, but will require an extraordinary amount of help and hard work to get this off the ground. From funding, land purchase and ongoing maintenance. This will be a long term project and will require a team of dedicated people to take this on as it cannot be managed by 4 parish Councillors. We will need volunteers for a group to head this up, starting with a feasibility study.

Coughton Book Club

Christine will be starting a book club This will meet every few weeks start date



TBC, reviewing books and getting villagers together for a drink & chat. Please contact her on her email address, if you would like to join us.

Community & Village Events

Despite requesting help for volunteers for the Community Group. Unfortunately, we as yet have had no offers. We appreciate time is valuable but even if it's just an hour or two you can spare this would really be appreciated :) We need assistance to organize community events, such as Coughton Fete, Cemetery Tidy, Ford Group, Hog Roast, Book Club, Choir, Walking Football and Yoga **WE DON'T WANT THESE TO DISAPPEAR FROM OUR VILLAGE'S HERITAGE BUT WE CAN'T PUT ON THESE EVENTS WITHOUT YOUR HELP.** Please contact a Councillor or the Parish Clerk to add your name to our list. Thank you in anticipation.

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