

## Parish Council Meetings

18th March Ordinary 6.30pm  
3rd June Ordinary 6.00pm  
Followed by Annual 7pm  
22nd July Ordinary 6.30pm  
23rd September Ordinary 6.30pm  
25th November Ordinary 6.30pm  
21st Jan 2025 Ordinary 6.30pm  
All Parish Council meetings are held in Coughton CofE Primary School Hall

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

THERE WILL BE 15 MINUTES AT THE START OF EVERY MEETING FOR YOU TO ADDRESS ANY ISSUES, CONCERNS & QUESTIONS. IF THERE IS ANYTHING 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 YOU



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## Parish Council Meeting January 2024

The mid year budget review was discussed and agreed. It was decided that we needed to increase the precept this year as it had not been done for several years and the finances warranted the increase. Response had been received from Nadhim Zahawi re speeding and the speed cameras. He has chased WCC again in this regard, but unfortunately their response did not go in our favour. It was agreed we will be acting on this further. Reports were given on flooding, highways and the environment. We also received reports from Coughton CofE School headmaster, Mr. Kolb. CC Justin Kerridge and DC Susan Juned. Dates for all Parish Council Meetings for the year 24/25 were agreed. Planning applications were discussed and approved. We also discussed the Warwickshire Fire Rescue Service resourcing to risk public consultation. It was decided that each member of the PC would send their opinion to the clerk for her to forward regarding this.

### Coughton Fly Tipping

The amount of fly tipping in Coughton's lanes has unfortunately increased again. Litter at Coughton Ford is still particularly bad. If you see any fly tipping or littering please contact a Parish Councillor with photographs or report directly, via Stratford District Council Website. <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/fly-tipping-form.cfm>

An app is also available to download to your phone called 'FIX MY STREETS'. This is an app for reporting any road issues to Stratford District Council.

### Coughton Litter Picking Days

We will be having litter picking days in March and September, if you would like to join in to help keep your village tidy, please contact Parish Councillor Jim Hawthorne to be added to the volunteers list

### Coughton Cemetery Tidy Weekend 13th 14th April

Just turn up between 11am & 4pm for an hour, to help tidy our lovely cemetery. Tools, tea & coffee supplied

### Coughton Parish Councillors

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### Village Pass

If you have recently moved into Coughton or do not have a 'Village Pass' for Coughton Court, please contact :  
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## COUGHTON PARISH

## COUNCIL'S

## NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2024



Wave goodbye to 2023 and say hello to 2024. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas & New Year, let's hope this year is a happy and healthy one for everyone.

Welcome to any new village people (not the YMCA variety!) we hope you love living in Coughton as much as we do.

With the new year brings new issues, flooding in the village is probably one of the largest problems we are facing at the moment, along with crumbling roads and pathways. Unfortunately, these issues are countrywide. We are doing our best to resolve as many items as we can, but it does take time

In the meantime, have a wonderful year, Valentines Day is upon us, so decorate your homes, let's see the romance in Coughton!

Also, Welcome to 'Baby Bayliss'



## Dates for your Diary

Coughton Community Choir practice every Thursday @ Kings Court Hotel 6.30pm

### Bi Monthly Parish Council Meetings

Cemetery Tidy Up 13th & 14th April 11am-4pm Tools & Tea Supplied

6 June 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary D-Day Landings: more info to follow.

Coughton Community Choir Annual Concert Date TBC

Scarecrow/Plant pot Competition

Sunflower Growing Competition

Coughton Annual Fete

Halloween Party

Monthly Coughton Coffee & Cake Mornings in Coughton Mews Garden / Kitchen

December Hog Roast @ Coughton Court

December Carol Service

March & September Litter Picking Days & Book Club Dates TBC

### Roads & Pathways

As most of you will be aware we had another flood in January. HUGE, HUGE THANKS to all of the wonderful community in Coughton, for coming to our aid once again. These issues have once again been reported to Severn Trent, Highways, Stratford District Council, DC. Sue Juned, CC. Justin Kerridge and The National Trust. The Parish Council had a meeting with Sue Juned to discuss proposals moving forward to alleviate these issues. Highways have been out to jet the drains in the lower part of the village. I have requested that they jet the rest as soon as they are able. There was an issue by the farm which they are working on. The Flood departments have been to visit affected properties and taken statements. We are just awaiting reports and action plans. **If you spot any issues with blocked drains or gullies, please report it at [HTTPS://WARWICKSHIRE.GOV.UK/REPORTIT](https://warwickshire.gov.uk/reportit) and click on flooding or drainage issue.**

### Coffee Mornings

The next Coughton Coffee Mornings are in 'Coughton Mews'. It would be great if you could join us for a coffee, a chat and CAKE! The dates are February 24th & March 23rd 10am to 12pm. if it is warm enough, if not it could be Coffee & Cake in the Kitchen!!!



### 2025 Coughton Calendar Competition

In 2020 we organised a photo competition. Every month you submitted photos to be judged for the following years calendar. I was considering this for next year to produce a 2025 calendar. Please email [OR](mailto:OR) WhatsApp me with any photos you feel you would like to be submitted for the calendar. [Lynnestanton.cpc@gmail.com](mailto:Lynnestanton.cpc@gmail.com)



### Parking Issues

Whilst we appreciate that parking is very limited in Coughton Lane & Sambourne Lane, can we please ask you to be mindful of residents? **DO NOT** park opposite or over anyone's driveways at any time. Thank You



### Coughton Community Choir

Coughton Community Choir has started singing again after the Christmas break. If you would like to join us, we are an inclusive choir, set up for the health and wellbeing of members. Starting with 8 members we now have over 50. You do not have to be able to sing or read music to join us. We meet on a Thursday evening at Kings Court Hotel @ 6.30pm, pop in to see if we are a choir you would like to join. We always have a drink and chat afterwards in the bar (if that's not a good enough reason to join, I don't know what is!)

### Coughton Valentines Displays

February 14th is St Valentines Day, if you are not too loved up and have time, how about decorating your homes. **Let's show the love in Coughton.**



### Coughton Defibrillator Training



Defibrillator refresher training took place at Coughton CoFE School on Monday 22nd January. Alcester First Responders did an amazing job as always. We had a fabulous response from Coughton Villagers with over 20 people attending. **Coughton's Defibrillator is located on the wall behind the telephone box on the A435.**



For your information ALL Tesco stores also have defibrillators



### Coughton Extraordinary Meeting Flooding

An extra ordinary meeting was held at Coughton CoFE School to discuss recent flooding and what is being done to help to prevent future issues. Warwickshire flood department visited the site and met with Councillors and property owners who were flooded for the second time in January, to discuss issues and what needs to be done moving forward. The Parish Council have purchased some emergency floodsax incase they are needed.



### Christmas in Coughton

Here are just a few photos of homes decorated for Christmas and our village tree.

