

## Parish Council Meetings

28th March 2023 6.30pm

22nd May 6.00pm Ordinary

22nd May 6.30pm Annual

24th July Ordinary

25th Sept Ordinary

27th November Ordinary

22nd Jan 2024 Ordinary

All Parish Council meetings are held in Coughton CofE Primary School Hall

**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**

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

## Parish Council Meeting 23rd January 2023

Drains are still awaiting jetting, the delay is due to the fact traffic lights will be needed. Planning applications were discussed and comments sent to SDC. The RFO was discussed as was the budget review and precept. A quote for the new decking at Coughton CofE Primary School was given to the PC for them to review as the school are unable to use the decking at present. Majority of the funds have been received from the Community fund but they are short approx. £400.00. This is to be discussed by the PC. CC Kerridge informed us that Council Grants are now back up and running for community groups and DC Forman reported the district council are looking at the council tax at present. She also informed us that the green bin charge had raised quite a large sum.

**Elections are due to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> May and all voters will need a suitable form of photo ID or can apply for a voters authority certificate if no photo ID is available. The deadline for applications is the 25<sup>th</sup> April which can be done on the SDC or government website or in person to the council house.**

**Rubbish is being dropped in the village but it has been worse in Coughton Lane, mainly beer cans. Could we kindly ask that any litter is popped into relevant bins. The environment group will be having several litter picking days this spring/summer.**

We are still having parking issues in the village at school time, with cars blocking driveways. The school has sent out newsletters, but could we kindly ask anyone parking in the lanes NOT to park over the edge or opposite driveways as the villagers are unable to access their homes

### Parish Councillor Vacancy

**Do you have time each month to volunteer for a couple of hours and help with village issues? We need an enthusiastic person or two to join our PC as if we loose our PC we will be run by Stratford District Council for all decision making.. Elections take place on 4th May 'WE NEED YOU'**

### Coughton Parish Council

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**Could we kindly ask if you are driving through the village, that you are mindful of speed limits, especially around school times. There are also many dog walkers and riders in the lanes**

# COUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

# FEBRUARY

# 2023

Hoping that everyone in the village had a wonderful Christmas and an amazing New Year.

I don't believe in New Year's resolutions as I usually manage to break them by ten past midnight!  
Oh well, there's always 2024!



Let us hope that 2023 is a happy and healthy year for everyone, with plenty of community get togethers and fun in the village. Look out for a flyer for the 'Coronation Garden Party' on 7th May in Coughton Mews



## 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.

## Christmas in Coughton



Once again everyone did a sterling job in decorating their homes for Christmas. We again had a lovely village Christmas tree all lit up until the solar lights were chewed by the wildlife! :)

**Well done to one and all :)**

## Coughton Fete 2022

We are delighted to share that last years Village Fete raised a brilliant £1,940! This will be split 3 ways to support projects at Coughton CofE Primary School, towards the replacement of a window in the Chapel and the remainder to fund future village projects. Thank you to everyone who helped or came along on the day. It was really appreciated, despite parking issues and the heat the day was a great success.

**Please come to the meeting on Monday 6th February @ 6.30pm at Coughton CofE Primary School, to talk about this year's fete.** Any ideas or offers of help would be gratefully received. Thank you, Claire

## Roads & Pathways

Some of the potholes in Coughton Lane were repaired prior to Christmas. Highways still have the other potholes on the agenda to do when they have the time. The potholes on the pedestrian crossing and outside The Bakehouse No 7 Birmingham Road have also been reported and are awaiting repair. We are still awaiting Severn Trent to jet the drains in Coughton

## 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 for more info.**

**Prior to Christmas,** They performed at Top Dog Antiques Shopping event, Coughton Hog Roast and the Carol Concert at St Peter's Church. They will also be performing at Alcester Dementia Café in February 2023



## Dates for your Diary

**Coughton Community Choir Practice every Thursday @ Kings Court Hotel 6.30pm**

## This Years Events

**Bi-Monthly Parish Council Meetings**

**MONTHLY— Photograph Competition (see Facebook)**

**MONTHLY—Coffee Morning in 'The Mews' Cemetery Tidy Weekends**

**MAY - Scarecrow or Plant Pot Competition**

**MAY 6th—8th -His Majesty King Charles' Coronation Weekend**

**MAY 7th Coronation Garden Party in Coughton Mews. More info to follow**

**JULY - Coughton Fete**

**AUGUST—Sunflower Competition**

**OCTOBER—Halloween Party**

**NOVEMBER—Remembrance Sunday**

**DECEMBER—Carol Concert**

**DECEMBER—Hog Roast**

**Litter Picking Day—Dates TBA**

**Coughton Book Club every 6 weeks— Date TBA**

## Coughton Environmental Group

### Protecting the Environment in Coughton

Do you have a passion for the environment? Are you interesting in wildlife?

There are many reasons why we should all be interested in protecting our natural heritage and the environment around us; the air we breathe, the impact of climate change and the consequences to our wildlife and the woodlands, land and water courses around us. Come and join us at Coughton Primary School on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 to hear from experts on how you can get involved in protecting and enhancing the environment of Coughton. As always we are looking for volunteers, both young and not so young. If you want to know more contact Christine On 07734690306 or [christine.coughtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:christine.coughtonpc@gmail.com)

**ATTEMPTED BREAK IN EARLY HOURS OF TUESDAY 31 JANUARY IN COUGHTON LANE. POLICE ATTENDED. PLEASE BE VIGILANT. LOCK YOUR GATES AND GARAGES AND PLEASE CHECK ALL OUTSIDE AREAS AS IT IS BELIEVED THEY ALSO ACCESSED GARDEN OF ANOTHER PROPERTY. IF YOU HAVE ANY DOORBELL OR CCTV FOOTAGE ANY INFO WOULD BE HELPFUL. THANK YOU**

## 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**

**Please contact Lynne if you would like to put something of interest to the village into the newsletter**

## Coughton Community

As we are now in 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.



## Parish Council Informal Coffee Mornings

Coughton Coffee Mornings will resume in the spring when we have better weather. It would be wonderful if you would join us for a coffee, a chat and CAKE!

## Salt Bins

**Could all residents please check the salt bins near their properties. If they need refilling or there are any issues with them, can you inform a member of the Parish Council.**  
**Thank You**