

Minutes of Corby Glen Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Willoughby Gallery

Present:

Cllr James Walsingham (Chair), Cllrs Shepperson, Harty, Mardling, Baker, Ellam, and Harwood.

Parish Clerk: S. Woodman.

4 members of the public

1. **The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting** held on Tuesday, May 14th 2025, were approved on behalf of residents by a majority of Cllrs (6 for, 1 abstention – Cllr not present)

2. **Chairman's Report:**

See Appendix A

3. **Residents' items:**

A resident raised the following concerns:

- (i) It was stated that this was a Parish Meeting for residents rather than a Council meeting, and that all participants should therefore be considered on an equal footing. This was noted by the Chair.
- (ii) Concern was raised regarding the length of time taken to complete actions previously discussed, including matters relating to the swing, street map, and pump. It was noted that these issues had also been raised at an earlier meeting.
- (iii) Concern was raised regarding the maintenance of the Parish website. Following a review of the website, the resident noted that Cllr Shepperson's DPI form appeared to be out of date and that, although Cllr Green had resigned, her details remained on the website along with the advertisement for the Parish Clerk vacancy. This was noted by the Chair, and Councillors were asked to review the information held on the website, including their DPI forms.
- (iv) A query was raised regarding the need for specialist matting or flooring beneath the rocking horse, given its limited height from the ground. It was questioned whether the inspection report should be shared with residents. This was noted by the Chair.
- (v) The receipt in the accounts labelled "106 repayment" was queried. The Clerk explained that the cost of the SIDs had increased significantly between the submission of the funding application and the eventual purchase. SKDC had agreed to reimburse the shortfall through the next funding application.
- (vi) Concern was expressed regarding the condition of the Buttercross. This was noted by the Chair.
- (vii) The flying of the St George's flag was questioned. This was noted by the Chair

Another resident raised the following issues

- (viii) Concern was raised regarding the length of time taken to remove the toddler swing seat. It was also queried when the swing would be reinstated and back in use.
- (ix) Concern was raised about the standard of grass cutting, with areas reportedly being missed on each occasion. The Chair advised that discussions are ongoing with the grass-cutting contractor. It was also noted that the contractor is now able to maintain the grass around the war memorial and its mound.
- (x) The permitting of large vehicles to access the Green was queried and discussed. The Chair advised that this matter remains ongoing and is included on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting..

4. The meeting closed at 7.52pm.

Appendix A: Chairman's Report

The position of Corby Glen Parish Council has changed little since the Chairman's report presented at the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting.

As Chair of the Parish Council, I am pleased to provide this annual update and reflect on the past year of work and service within our community.

Firstly, I would like to extend sincere thanks to all Parish Councillors for their continued dedication, engagement, and willingness to go above and beyond their formal duties in support of both Council business and wider community initiatives. It is this commitment that helps ensure the Council remains a responsive and valued part of village life.

While councillors may hold differing views, discussions continue to be conducted with respect and civility, and through the democratic process, we maintain collective responsibility in decision-making.

Our principal focus remains responsible and considered decision-making, while also supporting the many valued community groups, organisations, and volunteers who contribute so much to village life. We are proud to work alongside those who help bring resilience, activity, and community spirit to the parish.

We also extend our thanks to former Parish Councillors. Whether your period of service was long or short, your contribution to the work and development of the Council is sincerely appreciated.

More broadly, thank you to everyone involved in community work in whatever form that may take, from organised volunteering to quieter acts of neighbourliness. Your efforts help make our village the place it is.

Achievements and Progress

Among this year's areas of progress, I would particularly highlight the ongoing "Stop the Stink" campaign, which continues to be a significant focus for the Council. We remain committed to pursuing meaningful resolution and accountability, and progress is continuing to be made.

Challenges – Present and Future

Like many parish councils, we continue to face a range of practical and wider community challenges.

Key areas include:

- Green energy proposals, including pylons, substations, battery storage, solar developments, and biodigesters.
- Continuing planning pressures, particularly in relation to the evolving Local Plan, the recent Müller consultation, and the future review and updating of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Managing communications appropriately and professionally, including responding constructively to correspondence and social media commentary where tone and expectations may vary.
- Responding to changing resident expectations and improving awareness of the differing responsibilities of Parish, District, and County Councils.
- Relaying important notifications and information from external organisations and agencies as promptly and clearly as possible, recognising that these matters are not always within the Parish Council's direct control.
- Ensuring the Parish Council continues to operate compliantly and in accordance with its statutory duties, while remaining responsive to the needs of a growing community.
- Managing the Council's precept and budget responsibly, particularly when considering future projects and investments.
- Overseeing Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding carefully to ensure both funding requests and expenditure reflect community priorities and aspirations.

- Responding to concerns relating to community cohesion and anti-social behaviour through continued engagement with residents, local agencies, and partner organisations.
- Maintaining stewardship of The Green in a way that balances environmental considerations with practical local needs.

Conclusion

While challenges remain, the strength of the parish continues to lie in the willingness of councillors, residents, volunteers, and community organisations to become involved, remain informed, and work together.

I would once again like to thank everyone for their contributions and continued support, and I hope we can continue to build a strong, inclusive, and forward-looking community.

I would also like to thank our County and District Councillors, Cllr Hill and Cllr Robins, for their continued support and assistance. Thanks are also due to Jon Wakerley for his work on Neighbourhood Planning and at Church Street Rooms, as well as Frank Smith and the Ron Dawson Memorial Hall Committee.

Appreciation is also extended to all local services, businesses, shops, pubs, and the Gallery for the important role they play within the community. Finally, special mention should be given to all litter pickers, both contracted and voluntary, for their ongoing efforts in helping to maintain the village environment.

Thank you.

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Present: Cllrs Walsingham, Shepperson, Harty, Mardling, Baker, Ellam, and Harwood

In attendance: 4 Residents, Mrs. S. Woodman (Parish Clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr Waumsley, County Cllr Hill, and District Cllr Robins

1. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council:

The following nominations were received: Cllr Walsingham as Chairman, Cllr Shepperson as Vice-Chair. The nominations were approved and agreed by a majority of Cllrs (6 for, 1 abstention). Both accepted the office and will sign the Acceptance of Office forms.

2. The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday May 14th 2025 were approved by a majority (6 for, 1 abstention – Cllr not present)

The meeting closed at 7.56pm