

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 1 November 2010
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall
at 7.25 p.m.**



Present: Chairman – Cllr J Swift, L Stockford, W Mack, Mrs J Fox, R Pugh, D Thomas, K Bartlett, G Vernon, Mrs P Pardoe.

In attendance: District Councillor Mr S Williams and Clerk Mrs Y Scriven. A member of the public.

POLICE

There had been a fire at a farm on Clattercut Lane.

The Police had held a "SCRAP/ WASTE CARRIER" day at the Dog Inn At Harvington. This was part of an ongoing joint operation with Vosa, Environmental Health, Trading Standards and other agencies to check on suspect vehicles.

The new PACT notice board is situated in the village surgery. Residents are encouraged to use the notification forms to advise the police of any matters of concern.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr M Walford
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

The meeting re-opened.

3. **MINUTES:**
 - a) Minutes of Meeting held on 4 October 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
 - b) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4 October 2010 were accepted.

4.1 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had arranged a meeting for himself and the clerk with Mr Stephen Piper of the Robin Hood public house, to see if some form of compromise could be reached with residents on the proposed licence changes. The Chairman had also attended a meeting with some residents who had been affected by issues of noise.

Numerous complaints had been received about the flashing 20 mph speed signs outside St Cassians Church and Beams End. The County Council had apologised for the lack of consultation but had felt the need to fit the signs urgently after the crossing lady had experienced a near miss. Strong representations have been made to the County and District Council, which are supported by the District Council Conservation Officer, for the removal of the signs.

A further serious accident had occurred near Harvington Hall Lane on the A448 and the clerk was asked to gather evidence to once again approach the police with a request for a speed restriction on this stretch of the road. It was noted that further representations had also been received from a resident.

A complaint had been received about the footpath at the top of Briar Hill leading to the Holloway, but the recommendation of the Footpaths Warden was that the ramps were not causing an obstruction and could remain. The Parish Council agreed with this recommendation.

A further letter had been received from residents of Fold Lane requesting financial assistance to maintain the lane, which was receiving further consideration.

4.2 **District Councillors Report**

Cllr S Williams reported that the results of a recent public consultation regarding the cycle of elections at District level had been announced, with 115 responses, 51 in favour of the whole council being elected every four years and 64 in favour of retaining the status-quo, i.e. elections in thirds. A decision would be taken at a special meeting of the District Council on 1 December.

Free energy advice surgeries are available for all Wyre Forest residents. Energy experts will be on hand to offer free impartial advice on all energy related matters, i.e. gas and electricity bills, advice on heating systems, information about grants for insulation and boilers, renewable energy technologies, etc. Surgeries will be at Kidderminster Hub at 10.00 – 1.00 p.m. on 4 November and 2 December, and 6 January, 3 February, 3 March, 7 April, 5 May and 2 June 2011. Residents could drop in or call **0800 988 2881** to book an appointment, or to discuss their problems if they are unable to get to the Hub.

5. **CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

5.1 **Affordable Housing:** The Working Group had met with the District Enabler and Wyre Forest District Council on 25 October to consider an outline plan for four affordable housing units on the site of garages at The Green, Chaddesley Corbett. Two of the properties would be to let and two for shared ownership. The District Council were confident that the Housing Survey indicated that there would be sufficient applicants with a local connection, but in the unlikely event that this was not the case, then the properties would be available to residents of other adjacent parishes within the Wyre Forest District. It was proposed that a full consultation would take place towards the end of November and all residents would receive a written notification.

5.2 **Engaging with the Youth of the Parish:** The Working Group had met on 20 October and initial objectives had been identified. It was agreed that Councillors would now meet to decide on the best way of taking this project forward.

5.3 **Parish Plan:** The Joint Steering Group and Parish Council Working Group met on 18 October to draw up a new list of Actions. It was agreed that the Parish Plan Working Group would meet again to decide on how to achieve the identified objectives. It was agreed that the situation had not changed over the last four years and the original Plan was still relevant, although it might be necessary to revisit this if, and when, the village school moved to a new site.

5.4 **Budget Financial Year April 2011-March 2012:** The Working Group had submitted a draft budget which was approved by the Parish Council. It was noted that there would be no increase in the Precept for the fourth year running.

5.5 **Allotments:** Nothing to report.

5.6 **Community Orchard:** The Management Committee had been re-elected. A central Espalier would be planted in the Spring and grass pathways would be cut. A number of memorial benches would be placed around the site for residents to purchase. The facility would be officially opened on Monday 2 May 2011 with entertainment, barbecue and other refreshments available. All residents, friends and families would be invited to come along.

5.7 **Lengthsman Scheme:** Routine maintenance had continued with specific works at the Holloway, A448, Fox Lane, the Village, Brockencote. Siding out at Dobes Lane following hedge removal had been completed. Vegetation and soil were removed from the footway at the Fox Lane junction, following a recent traffic accident. Work on siding out footways on The Green and Malvern View was underway.

5.8 **Burial Ground:** Nothing to report.

- 5.9 **Parish Footpaths:** Some path clearance had been carried out by Worcestershire County Council using the Probationary Service. Further work had been identified by the Footpaths Warden and a schedule of work had been drawn up. Two bridges on Footpaths 628 and 632 had been condemned as unsafe and had been closed. Replacement was anticipated to cost around £7,500 and the County Council were unable to fund this project at this time. The clerk had asked for temporary repairs to keep at least one of the bridges open and this was being considered. The signpost at the top of Briar Hill had been refixed by the Parish Council.
- 5.10 **Development of Older People's Strategy:** This initiative was aimed at improving the quality of life for older people and making it possible for them to stay in their own homes as long as possible. The matter would be discussed at future meetings.
6. **DATES FOR MEETINGS**
- 6.1 **Wyre Forest Area Association of Local Councils:** Meeting Tuesday 7 December – the Swan, Chaddesley Corbett. 7.00 p.m. Speaker Ian Miller, Chief Executive, Wyre Forest District Council.
7. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLRS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES**
- 7.1 **NALC Delivering Quality Services:** The clerk had submitted a report on attendance at the above conference in Penkridge, which was noted.
- 7.2 **Worcestershire CALC AGM –** Cllr J Swift reported on attendance at the 11th AGM held on 14 October 2010. Presentation of accounts indicated that the Association was still heavily reliant upon donations. Discussions took place on how to encourage non-members to join the Association, however, with full membership subscriptions alone would not cover costs.
- 7.3 **Police Consultation:** Meeting arranged for 8 December in the Library at Kidderminster at 7.00 p.m. Reports of noise from a motor bike racing around the Village should be report direct to the Police so that an incident report could be raised.
- 7.4 **Community Housing Tenants Consultative Committee:** Cllr G Vernon attended a meeting on 25 October. The prospect of affordable housing in Chaddesley Corbett had been raised and briefly discussed, although new development issues were outside the remit of this Committee.
- 7.5 **Parish Forum –** Cllr J Swift reported on attendance at a meeting held on 13 October, covering flooding issues and emergency planning. It was noted that the next Parish Forum would be merged with the Wyre Forest Area CALC meeting on Wednesday 13 April 2011.
- 7.6 **Village Hall:** A new Hall Manager had been appointed from 1 November 2010.
- 7.7 **Clerk's Gathering:** The clerk has submitted a written report which was noted.
8. **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**
- 8.1 **"The Rural Challenge"** – Consultation document had been reviewed by Cllr K Bartlett who found it disappointing with no new initiatives.
- 8.2 **"Social Time Bomb of Rural Elderly"** – Report had been reviewed by Cllr D Thomas, who had submitted a written report. "Over the Hill" had been researching new initiatives and innovative approaches aimed at improving housing and rural services and helping to avoid financial exclusion. The Parish Council would register its interest.
- 8.3 **West Mercia Police Authority – Annual Report:** Noted.
- 8.4 **Worcestershire County Council Waste Core Strategy:** Cllr D Thomas had studied the document and produced a detailed report. Cllr J Swift commented that the 'Vision' although set over 3 years ago was still relevant and need not be revised, although 'Objective W05' needed to be brought up to date. All policies would be reviewed in the knowledge of latest information and

technology. The document did not offer any measurement of targets or success, which should have been included. It was not thought adequate through public consultation to assume that any sites, redundant or otherwise, may be available and this expression should be changed. The 'areas for search' were considered reasonable, but the Parish Council should maintain its position against the Industrial estates at Hartlebury and Foley. It was agreed that Cllr D Thomas would respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

8.5 **Wyre Forest District Council Corporate Plan Priorities:** The consultation form had been completed and returned to the District Council.

8.6 **Worcestershire Local Transport Plan:** Consultation document would be reviewed by Cllr D Thomas. www.worcestershire.gov.uk/LTP3.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

9.1 **Community Transport Helpline:** Volunteers are urgently required to drive Chaddesley Corbett disabled or infirm residents to urgent appointments. Contact Vince Taylor 01299 405832. Notices would be displayed on notice boards.

9.2 **Snow Clearance:** Letter from Worcestershire County Council regarding liability for snow clearance from pavements. Advice and guidelines available from the clerk, copies will be circulated to commercial businesses. Snow clearance is now included in the Lengthsman Scheme.

9.3 **Community Payback Scheme:** A fact-finding meeting had been arranged for Thursday 18 November so that Parish Councils could learn more about the scheme.

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

10.1 **Quarterly Bank Reconciliation:** Agreed.

10.2 The Clerk presented a schedule of payments and receipts which was approved.

Payments

		Amount £	VAT £	Total £
W Waldron	Lengthsman Scheme	276.00		276.00
CC Village Hall	September/October	129.00		129.00
Y L Scriven	Expenses August-October	166.10	7.68	173.78
BT	Broadband and Telephone	74.28	12.21	86.49
Lawrence Skip Hire	Skip and Licence	133.80	17.29	151.09
		<u>779.18</u>	<u>37.18</u>	<u>816.36</u>

Receipts

Worcs CC	Lengthsman Scheme	612.00		612.00
Nicholls	Cremated Remains	90.00		90.00
Advertising Fees	Residents Handbook	75.00		75.00
		<u>777.00</u>		<u>777.00</u>

11. **NEW ISSUES and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** None

Date of next Meeting Monday 6 December 2010.

January 2011 meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 January 2011

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.