

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 2 August 2010
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall
at 7.25 p.m.**



Present: Chairman – Cllr J Swift, L Stockford, W Mack, Mrs J Fox, M Walford, G Vernon (part), B Green: Mrs P Pardoe, K Bartlett, D Thomas.

District Councillor Mr S Williams, Mrs P Hayward and Clerk Mrs Y Scriven. A member of the public also attended.

POLICE

It was reported that door to door salesmen had visited the area selling tea towels, etc and had become aggressive when refused. It was agreed to report this to the Community Support Officer.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs R Pugh (Holiday)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Mrs P Pardoe 9.1: Flooding - Winterfold Pools. Personal Interest.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.
The meeting re-opened.

Mr Ian Miller, Chief Executive, Wyre Forest District Council, addressed the meeting and notes are attached.

3. **MINUTES:**
 - a) Minutes of Meeting held on 5 July 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
 - b) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 5 July 2010 were accepted.

4.1 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The Chairman, Cllr J Swift, reported on a site visit made by several members of the Parish Council to the Robin Hood public house in Drayton, with regard to their planning application No 10/0323/FULL - Change of use and alterations to existing outbuilding to form outdoor bar area and toilet provision. According to information provided by the managing director and the architect, the building would be used by parents who could supervise their children on the playground and would not be used outside opening hours for additional functions. On this basis there was no objection to the development provided the existing screening was kept in place to reduce noise to surrounding properties. However, despite this assurance an advertisement had appeared in a Worcestershire magazine advertising pig roasts and live music. The Clerk was asked to inform Planners that they would like to reconsider their comments on this application.
- Queen's Diamond Jubilee: Plans were ongoing and efforts were being made to keep the event as inexpensive as possible.
- Steps, Hemmingway: Site meeting to review work had taken place and remedial action taken.
- War Memorial: An excellent renovation of the war memorial had been completed by a team of volunteers, who had been thanked on behalf of the Parish.
- A complaint had been received about comments made by the Parish Council on a recent application for Continuous Use.

- 8 Briar Hill: More than eight complaints had been received about development work and a bonfire. These were being investigated by the Enforcement Officer.
- The Big Society: More information available on <http://www.thebigsociety.co.uk/>.

4.2 District Councillors Report

- Cllr S Williams reported that the revised waste arrangements had increased recycling by 30% in the last two weeks. The District Council are awaiting smaller green recycling bins (120 litre) to be delivered and these will be made available to members of the public who would prefer this smaller bin. Applications should be made to the Hub on 01562 732928. If any residents require a second normal bin (240 litre) they should also contact the Hub.
- The annual report of the Parish Council had been praised by many District Councillors.

5. CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

5.1 Affordable Housing

The Parish Council was asked to consider a recommendation from the Working Group to support in principle the building of affordable housing on the site of the existing garages on the Green, Chaddesley Corbett. This report was proposed by Cllr K Bartlett, seconded and received a unanimous vote of approval. A further working group meeting would be arranged with interested parties when more detailed information was available.

5.2 Model Standing Orders Part Two

A draft document had been circulated, but Councillors felt more time was required to study the clauses. This item was therefore deferred to the next meeting.

5.3 Winter Service for Season 2010-2011

Following suggestions from the Parish Council on possible sites for grit bins, it appeared that these might not be forthcoming due to the large number of requests which had been received. The Parish Council felt this was another example of the County Council appearing to ask for participation in the decision making process, without really intending to act upon it. If a criteria had been laid down on where these could be located, this should have been provided to the Parish Council before they undertook their survey. It was agreed to write to Stephen Clee expressing disappointment at the response of officers within the County Council.

5.4 Engaging with the Youth of the Parish

The clerk had made contact with an officer of Worcestershire County Council Youth Service who was prepared to help. It was agreed that a working group, chaired by Cllr M Walford, would be set up to involve other youth services within the Parish.

5.5 Wyre Forest Area CALC

Cllr D Killingworth had asked if he could attend a few Parish Council meeting, and this was agreed.

5.6 Parish Games 2011

It was agreed to fund the entrance fee to next year's games, but not to fund the entry fee for Golf. The District Council and Mrs H Boden to be advised.

5.7 Allotments/Community Orchard

Cllr L Stockford reported that the new fencing on the allotment site had been damaged, and some hedging plants had died due to the draught. A meeting of the Orchard Management Team would be called shortly.

5.8 Lengthsman Scheme/Highways

Routine maintenance had continued with 26 hours recorded. Work had been carried out on A450, A448, the Holloway, Briar Hill, Tanwood Lane, Barrow Hill Lane and Park Lane,

Harvington. Some work on the footpaths is required on the Green and a site visit would take place next week to discuss whose responsibility this is and to arrange for work to be carried out.

There were ongoing problems with the boundary hedge at the end of Harvington Hall Lane which had grown over the safety bollards. This would be reported to the County Council Highways.

5.9 **Village Fete 21 August**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would have a stand and would invite the District Council and Police to participate.

5.10 **Counselling Director**

A request for a link from the Web Site was refused.

5.11 **Burial Ground**

A request for a new monument had been received but there was some doubt about whether the selected stone was in line with the current policy. It was agreed that the Clerk should be delegated to contact the resident and determine the application.

6. **PROGRESS REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION**

6.1 **Planning Training** – New Councillors – Thursday 1 September (provisional date)

6.2 **Code of Conduct Training** – Wednesday 11 August 5.30 Duke House, Kidderminster.

6.3 **Worcestershire County Council Parish Conference** - Tuesday 7 September at 7.00 Council Chamber, County Hall, Worcester.

6.4 **Wyre Forest Area CALC Meeting** – Wednesday 8 September, King Charles Room, Town Hall, Kidderminster at 7.00 p.m.

7. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLRS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES**

7.1 **Police** – Cllrs R Pugh and Mrs J Fox had attended the recent meeting which had included an interesting video. Leaflet on Social Networking Sites was distributed.

7.2 **Community Housing:** Cllr G Vernon had attended a meeting of the Rural Tenants Association held on 26 July. New officers were elected; 13 people attended, 2 from Chaddesley Corbett parish.

7.3 **Village Hall:** Cllr Mrs P Pardoe reported that Mrs P Cox had retired as Chairman of the Trustees and Mrs J Blakeway had been appointed to this position at the AGM. The hall would be closed between 9-27 August for refit.

8. **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

8.1 Worcester's Children and Young People's Plan. Consultation documents forwarded to Cllr Mrs J Fox for comment at the next meeting.

9. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

9.1 **Winterfold Pools** – The District Council had agreed to investigatory works to clear blocked pipes and this was ongoing.

9.2 **Tandy's Lane – Flooding:** Acknowledgement received by letter from Cllr S Clee. Landowner had created a bund to stop water readily flowing onto the Highway, but these works would need to be continued on neighbouring property and enquiries were continuing.

9.3 **Vehicle Activated Signs:** One had been placed in Harvington, but not in the position chosen by the Parish Council, and without notification so there had not been an opportunity to monitor its effect.

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

10.1 An unqualified audit opinion had been given by the Auditors, Clement Keys and the Notice of Closure of the Audit had been published on the Parish Notice Board.

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

Payments

		Amount	VAT	Total
		£	£	£
W Waldron	Lengthsman Scheme	312.00		312.00
Y L Scriven	Expenses 4 months	178.01	9.85	187.86
BT Broadband	Telephone and Broadband rental	96.38	16.07	112.45
CC Village Hall	June Account	97.00		97.00
Staples	Replacement Toner	54.99	9.62	64.61
Wyre Forest DC	Parish Games Fees 2011	45.00	7.88	52.88
Clement Keys	Audit	285.00	49.88	334.88
Dudley Print	Printing, enveloping, postage Handbook, Report and Footpaths Leaflet	1118.00	195.65	1313.65
Worcs CALC	5 Cllr Training Sessions and 1 Clerks Gathering	132.50	21.88	154.38
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		2318.88	310.83	2629.71

Receipts

Worcs County Council	Grass Cutting Contract 2010	1278.00		1278.00
NALC	Refund Expenses	127.74		127.74
Various	Advertising in Residents Handbook	75.00		75.00
Y L Scriven	Refreshments purchased	15.00		15.00
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		1495.74		1495.74

10. NEW ISSUES and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

10.1 The clerk was asked to investigate the yellow paint near the footpath by St Cassians church and to see if the temporary signs regarding video monitoring of the school crossing patrol could be removed until the school reopened in September.

10.2 E'on had responded to a letter from the Parish Council about the number of electricity cuts in the Parish. The circuit serving the Parish has been referred to the Planning Department with a view to rebuilding, but such works are extensive and would take several years to plan and gain necessary way leaves from land owners. However, in the long term such a scheme would improve the security of supply to Chaddesley Corbett. They are aware that some customers have a critical need for a constant supply and contingency plans are in place to avoid a medical emergency. People with priority needs can register with E'on. A leaflet is available from the Clerk.

10.3 Data Protection. Letter had been received from Ministry of Justice and the clerk was asked to enter our views on the Call for Evidence on the website.
www.justice.gov.uk/consultations/call-for-evidence-0607.htm.

10.4 Summer Floods 2007 – Joint County and District Council Scrutiny Progress Report available to view on their website at <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/council-and-democracy/legal-and-democraticservices/overview-and-scrutiny/scrutiny-task-groups/detail-of-scrutiny-task-groups/completed-scrutiny-task-groups/flooding-207.aspx>

10.5 Wyre Forest District Council – Proposed changes to parking charges in Worcester Street, Kidderminster, Bridge Street and Vale Road Stourport on Severn and The Avenue, Blakedown. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m. Date of next meeting Monday 2 September 2010.