

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 4 April 2011
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall
at 7.25 p.m.**



Present: Chairman – Cllr J Swift, R Pugh, G Vernon, Mrs P Pardoe, M Walford, Mrs J Fox, Mr B Green, D Thomas, W Mack, L Stockford, K Bartlett.
In attendance: Clerk Mrs Y Scriven. Members of the public.

Neighbourhood Watch

A tractor had been stolen from Clattercut Lane, and there had been a serious road accident at the junction of Woodrow with Deansford Lane and the Police were seeking witnesses.

1. **APOLOGIES:** None
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** 5.4 Cllrs Mr K Bartlett and M Walford – Personal Interest.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

Mr W Waldron had reported three water leaks to Severn Trent over the last week. It was understood that the water pressure was higher than it should be as a result of works being carried out in Harvington Hall Lane and the A448. These leaks had been repaired.

The meeting re-opened.

3. **MINUTES:**

- a) Minutes of Meeting held on 7 March 2011 were amended, approved, and signed by the Chairman.
- b) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 March 2011 were accepted.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

4.1 The Chairman attended a meeting of the Friends of the Village Association where discussions took place on Severn Trent works at Harvington Hall Lane and Winterfold Pool, washing of cars at Lacey's Hairdressers, extensions and increased opening hours at the tea room, car parking and the Appeal in connection with the Robin Hood public house. A meeting had been arranged with residents to discuss changes to the proposed speed limit on the A448.

4.2 The Clerk had completed the questionnaire on the Data Transparency Consultation and had stated that many of the proposals were not appropriate to a Parish Council.

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

5.1 **Lengthsman Scheme:** It was noted that the County Council contribution would be increased to £2,572 for the forthcoming year and it was agreed to participate in the scheme and return the contract duly signed.

5.2 **Annual Parish Meeting Monday 16 May 2011:** The Agenda was agreed and invitations would be distributed house to house by Councillors.

5.3 **Localism Bill:** Cllr J Swift gave an update on the aims of the Bill, which are to devolve greater powers to local councils and neighbourhoods, giving communities more power over housing and planning decisions. Some of the main aims are:

- Abolish Standards for England – it was likely the internal Standards as set by the District Council would be adopted.

- Residents could trigger local referenda on issues such as the power to veto 'excessive council tax rises.
- Local Councils and others would have new powers to buy community assets and offer services on behalf of the local authorities. This might involve preparing a list of assets which the Parish Council might be interested in purchasing if they became available.
- Housing – abolish home information packs, reform the Housing Revenue Account system, provide new flexible tenure for social housing tenants, etc.
- Abolish regional strategies.
- Abolish the Infrastructure Planning Commission to return to a position where the Secretary of State makes the final decision on major infrastructure proposals of national importance.
- Permit the creation of Neighbourhood Development Orders to approve development for all or part of an area without the usual requirement to obtain planning permission. This would probably necessitate the Parish forming a Neighbourhood Plan.

5.4 **Replacement Bollards – The Hemmingway:** The Parish Council decided not to proceed with this proposal. A discussion took place on possible ways of reducing parking in the village and in particular parking on the left hand side of the road opposite other parked vehicles. It was agreed that Cllr Mr D Thomas would look at the parking problems again. It was also agreed to tidy up the existing concrete posts and rails as part of the Community Payback Scheme.

5.5 **Affordable Housing** – The Working Group had submitted a report on a meeting with the District Council and the District Enabler, which recommended approving the scheme for four affordable houses on the Green, so that a bid for funding could be made. If funding was achieved, building could commence within the year. This was unanimously agreed. The scheme would include four extra car parking spaces and problems highlighted by residents with regard to stability had been noted. It was understood that proposals with regard to life long tenancies were still under consideration.

5.6 **Neighbourhood Watch:** The clerk attended the West Mercia Annual Meeting which was well attended. The police authority were looking for volunteers to work alongside them in the community, thereby releasing Community Support Officers for other duties. Cllr Mr J Swift was proposed as a member of the Executive Committee.

5.7 **Severn Trent – Harvington Bus Stop:** Deferred pending details proposals.

5.8 **Lengthsman Scheme:** Cllr Mr G Vernon reported that routine maintenance had continued in Wood Lane, Tanwood Lane, Bournes Green Lane, Bluntington to Briar Hill, the Village, Hemmingway, Drayton Road and Woodrow Lane. Drainage work in Woodrow Lane and Drayton and maintenance work in the Holloway had also been completed.

5.9 **Allotments:** A scheme to tidy up the allotment site was agreed under the Community Payback Scheme, and it was also agreed that the Parish Council would finance a portable toilet on the site whilst this work was being carried out.

Community Orchard: Planting of the Espalier had been completed and benches would be installed at the end of April.

5.10 **Proposed Changes to Speed Limits on A448:** Proposals had been made to extend the 40 mph from Mustow Green to Winterfold Cottage, imposing a 50 mph speed limit on the rest of the A448, and changing the existing 30 mph to 40 mph with additional signage on the bends. The Parish Council were opposed to increasing the speed limit from 30 to 40 mph and it was understood that a full consultation would take place shortly.

5.11 **Draft Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011:** The clerk presented a series of spreadsheets outlining expenditure and income for the year, and an analysis of performance against budget. A formal presentation of the Receipts and Payments Annual Return would be made at the AGM.

6. **DATES FOR MEETINGS**

6.1 Worcestershire Parish Conference – Tuesday 12 April 2011 – Cllrs J Swift, M Walford, R Pugh and the Clerk to attend.

6.2 Joint Parish Forum/Wyre Forest Area CALC Meeting: Wednesday 13 April 2011. Kidderminster.

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

7.1 **Community Housing Group:** No meeting had taken place. It was noted that the garages on the Green had recently been painted. Still no response regarding our application for funding.

7.2 **Education Foundation Trust:** Cllr Mr B Green had been warmly welcomed to his first meeting.

8. **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

8.1 **Worcestershire Core Waste Strategy:** Cllr Mr D Thomas had studied the document which had not changed much since the last consultation and agreed to respond along the same lines as our previous representations. It was noted that further sustainability assessments were required on the proposed incinerator at Hartlebury.

8.2 **Wyre Forest District Council Corporate Plan:** Was now available for consultation on www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/corporateplan. Cllr Mr K Bartlett agreed to review this before the next meeting.

9. **CLERK’S REPORT ON ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Clerk submitted a written report of items for information, which included:

- Information on free bus travel
- Notice of Referendum – new voting system Thursday 5 May 2011
- Election of District Councillor on Thursday 5 May 2011
- Emergency planning
- Maintenance work on Bridleway No. 598 from Barrowhill Lane to Tanwood Lane.
- Worcestershire County Council – sign up to local research panel www.worcestershire.gov.uk/viewpoint
- Worcestershire NHS – identification of buildings to be used in the event of a Pandemic

10. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Payments

March Accounts		Amount	VAT	Total
		£	£	£
W Waldron	Lengthsman Scheme	144.00		144.00
CC Village Hall	March	43.00		43.00
Y L Scriven	Net Salary January-March	1,332.24		1,332.24
D Robbins	Net Salary January-March	211.20		211.20
PAYE/NIC	Quarter January-March	416.16		416.16
W Waldron	Work on Holloway	30.00		30.00
W Waldron	Drainage/work with G Pardoe	144.00		144.00
J H Pardoe	Work on the Holloway	120.00	24.00	144.00
SLCC	Allotment Law Book	15.20		15.20
Worcestershire CALC	Clerks’ Gathering	7.50		7.50
		2,463.30	24.00	2,487.30

April Account

Wyre Forest DC	Parish Games	<u>45.00</u>	<u>9.00</u>	<u>54.00</u>
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Receipts

Central Networks	Wayleaves	<u>16.96</u>		<u>16.96</u>
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Transfers

From Deposit Account	To Treasurers Account	<u>2,000.00</u>		<u>2,000.00</u>
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10.2 A full Bank Reconciliation for the financial year ended March 2011 had been prepared and copies supplied to each Councillor.

11. **NEW ISSUES and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Date of next Meeting Monday 8 May 2011
– Annual General Meeting at 7.00 p.m. followed by Parish Council meeting at 7.25 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.