

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



Present: Chairman – Cllr J Swift, R Pugh, G Vernon, Mrs P Pardoe, D Thomas, W Mack, L Stockford, G Vernon, M Walford

In attendance: District Councillor Mr S Williams, Clerk Mrs Y Scriven, Members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs K Bartlett, Mrs J Fox
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Item 5.4: Community Right to Build – Personal Interest, Cllrs Mrs P Pardoe, R Pugh, L Stockford

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

Residents of Drayton expressed an interest in maintaining the disused BT Kiosk in Barrowhill Lane, Drayton. This particular kiosk had not been offered to the Parish Council, but it was understood that it was available if the Parish Council would consider adopting it. It was agreed that the clerk would make enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

Mr C Rowberry objected to comments made by the Chairman of the Governors in the Annual Report that the purchase of land for the new school was in its final stages. He said that there were several unresolved issues before the planning application could be considered by the District Council, and a new highways survey was currently being undertaken. The application as presented to the Parish Council had been approved by the Planning Committee at their meeting on 6 June 2011. Mr Rowberry felt that a public consultation should have been undertaken. The Chairman indicated that this was a matter for the Trustees of the Education Foundation Trust to resolve and not the Parish Council, but the Clerk would write to the Trustees to request a public viewing of the plans.

3. **MINUTES:**
 - (a) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6 June 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
 - (b) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6 June 2011 were accepted.

4.1 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had attended a meeting with representatives of the Highways Authority regarding proposed changes to the speed restrictions on the A448.

The Chairman had attended a public meeting of Hartlebury Parish Council regarding the proposed Incinerator on Hartlebury Trading Estate. They were trying to raise £60,000 to pay for the Appeal.

An Armed Forces Day had been held at Bewdley and was attended by the Chairman.

The Chairman also attended the Wyre Forest Area CALC meeting held on 21 June and full details would be discussed under item 5.5 below.

A letter had been received by each of the businesses in the village requesting a communal sign to advertise their shops/pubs at several entrances to the village. It was agreed to pass this to the Working Group set up to consider the interests of businesses in the Parish, at the meeting to be arranged.

4.2 **District Councillors Report**

Cllr S Williams reported that the work had commenced on the new headquarters for the District Council.

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

5.1 There had been a small amount of feedback from residents on the Annual Report, and to date 9 businesses and 5 residents had returned the survey, which was a little disappointing.

5.2 **Hartlebury Incinerator:** It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to support Hartlebury Parish Council in its appeal against the Incinerator and would encourage residents who felt strongly about this to write to the Appeal Inspector in Bristol.

5.3 **Proposed Changes to Speed Limits on A448**

A meeting had taken place with representatives of the Highway Authority, and after much discussion the officers agreed to reconsider their proposals in relation to the 30mph speed limit and come back with further suggestions at a further meeting in July. In the meantime, the consultation period was in progress and residents were invited to send their representations to the County Council.

5.4 **Community Right to Build:** Under the new Localism Bill, local communities had the right to register an interest in any land or buildings in their area which might become available in the future. It was agreed to write to the Trustees of the Education Foundation Trust and the District Council to register an interest in the site of the existing school, which was due to relocate in September 2012.

5.5 **Wyre Forest Area Association of Local Councils**

A meeting of the Area Committee had taken place on 21 June 2011 and a number of issues were raised for consideration:

- Participatory Budgeting – Local councils in Hereford had put aside an amount of money for spending on a project and asked residents how they would like to spend it. 17 suggestions were made and these were prioritised to 5; the top one was selected. It was believed that this promoted greater public satisfaction and participation in the work of the Parish Council. It was suggested this could be adopted by District and County Councils as well.
- Cllr J Swift was appointed Vice Chairman of the Area Committee with a seat on the Executive Committee.
- Worcestershire CALC was heavily dependant upon a grant from Worcestershire County Council and might not be viable if this was withdrawn. Some larger Town Councils are not members and will be encouraged to join.
- It was noted that staff at the Worcestershire Hub had been replaced by Virtual Assistant Technology. This automated system was widely condemned as not providing adequate service, particularly for older residents.
- More publicity was required during elections to encourage residents to stand for election as Parish and Town Councillors.
- It was noted that the Police already have powers to remove travellers who occupied land unlawfully, but were reluctant to use them due to Human Rights restrictions.
- It was agreed to lobby banks about the retention of cheque books, particularly as no suitable alternative had been found.

5.6 **Lengthsman Scheme:** Maintenance had continued on cutting vegetation, in particular that obscuring road signs and visibility at corners. Siding out had taken place at Bluntington, Woodrow, Hemmingway, Briar Hill, Fox Lane, Tandy's Lane, Hillpool and the A448 at Winterfold.

- 5.7 **Allotments and Community Orchard:** Some tree guards had been damaged by the contractors and a few trees scraped. The contractor had been informed and asked not to trim too close to the trees. The 5 Churches would be holding a picnic on the Community Orchard after a service at St Cassians on 17 July. It was agreed to obtain prices for waste bins.
- 5.8 **Power of Well Being:** The current Community Engagement Statement of Intent was reviewed and the Power of Well Being was re-adopted.
- 5.9 **Neighbourhood Plans:** Following a consultation document from NALC, it was agreed that local Neighbourhood Plans should have greater weight than the local plans of the principal authorities, but it is hoped that all parties would work together to ensure that plans did not conflict.
- 5.10 **Armed Forces Flag Waving Day:** It was agreed that the Parish Council would be willing to host a celebration in June 2012 in the Parish.

6. DATES FOR MEETINGS

Still to be arranged.

7. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLRS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES

- 7.1 **Community Housing – Tenants Association:** Cllr G Vernon had not attended the last meeting but would attend the AGM of the Rurals TCC on 20 July.

- 7.2 **Education Foundation Trust:** Nothing to report. It was noted that the Parish Council had not received a copy of the annual accounts in recent years and the clerk was asked to request a copy from the Secretary.

8. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

- 8.1 **Worcestershire Agreement:** The Chairman and Clerk had responded to this consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 8.2 **Worcestershire Landcape Character Assessment:** Cllr D Thomas agreed to review this and report back to the Clerk and Chairman.
- 8.3 **Worcestershire Parish Conferences:** It was agreed that the Clerk and the Chairman would respond to this consultation.

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

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

- Parking in the village – severe congestion was occurring again and a meeting had been requested with Governors of the school. It was noted that the introduction of swimming lessons had extended the congestion beyond school opening times, resulting in the village being congested more of the time. This was making it difficult for larger vehicles and tractors which otherwise tried to avoid school start and finish times. Local businesses had requested a sign at both ends of the village to notify passers by of the services available. Initial enquiries had been made and a Licence would be required. It was agreed to pass this to the new Business Working Group for advice.
- A discharge into Hockley Brook had been reported to the Environment Agency.
- Drain covers – it was noted that a drain cover at the entrance to Tandy's Lane was inappropriate but the County Council were unable to change it.
- Compost Bins – available at reduced prices.
- Woodrow Speed checks had revealed that 58% of drivers were exceeding the speed limit. The matter had been referred to the Safety Partnership who will carry out their own investigations and if necessary enforcement measures would be taken.
- Free Home Insulation Scheme had been extended to Chaddesley Corbett.

- Cars being sold on the verge at Harvington – Enforcement had taken action and notified DVLA that cars were being displayed on the verge without tax, which is an offence.
- A Dog Litter Awareness Campaign would be arranged in the Village during August.
- A448 – a further meeting on proposed speed limit changes had been arranged for 19 July.

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Payments

Recipient	Details	Amount £	VAT £	Total £
W Waldron	Lengthsman Scheme	432.00		432.00
W Waldron	Repairs to bollard	15.00		15.00
CC Village Hall	June	43.00		43.00
Y L Scriven	Net Salary April-June	1332.24		1332.24
Dudley Print	Annual report	790.00		790.00
AON	Additional insurance benches	25.82		25.82
Don Robbins	Net Salary April-June	604.80		604.80
HMRC	PAYE	484.20		484.20
	TOTAL	3727.06		3726.06

Receipts

Wright AM E40	Inscription	30.00		30.00
Allotment Rent		24.00		24.00
Plaque for Benches		36.00		36.00
		1501.33		1501.33

Invoiced

Worcestershire CC	Lengthsman Scheme	582.00		582.00
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- 10.2 A Bank Reconciliation for June 2011 had been prepared and a copy had been provided to Cllrs K Bartlett and J Swift, and was approved. Councillors were issued with a copy of the Cash Book up to 30 June 2011.
- 10.3 It was agreed that the Clerk was authorised to transfer the balance from the deposit account at Lloyds Bank to the current account and if necessary to transfer up to £3,000 from the deposit account at Scottish Widows.
11. **NEW ISSUES and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Date of next Meeting Monday 8 August 2011.

The meeting closed at 09.00 p.m.