

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 5 July 2010
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall
at 7.25 p.m.**



Present: Chairman – Cllr J Swift, Cllrs R Pugh, L Stockford, W Mack, Mrs J Fox, M Walford, B Green: Mrs P Pardoe, G Vernon.
District Councillor Mr S Williams and Clerk Mrs Y Scriven.
A member of the public also attended.

POLICE

Police were unable to attend the meeting but had submitted their monthly newsletter, which indicated some break-ins in the area, and bogus callers. Residents were reminded to be vigilant and ask to see identification before admitting anyone into their home.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs K Bartlett, D Thomas (Holidays)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

A question had been tabled about how the cuts in funding for Schools for the Future would affect the building of a new school for Chaddesley Corbett. It was understood that funding for this project had already been agreed and it would not be affected.

The meeting re-opened.

3. **MINUTES:**

- a) Minutes of Meeting held on 7 June 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- b) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7 June 2010 were accepted.
- c) Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 June 2010 were noted.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- 4.1 The Chairman, Cllr J Swift, noted that the bridge on Briar Hill had now been repaired, and he was pleased to receive the letter from Worcestershire County Council on winter services, something we had been suggesting for many months.
- 4.2 After due consideration it was not felt necessary to add any further comment to those previously submitted on the Wyre Forest Core Strategy.
- 4.3 The Chairman had attended a meeting of the West Midlands Rural Affairs Resilience Forum at which emergency planning was discussed, and the need to identify those properties where the residents might need assistance in the event of an emergency. Power failures, flood and snow, fuel shortages dangerous chemical sites, etc were all considered. Full details of the matters discussed at the Forum can be viewed at <http://www.ruralnetworkwm.org.uk> The Clerk was asked to write to E-On with a request to keep their equipment in good order and reduce the number of power cuts in the area.

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

- 5.1 **Litter/Dog Waste Bins:** A new bin had been fitted at the top of Hemming Way and the old one on the allotment site would be removed. A second bin had been relocated adjacent to the bus stop on Briar Hill.

- 5.2 **Annual Report and Residents Handbook:** Both publications had been completed and were with the printer for distribution next week to each household. A copy of the Parish Footpaths Leaflet would also be included, and additional postage costs would be paid by the County Council.
- 5.3 **Winter Service for Season 2010-2011:** Following suggestions by Parish Councils, Worcestershire County Council were seeking information on measures which could be taken in rural areas severe weather conditions. Cllr G Vernon had undertaken a survey of grit bins and further bins were required in identified areas. It was agreed that the Lengthsman would monitor stock in the bins and advise the Hub when they needed refilling. High visibility vests were requested for volunteers who were willing to spread the grit. It was thought necessary to ensure that all roads leading to the village and Doctor's Surgery should be prioritised for snow clearance, and several contractors were identified as having suitable equipment to help with snow clearance. The County Council would write to these to see if they are able to help.
- 5.4 **Engaging with the youth of the Parish:** The Clerk reported on contacts made and distribution by Wyre Forest District Council of the Summer Programme for children. Copies of the leaflet are available from the village shop. Community Support Officer stated she had not stopped children from playing football on the green. Further enquiries would be made and this topic would be discussed on a regular basis.
- 5.5 **Annual Review of Burial Fees:** The last of the previously agreed 20% increases in burial rates was approved, effective 1 August 2010.
- 5.6 **Allotments/Community Orchard:** Cllr L Stockford reported that he would strim around the new hedgerow, and the contractor had started work on cutting the grass in the community orchard. The footpath through the allotment site had been strimmed.
- 5.7 **Code of Conduct Training for Councillors – Wednesday 11 August at 5.30 p.m.** Duke House, Kidderminster. Cllrs B Green, M Mack and the Clerk would attend.
- 5.8 **Parish Chairmen Meeting – 27 July 2010 at Council Chamber, Stourport – 6.00 p.m.** Due to other commitments and re-arranged date, the Chairman would be unable to attend.
- 5.9 **Flooding Issues:**
- **A450 at Barnett Hill:** Site visit made by District Council, Lengthsman and Clerk. Adjacent landowner would be contacted by District Council.
 - **Lower Tandy's Lane:** flooding caused by run-off from adjacent fields.
 - **Ferndale Cottage, Hillpool:** Flooding occurs during heavy rainfall from unadopted road and public footpath above the property. County Council footpaths officer had inspected and proposed remedial works were being discussed.
- 5.10 **Lengthsman Scheme:** Routine maintenance had continued with a total of 25 hours on work associated with Tandys Lane, Woodrow Lane, A448 Fold Farm, A448 Fox Lane, A448 Clattercut Lane, Drayton Road and Tanwood Lane. Carriageway defects were reported direct to the Hub.
- 5.11 **Steps in Hemmingway**
Site visit undertaken and steps would be built this week. Steps relocated to centre of opening to stop cars driving over into Fishers Lane.
6. **PROGRESS REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION**
- 6.1 **New Councillor Training - 6 July 2010**
- 6.2 **Policing Matters – Meeting 7 July Kidderminster Library at 7.00 p.m.**
- 6.3 **Working Group on Affordable Housing – Monday 12 July at 7.00 p.m**
7. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLRS REPESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES**

- 7.1 **Community Housing:** Cllr G Vernon would attend the next meeting on 26 July, under the new Association for Chaddesley Corbett and Blakedown.
- 7.2 **Wyre Forest Area CALC:** Cllr M Walford circulated minutes of the meeting, which was also the AGM. Cllr Derek Killingworth was elected Chairman, and Yvonne Scriven Clerk. Trimpley Parish Council had recently dealt with a gypsy problem and was asked to give a presentation on action taken at the next meeting, to be held on 8 September 2010.
- 7.3 **Wyre Forest District Council:** Cllr S Williams reported on the EU Landfill Directive and the UK target of 45% recovery of its municipal waste(including 30% recycling/composting) by 2010, and 67% (33% by recycling/composting) by 2015. The Government has set a District target to divert 20% of recycling waste from landfill. Last year we achieved a rate of over 28%, and collected 10,000 tonnes of recyclable material. Over the last 3 weeks 44,0000 green bins had been delivered to households, and the new scheme started on 5 July 2010. Any one having a problem with this extra bin should contact the Hub on 01562 732928.

9. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

There were no new consultation documents.

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Payments

		Amount £	VAT £	Total £
W Waldron	Lengthsman Scheme	300.00		300.00
Y L Scriven	Net Salary 3 months April-June 2010	1332.25		1332.25
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	363.36		363.36
CC Village Hall	May Account	22.00		22.00
Glasdon	Waste Bin	93.71	16.39	110.10
Denvic	Fitting new bins and poles	337.00	68.98	395.98
		<u>2448.32</u>	<u>75.37</u>	<u>2523.69</u>

Receipts

Worcs County Council	Lengthsman Scheme	612.00		612.00
		<u>612.00</u>		<u>612.00</u>

- 10.2 The Quarterly Bank Agreement for the period up to 30 June 2010 was approved.

10. NEW ISSUES and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 10.1 **Worcestershire Hub:** The Parish Council had been consulted on the effectiveness of the Hub. During the daytime the number was invariably engaged, but the service experienced by the Lengthsman during the evenings was much better. Staff needed more training on how to use maps to identify locations.
- 10.2 **Village Shop:** A letter had been received from Jayne Powell thanking the Parish Council for their commitment to helping local businesses, and local support for the Post Office.

Next Meeting– Monday 2 August 2010 at 7.25 p.m. Guest Speaker would be Ian Miller, Chief Executive, Wyre Forest District Council.