

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 6 October 2008
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall
at 7.30 p.m.**



Present: Chairman, Cllr J Swift, Cllrs K Bartlett, S Williams, M Bird, Mrs J Fox, D Thomas, R Pugh, M Walford, Mrs P Pardoe, Clerk Mrs Y Scriven.

PC Sarah Brooks was unable to attend but had submitted a written report. Burglary at Fox Meadow, Fox Lane, theft from parked vehicle in Chaddesley Woods, Citroen Saxo bonnet from forecourt Chaddesley Motors. Everyone was asked to be vigilant.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs L Stockford, G Vernon
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Item 9 – Land at the rear of the Hemmingway:
Cllrs K Bartlett, M Walford, Mrs J Fox – Personal Interest (live nearby)

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time: None.

The meeting was re-opened.

- 3 **MINUTES OF A MEETING** held on 1 September were approved and signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 1 September 2008 were formally accepted.
4. **PROGRESS REPORTS**
 - 4.1 Draft Rural Economic Strategy – Parish Council comments have been submitted.
 - 4.2 Concessionary bus travel – new Smartcard must be obtained as temporary concessionary passes are no longer valid.
 - 4.3 Worcestershire County Council web site – Local Area pages now ready for trial. Demonstration at next Parish Council meeting.
 - 4.4 Harvington Hall – Speeding – Awaiting response from residents.
5. **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**
 - 5.1 Rural Development Programme – Cllr D Thomas reported on meeting he attended on 19 September which outlined details of funding available for rural projects up to 2013. Concern at low level of funding which amounted to approximately £2 per person in Worcestershire for remaining 5 years through to 2013. Funds administered by Advantage West Midlands and the local LAG. This source of funding could be considered for the proposed car park scheme, as well as any other projects highlighted in the Parish Plan.
 - 5.2 Bromsgrove Town Centre Area Action Plan – Cllr M Bird had studied the documents and had completed the questionnaire as a member of the public. Key town centre issues had been identified, but none were like to have much impact on the Parish.
 - 5.3 Worcestershire County Council Minerals and Waste Local Development Scheme 2008 – Refreshed Issues and Options Paper passed to Cllr M Bird for review and comment at the next meeting. Cllr Mrs J Fox raised the matter of green waste. It was agreed that a copy should be sent to the Environmental Group.

- 5.4 Wyre Forest District Local Development Framework – Revised Local Development Scheme. Full copy to be provided to Cllr M Bird for review and report at the next meeting.
- 5.5 South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy – Preferred Options – To be reviewed by Cllr J Swift.
- 5.6 Worcestershire CALC AGM – County Hall 9.10.08. Cllr M Walford to attend.
- 5.7 Parish Forum – Duke House, Kidderminster, 21 October at 6.00 p.m. Cllr M Bird to attend.
- 5.8 Making and Enforcement of Byelaws – Consultation – Cllrs K Bartlett and Mrs J Fox to review.
- 5.9 Worcestershire County Council – Refreshed Issues and Options Report – to be reviewed by Cllr M Bird.
- 5.10 11 Million Takeover Day – Proposal for children to take over the management of schools, hospitals, local government etc. Details had been passed to the school.
- 5.11 Raising our Game in Worcestershire - Olympics– Conference 6 November to be attended by Cllr J Swift.

6. **BUS SERVICE**

A report was submitted following at meeting with Worcestershire County Council in order to try to improve the current bus service through the villages. Proposals were being considered for an extra service from Kidderminster arriving at Harvington at 9.50 a.m. which would provide transport for residents of Harvington to get to Chaddesley Corbett. The survey had also revealed that a service around 10.16 a.m. from Chaddesley to Kidderminster was required and a 'on-the-bus survey' would be carried out to see if the 9.16 a.m. service should be moved to 10.16. Extra services would have to be paid for by the County Council who had limited resources, or by sponsorship. Transport for children to Bromsgrove school was not available because it was not a catchment area for Chaddesley Corbett. Consideration would also be given to introducing a Rural Rides Scheme, and further sponsorship of Dial a Ride so this could be made available without charge. Discussion also took place on the siting of bus stops on the main A448 and the possible provision of a bus shelter. Discussions were continuing. A possible source of funding could be the Wyre Forest Community Housing Association – Community Grants Scheme.

7. **BT TELEPHONE KIOSKS**

Following proposals to remove some rural public telephone kiosks, strong representations had been made by all parties for their retention. In the interim BT had offered redundant kiosks in Drayton and Harvington to the Parish Council, without services. Alternatively the service could be maintained at a subsidy of £500 per annum.

8. **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

The Parish Council had opted to prepare a Plan which would compliment those already in existence at District and County level. The Parish Emergency Plan would offer local advice and assistance to the main emergency services in the event of an emergency.

9. **LAND AT THE REAR OF THE HEMMINGWAY**

A proposal had been made by a number of residents to form a Committee to operate a Community Orchard on this land. The proposal was approved in principle, subject to final agreement of the terms and conditions of the tenancy.

10. **PROPOSED CAR PARK**

Negotiations were continuing with land owners and Bathams with a view to providing a community car park at the rear of the Swan public house. A draft sketch layout of the car park had been prepared and further meetings would take place to see if agreement could be reached on the proposed access.

11. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

A report had been submitted by the Working Group which analysed the results of the Housing Needs Survey. Indications were that about 11 properties would be required over the next three years. Several questions were asked and further discussions would take place with the District Enabler.

12. **REPORTS FROM CLLRS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES**

12.1 **Village Hall:** A fund raising event would be held on 10 October.

12.2 **Wyre Forest Area CALC:** Cllr M Walford attended the meeting and reported on a presentation by Worcestershire County Council on public transport services. Cllr J Swift, already a member of the Ethics and Standards Committee at Wyre Forest District Council was asked to also represent Worcs CALC on this Committee. Other matters discussed included Post Office closures and the Big Tidy Up Campaign.

12.3 **Tenants Association:** Cllr G Vernon had submitted a written report which included details of how to obtain grants.

12.4 **Neighbourhood Watch:** Mr M Inchley had been appointed Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Information on 'Smart Water' should be circulated to residents.

13. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman reported on discussions with a resident regarding the proposed new school and the overgrown hedge adjacent to the unused allotment field.

14. **ALLOTMENTS**

A Notice of Rent Review had been received requesting an increase of rent from £350 per annum to £550 per annum. It had been 14 years since the last increase. The Parish Council could not accept a 36% increase and made an offer of £425 per annum. If this was not accepted by the Diocese of Worcester then arbitration would be sought.

15. **BURIAL GROUND**

It was agreed that with the written consent of relatives, some plots would be levelled in accordance with the terms and conditions of the site. The Clerk would prepare a consent form. The work would be carried out by the Lengthsman and paid for by the Parish Council.

16. **LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

Work was back on schedule. Cllr G Vernon had requested a meeting with Highways regarding remedial drainage works in the Parish. Work by Severn Trent on land in Fox Lane had not been done and it was agreed to continue to press for this to be completed as a matter of urgency.

17. **Financial Report**

A schedule of payments and receipts had been circulated and was approved.

Payments

		Amount	VAT	Total
W Waldron	Lengthsman Scheme –July/August	357.50		357.50
Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall	Room Hire, August/Sept	101.00		101.00
CC Football Club	Donation	500.00		500.00
JPB	Photocopying, stationery, postage			

	February to September 2008	130.16	22.78	152.94
M C Walker	Repairs to bench on Briar Hill	45.08		45.08
Severn Trent Water	Water for Allotments	19.40	3.40	22.80
CPRE	Annual Subscription	28.00		28.00
CC Parish Magazine	Publication of Minutes	300.00		300.00
BT	Line Rental and BT	96.50	16.10	112.60
Y L Scriven	Mileage, expenses, postage, printing	174.82	5.41	180.23
		<u>1,752.46</u>	<u>47.69</u>	<u>1800.15</u>

Receipts

Wyre Forest District Council	Precept	12,525.00		12,525.00
Worcestershire County Council	Lengthsman Scheme	594.00		594.00
Allotment Rents		60.00		60.00
		<u>13,179.00</u>		<u>13,179.00</u>

18. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting Monday 3 November 2008 at 7.30 p.m.
 Fete and Flower Show
 Environmental Group