

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH
COUNCIL**

**Held on Monday 1 December 2014
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall
at 7.25 p.m.**



Present: Chairman Cllr W Mack, Cllrs D Thomas, R Pugh, L Stockford, S Williams, J Wright, Mrs J Fox, Mrs P Pardoe, M Page, G Vernon, B Green.
County Cllr S Clee, Clerk Mrs Y Scriven, Mr D Hislop, Mrs D Dolley and a member of the public

Police

Notification of appointment of PC Sarah Brooks as Safer Neighbourhood Office, replacing PC P Green. Reports for the month included theft from a vehicle at Harvington and a tool box from a tractor. It was agreed that the current form of liaison between Parishes and the Police was inadequate.

1. **APOLOGIES:** None

2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI):** None
OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ODI): Cllr S Williams – Item 6.3

DISPENSATIONS – As before

3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

4. **MINUTES**

- a) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 November 2014 were approved and signed.
- b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3 November 2014 were approved.

5. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:**

5.1.1 **District Councillor:** Cllr S Williams provided information on Project Optimise; an initiative to reduce duplication between multiple local authority organisations.. A pilot trial is being undertaken by Churchill and Blakedown Parish Council.

5.1.2 **Chairman, Parish Council:** Cllr W Mack attended a Chairmans' meeting and had requested a guide to Permitted Development.

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

6.1 **Traffic Feasibility Study:** The Working Group presented the results of a study undertaken by Travis Baker. It was agreed that a special meeting would be called so that Cllrs could have a better opportunity to consider the recommendations and make suggestions. It was also agreed that consultations should take place firstly with businesses in the village and then with residents of the parish.

6.2 **Old School Site:** It was noted that a tender document would be issued by the Trust for early completion by the two competing developers.

6.3 **Use of PCC Mowers:** An invoice had been issued by the PCC for £2,250 in respect of back payment for use of the PCC mowers for the last 9 years. It was noted that an offer of a replacement mower had been rejected. It was agreed to discuss this further with the PCC.

6.4 **Community Speed Watch:** Following a survey carried out by the Police, the average speed was 37mph in the 30 mph restricted areas, which was considered too fast for a Community Speed Watch initiative. Instead it was proposed to carry out speed enforcement initiatives in the parish This was

supported by the Parish Council. It was also agreed that in the meantime we would hire a flashing speed sign and this would be placed by the Lengthsman at agreed locations around the parish.

- 6.5 **Silver Birch Trees – at rear of bungalow in Hemmingway:** These trees had been inspected and were considered healthy, but should be cropped. A petition by residents asked for the trees to be removed and replaced by additional parking spaces. District Cllr S Williams supported this request. It was agreed that a proposal would be put to the TCC with a view to funding the project through AIM and Cllrs S Williams and G Vernon were authorised to act for the Parish Council.
- 6.6 **Severn Trent Water – Proposed new pipeline:** Cllrs had attended the consultation and reported on the proposed route which would affect many parts of the parish. Alternatives were available and the northern route was preferred, however it was decided to write to Severn Trent asking them to consider the route which affected the fewest number of residents. Maps are available if residents would like to see them.
- 6.7 **Filming, Photographing, Audio Recording and Social Media Reporting of Public Parish Council and Committee meetings:** A new policy was presented and was approved.
- 6.8 **Harvington Hall Lane and Mustow Green:** A meeting had taken place with Highway officials and County Cllr S Clee to consider possible signage and restrictions on Harvington Hall Lane. During a recent survey 347 vehicles had used the lane as a cut through to the A450 in a 1½ hour period. It was agreed that larger ‘Not Suitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles’ signs would be fitted, but the police would not support a ‘No through road’ sign. Speed bumps were not allowed in an area with no street lighting. Stone Parish Council also attended the meeting and it was generally agreed that Mustow Green island was the cause of most of the traffic problems affecting the two parishes. Officers reported that this was considered a ‘pinch-point’ and was under consideration for inclusion in the next Worcestershire Local Transport Plan. It was also agreed to mark a ‘Keep Clear’ box at the entrance to Curslow Lane and the owner of the hedgerow at Mustow Green would be asked to cut it back to improve visibility. Cllrs S Williams and S Clee had spoken to Mr Mark Garnier MP, who was willing to add his support and the clerk was asked to write to him accordingly.
- 6.9 **Village Fete:** A letter had been received from the PCC regarding proposed changes to the format of the annual fete. The Parish Council agreed the suggestions were sensible and Cllrs would offer whatever support they could.
- 6.10 **Maintenance Work:**
- 6.10.1 **Lengthsman Scheme:** Busy month clearing grips, inlets, outfalls and cleaning signs throughout the Parish. Pine needles swept from A448 Brockencote, and blocked pipe rodded in Tanwood Lane. Several major highway defects reported to the County Council, including ongoing problem with silt on Egg Lane. Landowner had been advised by the County Council that sediment rich runoff from the maize fields must be controlled.

The clerk was notified of two incidents of fly-tipping around the Parish.

- 6.10.2 **General Maintenance:** Sweeping leaves from village street.

7. **DATES FOR MEETINGS:**

- 7.1 Wyre Forest Area CALC Meeting, Guildhall, Bewdley, Monday 15 December at 6.45 p.m. Refreshments £5.00.

8. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLRS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES:**

Worcestershire CALC – Clerk had attended AGM and existing officers were reappointed. Financial position still serious, although it is likely they will receive a grant from Worcestershire County Council. An 11% increase was proposed for each of the next 5 years in order to keep reserves at an acceptable level, although some members thought it might be better to apply a 30% increase now. Cllrs were not in favour of this proposal, preferring the more gradual increase of

11%. Some Cllrs questioned value for money from CALC and whether legal advice could be obtained free of charge from the District Council; the value of CALC's independence was noted, as well as its specialist knowledge of Parish regulations.

9. **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS:** None

10. **Clerk's Report**

10.1 **Parish Magazine:** Awaiting further information from the PCC.

10.2 **Dog Fouling Campaign:** This should have taken place on 29 November, but due to staff illness had been postponed. Residents should be reminded that it is a fineable offence not to pick up after their dogs in public places.

10.3 **Cars for Sale outside Flower Mead, A448:** This has been reported to the police as the car is obstructing part of the footway. It would also be reported to Enforcement Officers.

10.4 **WiFi** now available at Village Hall.

11 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Name	Purpose	Amount	VAT	Total
CC Village Hall	Room Hire	67.00		67.00
Y L Scriven	Net Salary	676.90		676.90
Ben Matthews	Sweeping village and bus shelters	123.00		123.00
Bill Waldon	Lengthsman Scheme	528.50		528.50
St Cassians PCC	Minutes in Magazine 2 years subs	900.00		900.00
Weatheraok Farm	Storage of Salt	157.50		157.50
Hedleys Solicitors	Right to Bid consultations	450.00	90.00	540.00
Oakleaf	Grass Cutting Contract	1,195.05	239.01	1,434.06
TOTAL PAYMENTS		4,097.95	329.01	4,426.96
Paid by Debit Card		<hr/>		
AAT	Annual Subscription	139.00		139.00
Receipts		<hr/>		
Wyre Forest DC	Pond Clearance Hillpool	472.00		472.00
Worcestershire CC	Lengthsman	442.00		442.00
Burial		650.00		650.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,564.00		1,564.00

10.3 **Bank Reconciliation** for period up to 30 November 2014 was approved.

11. **Items for Next Meeting to be held on Monday 5 January 2015**

The meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.