

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 3 December 2012
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall
at 7.25 p.m.**



Present: Chairman: Cllrs W Mack, D Thomas, Mrs P Pardoe, R Pugh, G Vernon, L Stockford, M Page, B Green, M Walford, Mrs J Fox. In attendance: Clerk Mrs Y Scriven, Cllr S Williams, Cllr Mrs P Hayward, Cllr S Clee and a resident.

POLICE REPORT

The Clerk had met with PC Andy Wallace who reported incidents of flooding, accidents on A448, thefts at Stone Manor, scam phone calls, and an aggravated burglary in the local area. Residents were advised to report all incidents to the police using the new non-emergency phone number 101.

1. **APOLOGIES:** None
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI):** None
OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ODI): None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

Mr Ian Miller, Chief Executive, Wyre Forest District Council was presented with a picture of Chaddesley Corbett Village, which had been painted by local artist Susan Shaw. This picture would be displayed in the Chaddesley Corbett room at the new Civic Centre.

The meeting was re-opened.

3. **MINUTES**

- a) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 November 2012 were approved and signed.
- b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 5 November 2012 were formally accepted.

4. **DISPENSATIONS:** None

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

- 5.1 **Old School Site:** The Minutes of a meeting with planners and highways to discuss possible uses for the old school site had been circulated and were noted. It was agreed to send a copy of the minutes to the Trustees and to arrange a further meeting to discuss the options. A copy of the Minutes were available on the Parish Council website.
- 5.2 **Neighbourhood Planning:** The Minutes of a meeting of the Steering Group held on 23 November 2012 had been circulated and were noted. No adverse comments had been received from residents following consultation on the Vision Statement. A meeting of the Steering Group and Working Group Chairman would be held on Monday 10 December 2012 to prepare for the next consultation on specific objectives and aims. A copy of the Minutes were available on the Parish Council website.
- 5.3 **Footpath to the new school:**
Following representations at the last Parish Council meeting, and letters received from residents and pupils at the school, Cllr D Thomas confirmed that he and several other Cllrs had met with County Council officials and Cllr S Clee to consider what could be done to improve the surface of the rural footpath to the school. Cllr S Clee reported that since that meeting the landowner had agreed to carry out remedial works himself. It was agreed that in

the summer this footpath would be adequate, but during wet weather it was likely to be very muddy. Some discussion took place about the original planning application which had included upgrading the rural footpath to the new school, but was later amended.

Consideration was given to extending the existing footpath along the A448 to the new school to accommodate parents with pushchairs and small children. Cllr S Cleve had obtained some funding for this proposal and it was agreed that A & H Construction should be asked to quote for the work. It was also agreed that before proceeding the school would be asked to assess how many parents would use the footpath. The Chairman had issued an official Press Release which would be used if anyone was approached by the Press.

5.4 **Budget and Precept**

Papers had been circulated regarding the Council Tax Benefit Reform and its effect on parish councils and their Precept. Further advice was awaited.

5.5 **Lengthsman Scheme**

Cllr B Green reported that road sweeping and leaf clearance had taken place in Tandy's Lane, Hemmingway and the Village. Flood relief work had been undertaken on Woodrow and Tandy's Lane to clear grips. Gully and gutters had been swept from Holloway to St Cassians. Cllrs had reported flooding in various locations and these had been reported to the Lengthsman and Highways for further investigation.

5.6 **Parish Footpaths**

A schedule of work had been circulated and was noted. New work was approved, including emergency work which had already been completed to remove fallen trees.

6. **DATES FOR MEETINGS**

6.1 NP Steering/Working Group Meeting 10 December 2012 7.30 p.m. Village Hall.

6.2 Wyre Forest Area CALC meeting Tuesday 11 December 2012 at 7.00 p.m. The Swan, Chaddesley Corbett

6.3 Working Group Meeting – Housing and Environment – Thursday 13 December 2012 at 7.00 the Surgery.

6.4 Parish/Police Liaison Meeting – 25 January 2013 at 7.00 p.m. Kidderminster Police Station.

7. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLRS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES:** None

8. **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

8.1 Extension to 30 mph speed limit on A448 beyond new school. It was noted that 30 mph signs had been placed at the location under consultation, but had since been covered as the consultation had not yet taken place. The Parish Council reiterated their request that the signs should be situated opposite the entrance to the Racecourse further up the Hill.

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

The clerk reported:

- Fishers Lane - a meeting would be arranged in the New Year. Geoff Vernon and Leo Stockford would attend the meeting.
- Holloway – A meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 12 December at 10.00 a.m. to discuss the problem. This will be attended by representatives of four landowners and Highways.

- Resident report high number of cars parking in village to attend swimming lessons. Agreed clerk would approach organisers to ask if visitors could park on the school site if at all possible.
- Footpaths – Footpaths officer reported that when paths utilise farm tracks he cannot ask the farmer to avoid using them and churn up his fields instead.
- Two applications had been received so far for the vacancy for a councillor and they would be interviewed at the January meeting.
- Consultation on increasing capacity in Kidderminster & Blakedown Primary Schools to meet need for additional pupil places.
- Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Development Plan – Adoption Statement 15 November 2012.
- The clerk was asked to request that the school flashing signs should be moved from the village as soon as possible.

10 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Payments

Recipient	Work Undertaken	£	£	£
Ben Matthews	Lengthsman Scheme	396.00		396.00
CC Village Hall	5 November	25.00		25.00
Colour Cubed	NP – Leaflet	637.00		637.00
Y L Scriven	Bollard	97.27	19.45	116.72
D Downer	Picture Frame	38.00		38.00
Wyre Forest Community Housing	Grass Cutting Contract	1,319.66	263.93	1,583.59
West Mercia Probation	Maintenance allotment site	150.00	30.00	180.00
M C Walker	Repairs to seat	89.32		89.32
M C Walker	Repairs to notice boards	105.59		105.59
Winterfold Holdings	Footpaths Maintenance	300.00		300.00
	TOTAL	3,157.84	313.38	3,471.22
RECEIPTS				
Worcestershire County Council	Grass Cutting Contract	1,399.00		1,399.00

11.2 A Bank Reconciliation for November had been circulated and was approved.

11.3 It was noted that the interest rate on our investment had reduced. It was agreed to leave the money with Scottish Widows.

12. **NEW ISSUES and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Monday 7 January 2012
Interviews for new Councillor

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.