

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL  
Held on Monday 4 March 2013  
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall  
at 7.25 p.m.**



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

**POLICE REPORT**

Police report noted. Report received from Police and Crime Commissioner, regarding proposed changes in working practices and closure of some local stations.

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

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

The meeting was re-opened.

3. **MINUTES**

- a) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 February 2013 were approved and signed.
- b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4 February 2013 were formally accepted.

4. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

- 4.1 The Chairman reported on a meeting with Cllr S Clee regarding the school footpath and a proposal would be sent to the Parish Council shortly.
- 4.2 Broadband – Currently only 6% of residents had responded to the on-line consultation for improved broadband speeds and 50% was required before any action would be taken. Residents were urged to go on line and complete the questionnaire at <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/superfast-broadband.aspx>
- 4.3 Fishers Lane – resurfacing work would be carried out shortly.

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

- 5.1 **Neighbourhood Plan:** Questionnaires had been completed and sent out to residents and the children's survey was available for completion on line. Two separate questionnaires had been prepared specifically for businesses which operate within the parish, and their employees (if they don't live in the parish). Questionnaires were sent out by post on Monday 25 February, and preliminary results will be available by 12 April 2013, in time for inclusion in a Parish Council newsletter scheduled to go out by the end of April. Full analysis of the survey will be available by the middle of April, in time for presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 20 May 2013, and will be distributed to all households with the Parish Council Annual Report in June 2013.
- 5.2 **The Swan Public House – Licence:** A discussion took place about a recent event which had taken place in a marquee, but as the event had been correctly licenced no further action would be taken.

- 5.3 **April Newsletter:** Content of newsletter was discussed and agreed.
- 5.4 **Annual Parish Meeting:** A guest speaker and agenda was discussed and agreed. The meeting would concentrate on the results of the Neighbourhood Plan survey.
- 5.5 **Review of Complaints Procedure:** After making changes in response to recent legislation about the code of conduct, the updated Complaints Procedure was adopted.

**Review of Financial Regulations:** Deferred pending advice from CALC.

5.6 **A448 Speed Restrictions:**

5.6.1 Consultation on re-positioning of 30 mph speed limits near the new school had been completed and adopted. Parish Council comments had been noted but it was not considered realistic to further extend the 30 mph speed restriction due to lack of frontage development.

5.6.2 Based on previous decisions about speed limits, the Parish Council was unable to support a request from Dodford Parish Council to appeal against the decision not to introduce a 50 mph speed restriction on the A448.

5.7 **Scale of Fees for Local Elections:** It was noted that proposed charges would represent a 44% increase since 2009 and was unacceptable particularly as staff salaries had not been increased during this period.

5.8 **Lengthsman Scheme:** Grips had been cleared in Drayton Road, footway swept on A448 in Harvington and Barrowhill Lane Drayton. Ditching work in Tanwood Lane and blocked ditch in Woodrow Lane. It was agreed to support a Litter Picking day later in the year. Proposals for a grit spreader would be considered at the next meeting. There had been six incidents of rude graffiti around the parish, which would be reported to the police. This had been removed by the Lengthsman.

6. **DATES FOR MEETINGS**

- 6.1 Joint CALC/Parish Forum – 6.30 p.m. Monday 25 March 2013 Civic Centre.
- 6.2 Worcestershire CALC Training Financial Management – Tuesday 19 March at 7.00 p.m. County Hall.
- 6.3 Police Headquarters Hindlip Hall – Meeting 24 April 2013 at 6.30 p.m.

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

7.1 **Community Housing:** Cllr G Vernon reported attending a meeting on 11 February when recent re-organisations were discussed. Concern had been raised about a proposed move of a resident from Briar Hill to Stone.

7.2 **Community Right to Buy and Right to Bid:** Cllrs G Vernon, Mrs S Pritchard and the clerk had attended a presentation at Wyre Forest District Council concerning the new Localism Bill and opportunities this presented to parish and town councils to take over assets currently owned by District and County councils. It was noted that none of the assets available were within Chaddesley Corbett parish.

8. **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS:** None

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

The clerk reported:

- Redcross – Wyre Forest District Council had swept the road, but the footpath still needed clearing. It was noted that the landowner had offered to do this.
- Community First had introduced a scheme for collective energy switching. Residents could sign up without obligation to this service.

- The Boundary Commission had advised that planned electoral changes to boundaries would not now take place until 2018.
- Declarations of Interest – it is not necessary for Cllrs to declare an interest when considering Council Tax.
- Drainage Work Tanwood Lane – complaint about disposal of arisings, dealt with by the clerk.
- Second plaque in burial ground agreed, with damage waiver.
- Enquiry from resident regarding resurfacing of entrance to Woodrow Farm properties. Dealt with by the clerk.
- Flower Mead – car and lorry for sale adjacent to the petrol station is causing obstruction and visibility problems. Reported to Wyre Forest enforcement.

## 10 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

### PAYMENTS

CC Village Hall	Room Hire – February	28.00		28.00
B Matthews	Lengthsman	342.00		342.00
Y Scriven	Serif web programme	56.04		56.04
L Stockford	Serif web programme	56.04		56.04
J H Pardoe	Tractor and trailer ditching work	440.00	88.00	528.00
J H Pardoe	Hedge Cutting pre ditching work	62.50	12.50	75.00
M Walker	Repairs to notice board	58.00		58.00
Worcs CALC	Training Clerk	20.00		20.00
G Holding	Maintenance footpaths	445.00		445.00
Halls	Half year allotment rent	225.00		225.00
Y Scriven	Clerk's expenses	187.78	7.00	194.78
		<u>1,920.36</u>	<u>107.50</u>	<u>2,027.86</u>

### RECEIPTS

Allotment Rents		525.00		525.00
Worcs CC	Lengthsman Scheme	594.00		594.00
		<u>1,119.00</u>		<u>1,119.00</u>

10.2 A Bank Reconciliation for February had been circulated to Cllrs W Mack and D Thomas and was approved.

11. **NEW ISSUES and ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Monday 8 April 2013.

The meeting closed at 08.55 p.m.