

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL  
Held on Monday 6 February 2017  
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall  
at 7.15 p.m.



Present: Chairman Cllr W Mack, Cllrs D Thomas, S Williams, G Vernon, R Pugh, L Stockford, M Page District Cllr I Hardiman. Clerk Mrs Y Scriven, and a member of the public.

**POLICE REPORT** – PC N Rylands attended the meeting and reported a shed break in on Briar Hill overnight on 8 January 2017. There had been a serious incident of dogs attacking sheep, some of which had to be destroyed. Anyone with information on the dogs carrying out these attacks should be reported to the police on 101.

1. **APOLOGIES:** District Councillors M Hart, Cllrs J Wright, Mrs J Fox, H Green, Mrs P Pardoe.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI):** None  
**OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ODI):** None  
**DISPENSATIONS** – As before
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None
4. **MINUTES**
  - a) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 January 2017 were approved and signed.
  - b) Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 January 2017 were approved.
5. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**
  - 5.1 **Chairman Parish Council:** Cllr W Mack reported on visit to the recycling plant in Worcester which had been very informative. It was felt that more information needed to be provided to residents perhaps in the form a stickers on the bins as much of the material sent for recycling was rejected or contaminated. In this instance the District Council had to pay for its disposal. Cllr I Hardiman said he would pursue this.
  - 5.2 **District Council:** Cllr I Hardiman reported that they would freeze the District Council element of the Council Tax for 2017/18 and retain £50,000 in the Localism Fund. Each District Councillor would also have a fund of £1,000 for community good causes.

£1m Capital Investment would be made into Green Street depot to ensure ongoing service sustainability. A bid for £3m from the Lottery would be made for the development of Brinton Park facilities, which would require match funding of 10% by the council and its partners. Kidderminster Town Centre Public Realm works will soon be concluded and the former Glades building was nearing demolition completion. A developer for the old Glades site, now known as Lionfields Parcel 1, is being sought – the site is proposed for a cinema and leisure hub. Some interest has already been shown.

**DISCUSSION/DECISION**

- 6.1 **Trees in Burial Ground:** A quotation had been received for carrying out tree work on the existing burial ground which was acceptable, but following a meeting with A & H Construction, it had been agreed that they would do this work at a lower cost than

previous quotations, because it needed to be completed before the new roads on the building site were laid, which was imminent. Work on topping and lifting the holly trees would be delayed until later in the year.

- 6.2 **Smartwater** – Following a meeting with the Police Project Manager, further advice was obtained on how the scheme would work and what would be achieved. The Working Group had recommended that we should proceed with free distribution to most of the households in the parish, with 50% funding from the Police Commissioner and 50% from the Parish Council. Following a vote, a majority decision was taken to proceed with this project at an approximate cost of £2,100 from the Parish Council. The Police would organise distribution, but volunteers from the Parish to assist would be welcome.
- 6.3 **Lengthsman:** Two candidates had been interviewed by the Working Group and a recommendation made to appoint Mr Robert Twining, which was agreed. Training would take place during March 2017 and a list of equipment and training required would be prepared.
- 6.4 **Severn Trent Pipeline:** Information had been circulated giving details of the proposed works and was noted.
- 6.5 **Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall:** Cllr R Pugh reported on his inspection of the roof which revealed that some tiles needed replacing, and the guttering was inadequate and needed replacing. However, it was still uncertain whether this was causing the leak in the main hall, but the situation would be monitored in the future.
- 6.6 **Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 15 May 2017:** Suggestions were made for guest speakers and items for the Agenda.
- 6.7 **Maintenance Work – Monthly Report**
- 6.7.1 **Lengthsman** - Work has been carried out on the footway on the A448 and grips and gullies cleared on Egg Lane, Drayton, Deansford Lane, A448 Lower Chaddesley. Leaves and silt cleared from carriageway in Hillpool.
- 6.7.2 **General Maintenance:** Pavements cleared of leaves and debris in the Village and bus shelters cleaned and washed.
7. **CONSULTATIONS**
- 7.1 Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan – Third Stage consultation – Cllr D Thomas to study and respond on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 7.2 Worcestershire Local Transport Plan – Cllr D Thomas to study and respond to consultation by 17 March 2017. It was noted that improvements to Mustow Green and the A448 link to the motorway were included, but were subject to funding.
- 7.3 NHS Consultation on future Acute Services in Hospitals in Worcestershire – Noted.
- 7.4 Halfpenny Green Airport – Consultation on Introduction of Instrument Approach Procedures – Cllr D Thomas agreed to respond to this consultation if appropriate.

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

8.1 **TCC** - Cllr G Vernon reported on two meetings and it was noted that arrangements were being made to improve access to the bungalows in the village. Money was available from a support fund for local events which would benefit the community.

9 **CLERK'S REPORT**

- **Grit** – It was agreed to share the cost of grit with the Village Hall
- **Defibrillator** – Is now installed in the kiosk in the village and was operative. It was agreed that the Clerk would carry out weekly maintenance checks. Training session arranged for 2 March, but another during the evening was required.
- **War Memorial** – Cleaning was required and it was suggested that volunteers should be approached in the first instance.
- **Tesco Plastic Bag Fund** – Money was available for any outdoor activity. It was agreed to pass this to the Sports Club.
- **Chairmans' Meeting 16 February** – Agenda items were discussed.
- **Litter – Wine Bottles** – Were being deposited in the verge at the top of Briar Hill and in Woodrow Lane. The District Council had been informed and appropriate action would be taken.
- **Savilles Garage** – Approached Oaks Community Hall but they are unable to offer any parking. Agreed to thank Savilles Garage for improvements already made.
- **Internal Auditor** – It was agreed to appoint Diane Malley for this year's audit.

10 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**PAYMENTS**

Name	Purpose	Amount	VAT	Total
CC Village Hall	Room Hire	90.00		90.00
Y L Scriven	Net Salary	729.88		729.88
Y L Scriven	Defibrillator costs (refund)	90.00		90.00
Ben Matthews	General Maintenance	75.00		75.00
BT	Broadband and Line Rental	88.91	21.08	110.89
Bill Waldron	Lengthsman	330.00		330.00
Don Robbins	Burial Ground	133.33		133.33
St Cassians PCC	Use of mower/parish magazine	800.00		800.00
Dudley Print	Annual Report	671.94	86.39	758.33
Projector Shop	New Acer Projector	371.78	74.36	446.14
Computer	Software	28.10	5.22	31.32
Worcester Glass	Glass for bus shelter (to be refunded less £100 excess)	440.00	88.00	528.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,848.94</b>	<b>275.95</b>	<b>4,122.89</b>

**RECEIPTS AND TRANSFERS**

Worcs CC	Lengthsman	330.00		330.00
Allotment Rents		315.00		315.00
Transfer	From Defibrillator Fund	100.00		100.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>745.00</b>		<b>745.00</b>

10.2 Bank Reconciliation for period up to 31 January 2017 was approved.

11. Next Meeting to be held on Monday 6 March 2017 at 7:15 p.m. Items for next meeting – Webhosting; Broadband Cabinet