

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL  
Held on Monday 6 July 2015  
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall  
at 7.25 p.m.**



Present: Chairman Cllr W Mack, Cllrs D Thomas, S Williams, Mrs P Pardoe, J Wright, R Pugh, L Stockford, B Green District Councillors: Cllr M Hart, I Hardiman, S Williams  
Clerk Mrs Y Scriven, and members of the public

**Police** – PC Sarah Brooks attended the meeting and reported that 3 burglaries from sheds had taken place in Woodrow, and that generally there had been a recent increase in reported incidents in the rural areas of Wyre Forest. Mr Rowberry reported that a sizeable burglary had taken place at the Nursery and the police had not attended or reported back. Residents were urged to mark their property and increase security particularly on sheds.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Mrs J Fox, M Page, G Vernon
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI):** None  
**OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ODI):** None  
**DISPENSATIONS** – As before
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None
4. **MINUTES**
  - a) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 June 2015 were approved and signed.
  - b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 June 2015 were approved.
5. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:**
  - 5.1 **Chairman's Report**

Cllr W Mack reported that he had attended a presentation at the school where Doug Clarke had been donated £12,00 to the music room.
  - 5.2 **District Councillor's Report**
    - 5.2.1 District Cllr I Hardman reported that 80% of voters were in favour of a new Town Council for Kidderminster and a decision would be taken at the next full Council meeting.
    - 5.2.2 Kidderminster Town Centre Public Realm Improvement works were progressing in Kidderminster, but the Wharf and Bull Ring redevelopment had stalled due to negotiations between landlords and the developer – Compulsory Purchase might be used. Unemployment was reducing in Wyre Forest every month and the Amter factory being built on the former Lawrence site was progressing well. Construction had started on the new Leisure Centre and on the medical centre in Bewdley.
    - 5.2.3 In an effort to save money, office space had been let at Wyre Forest House to Worcestershire Regulatory Authority at a rent of £150,000 a year, and in future developers would have to pay for new wheelie bins.
6. **CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**
  - 6.1 **Proposed move of Post Office to Rowberry's Nurseries:** Cllr S Williams and the Clerk had attended a meeting with Post Office Limited and our MP, Mark Garnier, to discuss extending the consultation period. The consultation ends on 22 July and it was agreed to allow a further 4 weeks before a decision was taken. It was proposed that we should request an extension to 8 weeks so that further discussions could take place with interested parties. It was agreed to write to Mark

Garnier with this request. A response to the consultation had been drafted and this would be refined and sent before the 22 July 2014. Councillors expressed their thanks to C Rowberry for his offer to re-locate the post office at his nursery, which was much appreciated.

6.2 **Right to Bid** – In view of the possible move of the Post Office from Jukes Stores in the Village, it was resolved that a Right to Bid should be placed on this property in view of its importance to the parish as a community facility.

6.3 **Right to Bid** – The Talbot – Confirmation received that the Parish Council’s request had been approved.

6.4 **Wyre Forest District Council – Localism Fund** – It was agreed to re-open discussions with the district council on emptying waste bins and litter collection.

6.5 **NALC Consultation** – Proposed Parish Council Bill – it was agreed that this would be delegated to Cllr D Thomas and the clerk to complete.

## 6.6 MAINTENANCE WORK

6.6.1. **Lengthsman Scheme:** Work had been carried out on A450 at Harvington and A448, siding out footways, clearing grips and cleaning signs. Overhanging vegetation had been cleared on A448 Mustow Green, Tanwood Lane, Briar Hill and grips, inlets and outfalls cleared on Woodrow Lane and Drayton.

6.6.2 **Parish Footpaths:** Several complaints had been investigated and remedial action taken as required. Paths had been strimmed, topped and overhead vegetation removed in Harvington, Briar Hill, Tandy’s Lane, Tanwood, the Village to Swancote and Cakebole. New benches donated by the family of the late Dr Spalding have now been installed outside St Cassians Church.

6.6.3 **General Maintenance:** - Bus shelters cleaned and washed, litter picked and cleared. Spot weed killer applied to village footways from Bridge to Church, overhanging shrub trimmed by Post Office.

6.6.4 **Burial Ground:** Grass cut, soil removed, plots levelled, hedges cut, bins filled and emptied.

## 7. DATES FOR MEETINGS

7.1 Joint Wyre Forest/CALC Parish Forum – Monday 21 September 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Wyre Forest House.

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

8.1 **Parish Conference** – Thursday 4 June 2015 – Cllr W Mack reported that he and the clerk had attended and had received an update report on the progress with Broadband and Digital Inclusion.

8.2 Wyre Forest CALC AGM – Clerk reported attendance on 18 June 2015; received a further update on Broadband and Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership.

## 9 CONSULTATION

Cllr S Williams reported that he and the clerk had attended a consultation meeting on proposals to build a Wyre Forest Blue Light Hub. Grants of £4.27 million had been obtained, and further funding would be required to relocate all three existing fire stations in one new location, probably in Kidderminster. No changes were proposed to the number of fire engines or staff and savings would be minimal, but a new building would provide better facilities for training and future development. Councillors considered the proposal and due to our situation within the district, there would be no objections to this proposal.

## 10 CLERKS REPORT

10.1 Letter of thanks had been sent to Diane Spalding who had donated the lovely new benches outside St Cassians church in memory of Dr John Spalding.

- 10.2 Empty Bungalow and house in Woodrow – a further complaint had been received about the use of this site for dumping old cars, tractors etc and its environmental health hazards. District Councillors agreed to follow this up with planners.
- 10.3 The Birches, Woodrow – complaint about removal of hedgerows – planners advised that it was not protected and therefore permitted development.
- 10.4 Ragwort – large amount on Community Orchard – will be removed by our contractor.

## 11 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Name	Purpose	Amount	VAT	Total
CC Village Hall	Room Hire	90.00		90.00
Bill Waldron	Lengthsman	425.25		425.25
Y L Scriven	Net Salary	597.20		597.20
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	464.95		464.95
Weatheroak Farm	Storage salt, refill bins, disposal salt	170.00		170.00
Oakleaf	2 months grass cutting contract	475.26	95.06	570.32
Ben Matthews	General Maintenance	81.00		81.00
G R Holding	Footpaths, installing benches	595.00		595.00
Broxap	Extra straps for benches	78.00	15.60	93.60
Dudley Print	Printing, enveloping, posting annual rpt	840.00	38.36	878.36
Westcotec	VAS sign	2875.00	575.00	3450.00
Don Robins	Burial Ground – quarterly payment	726.00		726.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>7417.66</b>	<b>724.02</b>	<b>8141.68</b>

### Receipts

Worcs CC	Contribution to VAS sign	1000.00		1000.00
Worcs CC	Annual Grass cutting contract	1514.00		1514.00
D Spalding	Benches	1200.00		1200.00
		<b>3714.00</b>		<b>3714.00</b>

- 11.2 **Bank Reconciliation** for period up to 30 June 2015 was approved.

12. The meeting closed at 8:10 pm  
**Next Meeting to be held on Monday 3 August 2015**