

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL  
Held on Monday 7 January 2019  
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall  
at 7.15 p.m.



Present: Chairman Cllr W Mack, Cllrs Mrs P Pardoe, S Williams, K Grigg, R Pugh, L Stockford, G Vernon, Mrs J Fox, M Page, D Thomas. District/County Councillor M Hart.

- Clerk Mrs Y Scriven and members of the public

**POLICE:** Police reported one burglary on 28 December 2018 where thieves had gained entrance from the rear of the building.

1. **APOLOGIES:** None
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 3 December 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
  - b) Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3 December 2018 were approved.
5. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:**
  - 5.1 **District Councillors Report** – Cllr M Hart reported that Council Tax would be increased by 2.39% next year; 12% of the total revenue from Council Tax goes to the District Council. Funding had been made available for a second Enforcement Officer to enable the District Council to respond to the many reports received, mainly from rural areas. Car parking charges will not be increased until October next year.
  - 5.3 **County Council Report** – Cllr M Hart reported that he was progressing safety issues on the bend at Winterfold on the A448 and a highways liaison engineer was working with road safety team to carry out assessments; WCC highways were inspecting flood lights from Savilles Garage at Mustow Green and drainage issues on Woodrow. Having restored the verge on the A448 at Redcross this had immediately been destroyed by parked vehicles. Highways were taking action about the fencing at Cornerways which had been erected on the highway verge. The lay by outside The Forge at Harvington would be made into a formal bus stop only.

The County Council are proposing a 2.99% increase in Council tax and a 1% increase in Social Care levy, and in 2019-20 the council tax base County wide will increase by circa 2,100 properties which is estimated to increase council tax revenue by an additional £13.3 million to spend on services for residents. Recent Government announcements suggest an extra £6.5 million for Adult Social Care will be available in 2019-20, which is about a third of what was really needed. The County has benefited from the Government's national pothole fund recently to the tune of about £6.6 million, which is better than expected.

A copy of the full report is available on the Parish Council website.
6. **CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION**
  - 6.1 Revised Budget April 2019-March 2020 – The budget forecast had been revised to take account of the new Taxbase, with an increase in Precept of 7.5%, which represents an increase of £2.74 per

annum on a Band D Council Tax bill. This increase is necessary to meet the costs of projects such as landscaping the extension to the burial ground. The revised budget was approved.

6.2 **Speeding on A448 near Chaddesley School** – Cars were overtaking on the other side of the bollards near the school and a discussion took place as to whether the speed limit should be extended to start just past the turn to Clattercut Lane. This request had been made before but had been resisted by Highways. More use of the VAS in this area was recommended and local community speed enforcement.

6.3 **January Newsletter** – A draft newsletter had been circulated and was discussed. Final copy would be sent to Printers at end of the week.

6.4 **Lengthsman Vacancy** – The vacancy had been advertised in the weekly CALC report and was mentioned in the January newsletter which would be distributed to all households shortly. One application had been received to date. A discussion took place on the hourly rate for the work and a maximum rate had been set.

#### 6.5 **Burial Ground**

6.5.1 **Burial Fees** – A proposal to increase burial fees by 3% was approved. This would be effective from 1 February 2019. It was agreed that in future no charge would be made for burials of children up to 5 years of age.

6.5.2 It was agreed that plots on the extension to the burial ground could be pre-sold in accordance with terms.

6.5.3 The terms and conditions for the burial ground were reviewed and would remain in force for the foreseeable future. It was agreed that all headstones should include the Plot No. and this would be added to the terms and conditions.

6.5.4 Burial Ground extension – deferred pending receipt of quotation. It was agreed to discuss layout with Davis Memorials.

6.5.5 A discussion took place about numbering the plots in the burial ground and it was agreed to look at other parishes to see whether this was normal practice. There is no statutory requirement to number plots, but a register was available on the notice board.

6.6 **Quarterly Budget Review** – A comparison of income and expenditure against budget had been circulated and was agreed.

#### 6.7 **Maintenance Work**

6.7.1 Lengthsman – Some work had been carried out at the entrance to Tandy's Lane to clear leaves and debris.

6.7.2 Leaves and debris cleared in the village.

### 7 **CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 Hartlebury Incinerator – Application to increase throughput from 200,000 to 230,000 tonnes per annum. Cllr W Mack to respond to consultation.

### 8. **CLERKS REPORT**

- Application received to provide a memorial picnic bench in Orchard - Agreed
- Salt purchased and grit bins filled
- Replacement grit bin delivered and placed near entrance to Surgery
- Budget engagement meeting 23 January 2019 – County Hall 6:00 p.m.
- Letter of appreciation from resident carer regarding Dementia Care Café.

## 10 FINANCIAL REPORT

- 10.1 The Clerk presented a schedule of payments and receipts for December 2018 which was approved.
- 10.2 The Bank Reconciliation for December was approved.

### PAYMENTS

Name	Purpose	Amount	VAT	Total
CC Village Hall	Room Hire	40.00		60.00
CC Village Hall	Dementia Café	15.00		15.00
Y L Scriven	Net Salary	757.67		757.67
Y L Scriven	Expenses Oct-December	122.03	7.15	129.18
Don Robbins	Work on burial ground	100.00		100.00
Bob Twining	Lengthsman	75.00		75.00
Geoffrey Holding	Waste Bins and remove old grit bin	165.00		165.00
Graham Probert	Receive salt and fill grit bins	80.00	16.00	96.00
Ben Matthews	Work in village Oct-December	501.00		501.00
On line Salt	Large bag of salt	97.00	19.40	116.40
London and Zurich	Playground maintenance	30.00	5.99	35.99
	Total Payments	2052.70	48.54	2101.24

### RECEIPTS

War Memorial	Grant	730.00		730.00
Allotment Rents		180.00		180.00
	Total Payments	910.00		910.00

11. Next Meeting to be held on Monday 4 February 2019 at 7:15 p.m.