

## *Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council*

### Annual Report 2011/12



Chaddesley Corbett Existing School



Chaddesley Corbett New School (under construction)

**The Parish of Chaddesley Corbett includes:**

The Village, Bellington, Bluntington, Brockencote, Cakebole, Hill Pool, Drayton, Harvington, Lower Chaddesley, Mustow Green (East), Tanwood, Winterfold, Woodrow, Bourne Green

## **Chairman's Annual Report**

For most of the last financial year, Jonathan Swift served as Chairman of the Parish Council, and following his recent resignation, I would like to thank him on behalf of the Parish Councillors and residents for his dedication and hard work.

Having only recently been appointed the new Chairman, my first duty was to officiate at the Annual Parish Meeting, which was held on Monday 21 May 2012. More than 50 residents attended the meeting and I was able to report that expenditure had been kept under control, as a result of which the Precept has been maintained at its current level for the fifth year running.

Under the new Localism Bill, powers have been given to parish and town councils to decide for themselves what development they would like to take place in their area, and where it should be built. At the beginning of the year, the Parish Council submitted an application and was successful in obtaining a Front Runners Grant of £20,000 to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. The first community meeting was held on 9 July and was attended by representatives of businesses and groups within the Parish. The creation of a Neighbourhood Plan gives us an opportunity to consider sites for low cost housing for sale on the open market, creating employment opportunities, providing sheltered accommodation, community facilities, sports and leisure facilities, encourage tourism and provide a car park in the village. All these suggestions and many more will be considered over the forthcoming months by a Steering Group and Working Groups, reporting to the Parish Council. Follow our progress on our Neighbourhood Planning web page at: [www.chaddesleyparishcouncil.org.uk/nhp.html](http://www.chaddesleyparishcouncil.org.uk/nhp.html)

At the Annual Parish Meeting, the Trustees of the Education Foundation Trust invited the community to say how they would like the old school site to be developed. The options are to dispose of the site and raise a lump sum for the Trust, or to retain the site and redevelop it, either alone or with partners, adding value to the capital asset and providing a regular income for the Trust. The choice will depend on the benefits, financial or non-financial, which will enable the Trustees to satisfy the Charity Commission that they have achieved best value.

This is an exciting opportunity to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan so let us have your suggestions and ideas. A leaflet has been included with this report which gives more information about Neighbourhood Planning. Consultation with residents will take place at every stage of the process, which is likely to take 1-2 years, so get involved and have your say.

I am looking forward to the next 12 months as Chairman and it is my intention that the Parish Council will be open, honest and democratic.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors who all give their time voluntarily for the benefit of the community, and the Parish Clerk, Yvonne Scriven, for her hard work.

**William Mack - Chairman**

## **Police**

At the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21 May 2012, PC Andy Wallace introduced himself to residents and outlined the work he had been engaged upon since his appointment. A great deal of time had been spent dealing with incidents of anti-social behaviour and this would be pursued if it persists. It was suggested that the Parish should consider setting up a Partners and Communities Together (PACT) team, where representatives could meet with the local policing team to discuss local issues.

The local policing team have provided the following information on how to contact them:

**C** In an emergency - always call 999. An emergency is when:

- there is danger to life or risk of injury;
- a crime is in progress and the offender is still at the scene or has only just left;
- Immediate police attendance is necessary, such as when a crime is obviously about to be committed.

**C** If it is not an emergency 101 is the new number to call when you want to speak to your local police to report less urgent crime and disorder and for general police enquiries. For example:

- if your property has been damaged;
- to report a minor traffic collision;
- to give police information about crime in your area.

**C** Voicemail: 01562 828290 - Phone this number if you would like to leave a message for your local policing team. Only use this number for non-urgent, general queries. A member of your local policing team will respond to you as soon as practicable. Information about crime or suspicious incidents should not be reported via this number, please call the police control room direct by dialling 101. In an emergency, always dial 999

 Crime stoppers - Report information about crime anonymously on 0800 555 111

INTERNET / E-MAIL - To report a crime, find advice on a range of policing issues including reporting anti social behaviour and much more, copy and use the following internet link: <http://www.westmercia.police.uk/>

- To register for regular news updates, copy and use the following internet link: <http://www.westmercia.police.uk/news/>
- To obtain information about your local policing team and much more, copy and use the following internet link: <http://www.westmercia.police.uk/localpolicing/>
- To email your local policing team, use this email address: [cookleyandwolverley.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cookleyandwolverley.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

Or you could write to: Kidderminster Police Station, Habberley Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY11 6AN

### **The New School for Chaddesley Corbett**

Colin Emeny Chairman of the School Governors reported that it had taken a considerable time and dedication by all concerned to get planning permission, but once this had been obtained the land was purchased and A & H Construction were awarded the contract to build the school. Work started in January and construction is now well advanced. Much of the hard landscaping had already been done, car parking and the main driveway was in place, playing field had been levelled and seeded and most of the drainage swales and holding ponds were complete and working well. Many trees have been planted around the site and larger and more mature trees will be planted later in the year.

The head teacher, staff and project team are at the detail phase, deciding internal furniture layout, colours and notices, and of course, security. Although there is much work still to be done, it is hoped that remaining highway issues will be solved and the school should open towards the end of November 2012. The new school will provide a fantastic learning environment for children, large modern classrooms, all having the latest technology, large covered outside learning space for all classes, a separate design and technology room with cooking facilities, a music room with outside access, changing rooms and a hall capable of accommodating all the children at the same time and a venue large enough so that all parents can enjoy the various school activities provided by their children. There will be a forest schools area and a separate nursery facility, all of these when combined with the incredible outside space, with tiered auditorium for outside school concerts, will ensure that the children are well prepared for all the educational challenges yet to come.

There are plans for a swimming pool, but at this stage there are insufficient funds to complete this element of the project and the Trust is exploring grants and other funding sources. In anticipation of having a pool many of the services required for a pool in the energy centre have been installed.

The address will be 'Nethercroft Meadow, Lower Chaddesley Corbett', and everyone can follow progress on the blog provided and updated weekly by Andrew Page at: <http://ccvaps.wordpress.com>

**Colin Emeny – Chairman of School Governors**

### **The future of the current School site**

The scheduled finish date for the new school is November 3rd and so, at the latest, the school will move into the new site by the start of January term. It could be earlier if everything continues to go so well with the build. The on-site nursery will move at the same time. The swimming pool will remain in use for three to six months after the move.

The existing school site is owned by the Chaddesley Corbett Educational Foundation, a registered charity, and the Trustees have a legal obligation to deal with the site in a way that achieves best value for the Foundation and its objects. If they fail to do so the Trustees may be personally liable for any financial loss to the Foundation. The objects of the Foundation are, in summary, to support the school, and to award educational grants and/or bursaries to young people under 25 who live in the Parish.

The Trustees have not yet given any serious consideration to the future of the site; the options being:

- (a) to dispose of the site and realise a lump sum, or
- (b) to retain the site and re-develop it, either alone or with other partners, adding value to the capital asset and providing a regular income for the Foundation

The choice will depend on the benefits, financial or non-financial, that will enable the Trustees to satisfy the Charity Commission that they have achieved best value for the Foundation. However the preferred option is to provide the Foundation with future income rather than a large capital sum.

The Trustees are not pre-disposed to any particular form of re-development and to that end have, with the limitation of best value for the Foundation, a 'blank sheet of paper'. The Trustees are aware that there may well be an opportunity for the needs of the community and the obligations of the Trustees to converge on a mutually beneficial redevelopment scheme. The Trustees have agreed that the best way forward would be

to invite the community to express their views as to the future re-development of the school site. When the views of the community have been expressed the Trustees are very keen to work with the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Team to agree a form of redevelopment which takes into account the community's views whilst achieving best value for the Foundation.

Parishioners are invited to submit their thoughts on the redevelopment and future use of the site to Andrew Page, Chairman of the Chaddesley Corbett Educational Foundation, either by email at [ajp584@gmail.com](mailto:ajp584@gmail.com) or to 1 Fold Court, The Village, Chaddesley Corbett DY10 4SA or to a post box at The Village Butcher.

**Andrew Page, Chairman of the Trustees**

### **The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

More than 150 residents and friends enjoyed a picnic with community singing, culminating with planting a Mulberry tree. Benches have been donated and everyone can now enjoy this lovely community facility.

### **Bus Shelter**

After much negotiation and compromise, the bus shelter is now in place on the A448. The design has changed from our original proposal, but it does blend in well and gives good visibility around the bends.

### **Lengthsman Scheme**

Work carried out under this scheme over the last 12 months has included siding out footways, clearing grips from carriageways, digging out blocked gullies, rodding to clear outfalls, clearing leaves, tree branches and overgrown vegetation. Substantial drainage works had been completed which would largely eradicate flooding problems, thanks mainly to funding providing by the County Council.

Bill Waldron resigned his post on 31 March, and he was presented with a token of appreciation for all his hard work. The new Lengthsman is Ben Matthews. Ben moved into Woodrow last year and he has now completed the statutory training courses required by the County Council. New duties will include litter picking and maintenance of the bus shelters. The Lengthsman and the clerk report potholes to the County Council, but members of the public can report them direct on the Hub. (see details on back page of this report)



Cllr Geoff Vernon presents Bill Waldron with a token of appreciation from the Parish Council for his work as Lengthsman



Ben Matthews new Lengthsman from 1 April 2012. Ben moved into the Parish two years ago.

## **Allotments**

All the plots are taken and there is a small waiting list. We have once again used the Community Payback Scheme to cut grass around the site at minimal cost.

## **Burial Ground**

This year there were five burials, four new headstones and inscriptions, with an income of £2,747. The annual safety inspection revealed 5 headstones which would have to be ground anchored, and all but one of the relatives have been traced and work completed. Relatives have agreed for raised plots to be levelled and this work has now been completed.

## **Grit Bins**

Four new grit bins have been purchased and will be refilled by the Parish Council. Some of the grit/salt will be used by the Lengthsman on pavements and roads in icy conditions.

## **District Councillor – Steve Williams**

My main activity as a District Councillor this year has again been planning, having been Chairman of the Planning Committee for 7 out of 8 municipal years, and a member of the Local Development Framework Review Panel, attending all meetings and site visits.

I have attended all meetings of Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council and many of those for Churchill and Blakedown, Stone, Rushock and Broome Parish Councils. I have worked closely with my colleague Cllr Pauline Hayward and Cllr Stephen Clee to help electors from Blakedown and Chaddesley Corbett Ward and others with many and varied problems and concerns.

During the year I have helped the Margaret Delabere Almshouse Trust as they prepare to refurbish the Almshouses in Chaddesley Corbett. In the future, I am looking forward to working with the Parish Council as they progress their Neighbourhood Plan.

## **County Councillor Stephen Clee**

This is my ninth year of writing an annual report for Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council, an organisation that has been doing a great deal of work for the good of all the parishioners over the past year and I would like to pay tribute on your behalf to the Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk who have worked closely with me over the last

year for the betterment of the residents of Chaddesley Corbett. Special thanks to Jonathan Swift who has been working hard as Chairman of the Council until this year and was well respected for the enormous work he did not only for the Parish Council but also outside bodies especially the Council Association for Local Councils (CALC)

We have had a busy 12 months and I would like to thank your Clerk Mrs Yvonne Scriven. We value greatly Chaddesley Corbett's contribution and long may that relationship continue.

Annual Council in Worcestershire took place in May this year and its business as usual with the exception we have a new County Chairman Rob Adams from Pershore. In Wyre Forest District Council, I have taken on the role this year as Chairman of the Council for 2012/13 for a second consecutive year.

I am delighted to see the progress of the new Chaddesley Corbett Primary School and cannot wait to see the doors open later this year.

I will end this report by thanking you, the electorate, for the patience and understanding that you give. I am sure we are making a difference and I continue to thank the residents and Parish Council of Chaddesley Corbett for your continued interaction and dialogue.

### **Footpaths Officers**

Tina Mack has been appointed Co-ordinator, and she will be ably assisted by Claire Shortt and Helen Jarrett. If you have any problems please contact them:

Tina: 01562 777789

Claire: 01562 77017

Helen: 01562 777398

or you can report faults direct to the County Council by using the Worcestershire Hub.

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/myselfservice/prow.aspx>

### **Financial Report - Annual Audit**

This was due to take place on 18 June 2012 and records may be inspected by contacting the Clerk. A summary of the accounts for the year ended March 2012 is given below:

#### **Receipts**

Annual Precept	£21,783
Section 136 Funding	£ 2,178
Orchard/Benches (Refunded)	£ 2,409
Burial Ground	£ 2,747
Burial Grant Wyre Forest DC	£ 720

Interest on Deposit Account	£ 982
Lengthsman Scheme	£ 3,053
Urban Grass Cutting	£ 1,347
Allotment Fees	£ 788
Maintenance	£ 150
VAT Reclaimed	£ 1,559
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£37,716</b>

### **Expenditure**

Clerk's salary	£ 7,012
Expenses, mileage, etc.	£ 463
Communication, postage, printing, Newsletter and reports, Broadband, etc	£ 3,105
Audit	£ 390
Sundries	£ 27
Insurance and Subscriptions	£ 1,371
Lengthsman Scheme	£ 4,334
Waste Bins	£ 748
Allotments	£ 676
Burial Ground	£ 1,715
Community Orchard	£ 1,495
Parish Magazine	£ 350
Notice Boards and General Maintenance	£ 641
Training Costs	£ 28
Urban Grass Cutting	£ 1,250
Grit Bins and grit supply	£ 1,025
VAT to be recovered	£ 1,379
Grants	£ 1,135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£27,144</b>

### **Parking in the Village**

A survey was carried out to determine whether there would be any support for a restricted parking zone outside the shops in the village. The proposal was aimed at helping local shops to provide limited parking during opening hours to enable customers to visit the shops. However, the results were inconclusive and it has been decided not to proceed with this suggestion at this time but to wait until the school moves later in the year and then reassess the situation.

### **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council hold a Planning Committee meeting each month to consider current planning applications. If you would like to be notified of any planning applications in your area please go to our website at [www.chaddesleyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.chaddesleyparishcouncil.org.uk) and click on "Community Services" and then Planning Applications. Click on the link which will send an e-mail to the clerk who will add you to the circulation list.

### **First Aid Course**

The Parish Council is willing to hold a one day First Aid Course at the Village Hall if 12 people express an interest. So far there are only 4 names on the list. If you would like to attend please contact the clerk.

### **St Cassians Fete**

This year's Fete will be held on Saturday 29th September 2012 . Please come along and help support many of our local charitable organisations.

### **Emergency Planning**

The Parish Council have prepared an Emergency Plan and in conjunction with Wyre Forest District Council will be holding a Workshop on Wednesday 26 September 2012 at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall, Chaddesley Corbett to 'test' the plan in a mock emergency. Anyone interested in attending should contact the clerk.

### **Do you want faster Broadband?**

Businesses and residents are being urged to say now if they want faster Broadband for the future. Worcestershire County Council is working with partner organisations to increase Broadband speeds locally. Visit the website below and complete the online survey.

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/superfast-broadband.aspx>

### **Contact details for Worcestershire Hub:**

Telephone Customer Service:	01562 732926
Emergency Out of Hours:	01562 850053
Fax Number:	01562 67673
Website address:	<a href="http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk">www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk</a>
E-Mail address:	<a href="mailto:worcestershirehub@wyreforestdc.gov.uk">worcestershirehub@wyreforestdc.gov.uk</a>
Or visit:	Kidderminster Town Hall, Vicar Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1DB

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Village Web-Site: [www.chaddesley-corbett.co.uk](http://www.chaddesley-corbett.co.uk)

Village Hall: [www.chaddesley-corbett.co.uk/village\\_hall.htm](http://www.chaddesley-corbett.co.uk/village_hall.htm) The ideal venue for business or social events.

