

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL  
on Monday 4 January 2021  
Held Virtually by Zoom  
at 7:00 pm



Taking part: Chairman Cllr W Mack, Cllrs D Thomas, S Williams, G Vernon, Mrs P Pardoe, M Page, Mrs S Smith, G Hogan, R Rana, Mrs C Finnegan Clerk Mrs Y Scriven.  
District Cllr Marcus Hart. Members of the Public

**POLICE REPORT** Fruit and Vegetables stolen from stand in Tanwood Lane on 17 December at 1:30 am; Suspicious behaviour of 3 males in Hemming Way on 27 December at 22:45.

1. **APOLOGIES** – None
2. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – Several residents outlined their objections to the proposed development item 5.2.1 on the Agenda. These are summarised as changes to the layout and number of properties had not addressed previous objections regarding access via Fold Lane into the village, sewage disposal, or proposed removal of a tree in the centre of the site. It was also stated that previous objections from residents were still applicable to this revised application and had been sent to the Planning Officer.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr S Williams – Item 5.2.1 – Resident of Fold Lane and friend of applicant (Did not take part in the discussion) Cllr P Pardoe – Item 5.2.1 – Business connections.
4. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2020 were approved. Chairman unable to sign Minutes at this time.
- 5.1 **PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
  - 5.1.1 **20/0047/FUL** – The Coach House, Tanwood Lane – Erection and replacement dwelling house, following demolition of existing dwelling. **APPROVED**
  - 5.1.2 **20/0909/HOU – 3 Morton Road, Harvington** – Proposed single storey side and rear extension **APPROVED**
  - 5.1.3 **20/0904/FUL** – Bournes Green Road, Drayton – Retrospective change of use of agricultural land etc as amended for location of park bench and grasscrete to hardstanding areas. **APPROVED**
  - 5.1.4 **20/0714/HOU** – The Maples, Cakebole Lane – Single storey rear extension and alterations (re-submission) **APPROVED**
- 5.2 **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
  - 5.2.1 **20/0675/FUL** – Fold Lane, The Village – Erection of 3 x 2 bed bungalows and 1 x 4 bed dwelling, including new access road, parking and associated works. The revised application for a reduced number of properties did not address any of the previously raised objections so all previous comments should still apply. As regards the tree in the centre of the site, we had made a request for a TPO on this tree but the Arboricultural Officer did not consider it was in good enough condition to warrant one, although it had some protection from being in the Conservation Area.
  - 5.2.2 **20/0977/LBC** – Harvington Hall – Repair work to the east bridge parapet and below waterline. **This application was welcomed and supported.**

- 5.2.3 **20/1015/TCA** - Tythe Barn House, Bromsgrove Road, the Village – Felling of various trees. **Referred to the Arboricultural Officer.**
- 5.2.4 20/1022/HOU – Holly Cottage, Bromsgrove Road, Brockencote – Conservatory to front elevation. **No objections.**

## 6. **Councillors' Reports**

- 6.1 **District Cllr Report** – Cllr M Hart reported that the Enforcement Notice on the Adam Hewitt site in Harvington had been upheld by the Inspector and the applicant had 9 months to decommission the site. Public Hearings would take place on the District Council Local Plan in January and February, details available on their website. Objections to the Government's Planning White Paper should be sent to our local MP Mr Mark Garnier. The District Council are considering reducing their services and delegating more duties to Town and Parish Councils, permanent home working, and selling or letting Wyre Forest House. They are also considering scrapping the Localism fund to District Councillors. A grant has been secured of £20.5 million pounds from the Future High Streets Fund which will be used to transform and regenerate Worcester Street, in Kidderminster town centre.
- 6.2 **County Cllr Report** – Cllr M Hart reported that little progress had been made with outstanding highway issues due to illness and Covid restrictions, although the finger post to Drayton had now been replaced. Here2Help is a community action response to Covid and there is a dedicated phone number 01905 768053 for those without internet access.
- 6.3 **Councillors Reports** – Cllr D Thomas gave advanced notification of his intention to relinquish his various Cllr extra duties effective at the May AGM.
- 6.4 **Clerks Report**
- 6.4.1 Cllr D Thomas would attend by Zoom the Inspector's Inquiry into the District Local Plan to make representations in respect of Matter 6 (v) Rural Wyre Forest on Tuesday 26 January 2021. Several other councillors would like to attend.
- 6.4.2 20/0990/FUL – Green Acres, The Holloway – The clerk had received an email from the agents in respect of this application for change of use asking the parish council to reconsider their objections on the grounds of previous planning history. The agent did not consider the previous history of the site to be relevant to this latest application, but councillors reaffirmed their opinion that it is very relevant because the building had been constructed without planning permission, which was only given retrospectively to avoid it having to demolished. The clerk was asked to advise the agent accordingly.

## 7. **CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION**

- 7.1 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr D Thomas thanked all those who had been involved in the extensive process of selecting and recommending sites for affordable housing. He also thanked Cllr G Hogan for his research into other adopted Neighbourhood Plans to see if there were any useful Policies which we might adopt. The NP was on course for completion to the Consultation stage in April/May 2021, subject to Covid restrictions.
- 7.2 **Budget and Employment Committee** – The Finance Committee had met and minutes of that meeting had been circulated. Some recommendations were made which were submitted for approval by the Parish Council:
- (a) To consider increasing the clerk's hours from 15 to 17, effective 1 January 2021.  
**Approved**
- (b) To formally approve a working from home allowance of £26.00 per month for the clerk to cover electricity, heating, internet etc. **Approved**
- (c) Revised fees for burials, effective 1 February 2021.

## Approved

- (d) A draft Budget for 2021-22 was approved, with a Precept of £34,060.95 which represents a 5% increase over last year, and an increase of £3.33 per year on Band D Council Tax bills.

- 7.3 **Steps Hemming Way** – The Parish Council were delighted with the new steps generously provided free of charge by local resident Steve Buckley and a letter of thanks had been sent to him.
- 7.4 **Burial Ground Unsafe Headstones** – So far 3 had been repaired by relatives, 4 had been repaired by Davis Memorials and a 5<sup>th</sup> one was currently being progressed. Notices had been placed on the remaining 7 headstones asking relatives to contact the Clerk. It was agreed that if no response had been received from relatives by March the loose headstones would be laid flat until the owners could arrange for them to be repaired.
- 7.5 **Community Projects** – Councillors were asked to consider future community projects. Cllr Mrs S Smith would like to form a working group to look into the possibility of planting wildflowers around verges in the parish. This had been previously considered and information was available. It was agreed to form a working group of residents and to advertise in the Parish Magazine for volunteers to help with the work.
- 7.6 **Harvington Hall Management Committee** – Are seeking volunteers to join their new team to help manage and promote the facility. A full specification for the position would be obtained and anyone interested could contact the Manager direct. This would be sent to the Parish Magazine for inclusion in the next issue.
- 7.7 **Lengthsman** – The new lengthsman was working well and had been working around the Parish to clear gulley's and grips to aid drainage.

## 8. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 8.1 Schedule of payments and receipts for December 2020 which was approved.

### PAYMENTS

Y Scriven	Salary	£792.10
Davis Memorials	Repairs to Monuments	£700.00 +VAT
Don Robins	Burial Ground Maintenance	£110.00
G R Holding	Waste Bins	£126.00
Meadowfields	Lengthsman Work	£201.00 +VAT
Meadowfields	Equipment purchased	£ 45.93 +VAT
HMRE	PAYE/NIC	£511.71
Worcs CALC	Cllr Training	£ 30.00
Dudley Print	Printing newsletter and distribution	£832.00 +VAT
London & Zurich	Playground equipment maintenance	£ 30.00 +VAT
Zoom	Monthly Fees	£ 23.98 +VAT
Post Office	Postage	£ 16.25

### RECEIPTS

Allotment Rents	Various	£440.00
Repairs	Headstones	£700;00
Worcs CC	Grant towards new waste bin	£200.00

- 8.2 Bank Reconciliation for December was noted.

9. Next Meeting Monday 1 February 2021.