



**Wyre Forest Rural District Councillors**

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Mrs Yvonne Scriven  
Clerk to Chaddesley Parish  
Council

Dear Yvonne

**Chaddesley Parish Council Meeting – 1 February 2021**

Please find our enclosed report as follows:-

**Local Issues**

We have been dealing with the usual routine casework, Marcus has reported litter on A450 and A448 for the litter picking team from Green Street to collect.

We have the following information regarding the enforcement issues: -

The Adam Hewitt site, their appeal was lost and they have until 9th September 2021 to clear the site. No further enforcement action can take place until then.

Regarding the enforcement issues for Mr Yardley – Cakebole, Mr & Mrs Smith's Caravan Site and The Polly Tunnells, we are waiting for updates from the enforcement officers.

We will update you on these matters as soon as we receive them.

We would like to thank Cllr David Thomas who was an excellent representative for the Parish Council for the Local Plan hearing, he was very well spoken and knowledgeable on the call for sites in the village.

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## **Wyre Forest Issues**

In respect of the WFDC's draft Local Plan, the Public Hearings by the Planning Inspector have begun and is being held from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January on selected days into early February 2021. Information can be found on the Wyre Forest District Council website.

The Progressive Alliance want to make home working the norm post Covid and we have some concerns regarding this. This matter was looked at by the cross party overview and scrutiny panel recently and overwhelmingly voted for the Cabinet to look again at this matter and recommend to Council that this process is paused and looked at further in April 2021 when hopefully we will have a clearer picture on Covid.

The Progressive Alliance want to look at a commissioning a business case to look at options to sell all or part of Wyre Forest House!

Wyre Forest House is still closed to the public as is the Green Street Hub save for dealing with housing and homelessness applications.

The Progressive Alliance are proposing scrapping the Localism fund and Community Leadership fund, the later allocating all district councillors £1,000 to spend in their ward on community groups.

The Progressive Alliance are deleting a number of officer posts and they are not being replaced. They are proposing funding only statutory services moving forward and they continue to seek to transfer largescale assets and services to Town and Parish Councils.

It is proposed that Council tax is increased by £5 which is the maximum it can be (2% or £5 increase, whichever is the higher) otherwise the local referendum principles apply.

Budget Council will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

We have a suite of alternative proposals, including a pay freeze, senior management review, more shared services and further investment in environmental protection allocating resource for a further officer post to tackle fly tipping, littering and dog fouling and more investment in infrared CCTV and also funding for community projects and the councillors' £1000 per member community leadership fund which is spent in our local communities which we feel is very important.

WFDC has been successful in securing £20.5 million from the Future High Streets fund something we are delighted about as this will transform and regenerate Worcester Street in Kidderminster town centre and was a bid that Marcus signed off in 2018 when he was Leader of the Council.

The Leader of the Council has removed the Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr. Fran Oborksi and there has been quite a public falling out. The 3 Liberal Democrats have therefore left the Progressive Alliance and they are in minority control now with 16 members. There are 17 opposition members, in three groups, 12 Conservatives, 3 Liberal Democrats and 2 Labour. The next few weeks and months will certainly be interesting but rest assured we will continue to fight hard for you and our other 5 rural parishes.

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If you have any issues you would like us to deal with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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