

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL
on Monday 1 March 2021
Held Virtually by Zoom
at 7:00 pm



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

1. **APOLOGIES** – None
2. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – None
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr R Rana – Item 5.2 – DPI (withdrew from meeting for this discussion). Cllr S Williams – Item 6.4.3 - Previous discussion with resident.
4. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2021 were approved. Chairman unable to sign Minutes at this time.
- 5.1 **PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
 - 5.1.1 20/0977/LBC – Harvington Hall – Repair work to the east bridge parapet and below water line. **APPROVED by WFDC**
 - 5.1.2 20/2033/HOU – Holly Cottage, Bromsgrove Road – Conservatory to front elevation. **APPROVED by WFDC.**
 - 5.1.3 20/0099/LBC – Sadlers Cottage, The Village – Removal of glazed screen and installation of roll-up garage door and construction of new driveway, dropped kerb to road and new steps for access to existing front door. **This application was considered between meetings by the Parish Council and was unanimously supported.**
- 5.2 **Notice of Appeal against Refusal of Planning Application – Bentley Grove, Mustow Green** – Outline application for proposed 70 bed care home (C2) – Means of access only to be determined. (Cllr R Rana left the meeting during this discussion). The proposals are contrary to Worcestershire County Council’s Extra Care Housing strategy and WFDC’s Policy SAL.DPL5. In addition to the green field, Green Belt status of the site, a development in this location would not provide easy access to any services or amenities. The Parish Council do not consider this is an appropriate location for this development due to access on and off the A448 and the busy Mustow Green island connecting two main A roads. The entrance is also close to Winterfold School and increased traffic from the employees and visitors to the proposed site would only add to the existing unacceptable traffic congestion.
- 5.3 **Licence to sell alcohol, the Salon, The Village** – The Parish Council could not support this application for unrestricted performance of live music and sale of alcohol every day between the hours of 09:00 – 23:00. The availability of alcohol and playing of music for usual salon customers, during but potentially outside of current usual business hours could disturb the peace and tranquillity of the village. As most customers would drive to the Salon for such events, this could create more parking problems as the Salon does not have a customer car park and customers should not consume alcohol if they are driving. It was suggested that instead of an open Licence

without restrictions, the Salon should be required to apply for a Temporary Events Notice for each event.

5.4 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.4.1 21/0127/HOU – Cherry Tree Cottage, Briar Hill – Erection of first floor side extensions and alterations to rear elevation to provide two pitched roof gables, together with Juliette balconies. **Concern was expressed about the impact the proposed extension to side boundary would have on neighbours and enjoyment of their property.**

5.4.2 21/0151/HOU – West View, Drayton Road, Bluntington – Proposed two storey side extension with front entrance porch and mono-pitch canopy roof. **Concern was expressed about the overall extent of the proposed extensions and the increase in size of the property from its original footprint. The roof height is higher than adjacent properties and this extension should not impact on neighbours or adversely affect enjoyment of their properties.**

5.4.3 21/0173/HOU – Apperley House, Worcester Road – Proposed alterations and extensions to dwelling house - This property is currently used as a business providing the services of a Cattery. Is it intended that this business will continue and if not does it require a Change of Use. **The Parish Council are concerned about the overall size of the development in relation to the original footprint of the house and whether there is adequate parking.**

6. Councillors' Reports

6.1 **District Cllr Report** – District Cllr M Hart reported that the District Council had just agreed their budget for the forthcoming year which included an increase in Council tax of £5 for a Band D property. Public Hearings by the Planning Inspector on the new Local Plan had been completed and the Inspector's Report was awaited.

6.2 **County Cllr Report** – County Cllr M Hart reported that he would shortly have a meeting with the Highways Officer in respect of outstanding issues in the Parish. The speed survey for Bluntington had not been carried out and this would be expedited. Speed survey for Woodrow would be arranged upon receipt of locations for the survey to be taken. Work had started on Hoobrook island improvements in Kidderminster. Schools would re-open on 8 March, having been open for key worker's and vulnerable children throughout the lockdown, with 20-50% of children attending. County Council tax will rise by 1.5%, plus an Adult Social Care levy of 1%. On a Band D property this would be £32.78 per annum increase, or 63p per week, which makes up 70% of the overall bill. The full District and County Councillor reports are available from the Parish Council website adjacent to the Agenda for Parish Council meetings.

6.3 Parish Councillor Reports

6.3.1 Cllr Mrs S Smith reported that Chaddesley School had expressed an interest in helping with planting of wildflowers.

6.3.2 Cllr D Thomas reported that he understood that cable broadband projects for Woodrow, Hillpool, Drayton and Belbroughton would go ahead but there was doubt about the Bluntington, Mustow Green, Village project due to changes to the voucher scheme. Cllr R Rana would make contact with Open Reach to get more information.

6.4 Clerk's Report

- 6.4.1 Proposed double yellow lines at entrance to village from A448 – Consultation open until 1 April 2021. The Parish Council supported this proposal.
- 6.4.2 Request for a tree to be planted in memory of Sir Tom. This was agreed. A decision on type of tree and location would be taken at the next meeting.
- 6.4.3 Following a communication from the owner of Green Acres, The Holloway, regarding Minute 6.4.2 of the Parish Council meeting on 4 January 2021, it was noted that the building did originally receive planning permission as a Games Room to be used ancillary to the main property.
- 6.4.4 The Notice Board in the Orchard had been damaged and had been removed. It was agreed not to replace it.
- 6.4.5 Request received from St Cassians Treasurer for an increase in cost of printing minutes etc in the Parish Magazine from £550 to £700 per year, retrospectively, and from £250 to £300 for use of the church mowers. This was considered to be excessive and any increase should relate to the next financial year. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would have discussions with the Treasurer to resolve this matter.

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

- 7.1 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr D Thomas reported that he hoped to have a draft NP ready to circulate to councillors shortly. The formal consultation on the draft NP would not be able to take place until the WFDC Local Plan had been adopted, in order to ensure that our NP was in general conformity with the WFDC Local Plan. Work on Local Green Spaces was nearing completion, and a draft of the AECOM Design Codes had been received. It was likely that a Special Parish Council meeting would have to be called to review the draft NP.
- 7.2 **Annual Parish Meeting** – Guest speaker MP Mr Mark Garnier, Tuesday 4 May 2021. Councillors were asked to submit any questions to the clerk.
- 7.3 **Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors and Planning** – Following a Working Group meeting on 16 February, a summary of recommendations for changes in procedures had been circulated. The following was agreed:
- To form a separate Planning Committee with delegated authority to determine planning applications, subject to any contentious or large applications being referred to all Councillors. Cllr S Williams stated that this system might mean that Residents would have less opportunity to participate in planning applications, with only 7 days notice of a forthcoming meeting notified on the website. The Chairman said we would try out this new system for a period of 6 months and then review.
 - To extend the Finance Committee to include 4-5 councillors
 - To continue with the present arrangements for maintenance of the Orchard
 - To appoint Councillors to these new roles at AGM on 17 May 2021
 - To ask Trustees of various charities if they wanted to continue in their current role
 - To agree to drop the role of Transport Representative
- 7.4 **Maintenance Work** – A review of current maintenance contracts took place and were confirmed for the forthcoming financial year.

8. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

8.1 Schedule of payments and receipts for February 2021 which was approved.

PAYMENTS		
Y Scriven	Salary	£891.73
AAT	Clerks Subscription	£159.00
Don Robbins	Burial Ground	£253.00
G Holding	Waste Bins	£126.00
Fisher German	Allotment Rent	£250.00
Droitwich AES	Defibrillator	£820.00 + VAT
J H Pardoe	Grass/Hedge Cutting	£104.00 + VAT
Worcs Glass	Perspex Bus Shelter	£356.00 + VAT
British Wildflowers	Wildflower Plants	£950.00 + VAT
Community Heart	Defibrillator Signs	£ 29.00 + VAT
Meadowfields	Lengthsman	£258.00 + VAT
Meadowfields	Notice Board/Plainings	£ 85.00 + VAT
London & Zurich	Play Area	£ 30.00 + VAT
Zoom	On Line Subs	£ 36.97 + VAT
Origin	Wildflower Plaques	£153.27 + VAT
RECEIPTS		
Allotment Rents		£120.00
Worcs CC	Lengthsman	£492.00
Charity Account	Defibrillator	£820.00

8.2 Bank Reconciliation for February 2021 was noted.

8.3 It was agreed to appoint Mrs D Malley as internal auditor at a cost of £125.00

9. Next Meeting Tuesday 6 April 2021.

For discussion at next meeting – Opening Village Hall; Neighbourhood Watch; criminal activities in parish.