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1<sup>st</sup> August, 2021

Dear Yvonne,

**Re: Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021**

Please find my report for reading at the meeting and circulation to Parish Councillors.

It seems a lot has happened since I wrote my last report for your 4<sup>th</sup> May meeting. Firstly, I am delighted to have been re-elected to serve you for another 4 years at the 6<sup>th</sup> May election.

**Chaddesley Issues**

1. Gateways and signage. This matter should now have been dealt with.
2. A448 speed survey results update. I said on my May report that these have not been undertaken yet and Paul is in liaison with the Safer Roads Partnership (SRP) to do these at the 4 agreed locations. That is what I had been repeatedly told as I have been chasing this data for months now. However, on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July I was sent some speed data from Paul that he has been sent from SRP from 2020. At the time of writing I have no idea when other than 2020, it was taken and over what period, despite asking for this information. I attach it here below but do need to clarify the relevant information.

A448 Speed Review:

Below is the data which has been collected from SRP on the two occasions.

Location	Daily Volume	Mean Ave	85 <sup>th</sup> Ile
<b>Red Cross (2019)</b> <b>50 Limit</b>	6159	45.9	51.8
	5962	44.8	50.6
<b>Combined</b>	<b>12107</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>50.9</b>
<b>Red Cross (2020)</b> <b>50 Limit</b>	5189	44.5	50.6
	5113	45.8	51.8
<b>Combined</b>	<b>10311</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Chaddesley West (2019)</b> <b>30 Limit</b>	6125	34.8	40
	6287	35.4	40.8
<b>Combined</b>	<b>12417</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>40.4</b>

<b>Chaddesley West (2020)</b> <b>30 Limit</b>	4928	33.7	39.1
	5020	35.2	40.7
<b>Combined</b>	<b>9945</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Chaddesley East (2019)</b> <b>30 Limit</b>	6151	36.9	44.4
	6380	36.7	43.9
<b>Combined</b>	<b>12525</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>44.3</b>
<b>Chaddesley East (2020)</b> <b>30 Limit</b>	4871	34.7	40.9
	4975	37.4	45.1
<b>Combined</b>	<b>9846</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>43.3</b>
<b>A448 Nr Clattercut Lane (2019)</b> <b>National Limit</b>	6151	41.5	48
	5938	41.7	48.6
<b>Combined</b>	<b>12066</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>48.3</b>

WCC highways make the following observations with the specific locations:-

Red Cross – This is taken within the 50mph limit and on both occasion the speeds are well within where they should be. The speeds have marginally increased between the two surveys, the assumption to be made is that due to less vehicles on the road and a decrease in congestion speeds were able to creep up on average.

Chaddesley West – Now within the 30mph limit these results shows that the vast majority of motorists do not view this section as a 30 and therefore drive faster.

Since the gates have been installed and additional slows the speeds have slightly decreased even with the daily volume decreasing which would often cause it to increase.

Chaddesley East – Comments similar to the above. Generally an improvement considering the volume of traffic has significantly decreased.

A448 Nr Clattercut Lane – within the National limit. Speeds show the potential for a 50 limit which is still being considered.

Based on the data it has proven that the measures installed have helped given that volume has decreased.

The speeds in the 30 mph zone is still not within an acceptable limit, though Paul does not feel that as far as he is aware WCC have no further options available for engineering measures as it is an A road. My view is that we should now pursue the SRP for speed enforcement.

I am also not sure where the A448 Clattercut Lane 2020 data is and am chasing this too!

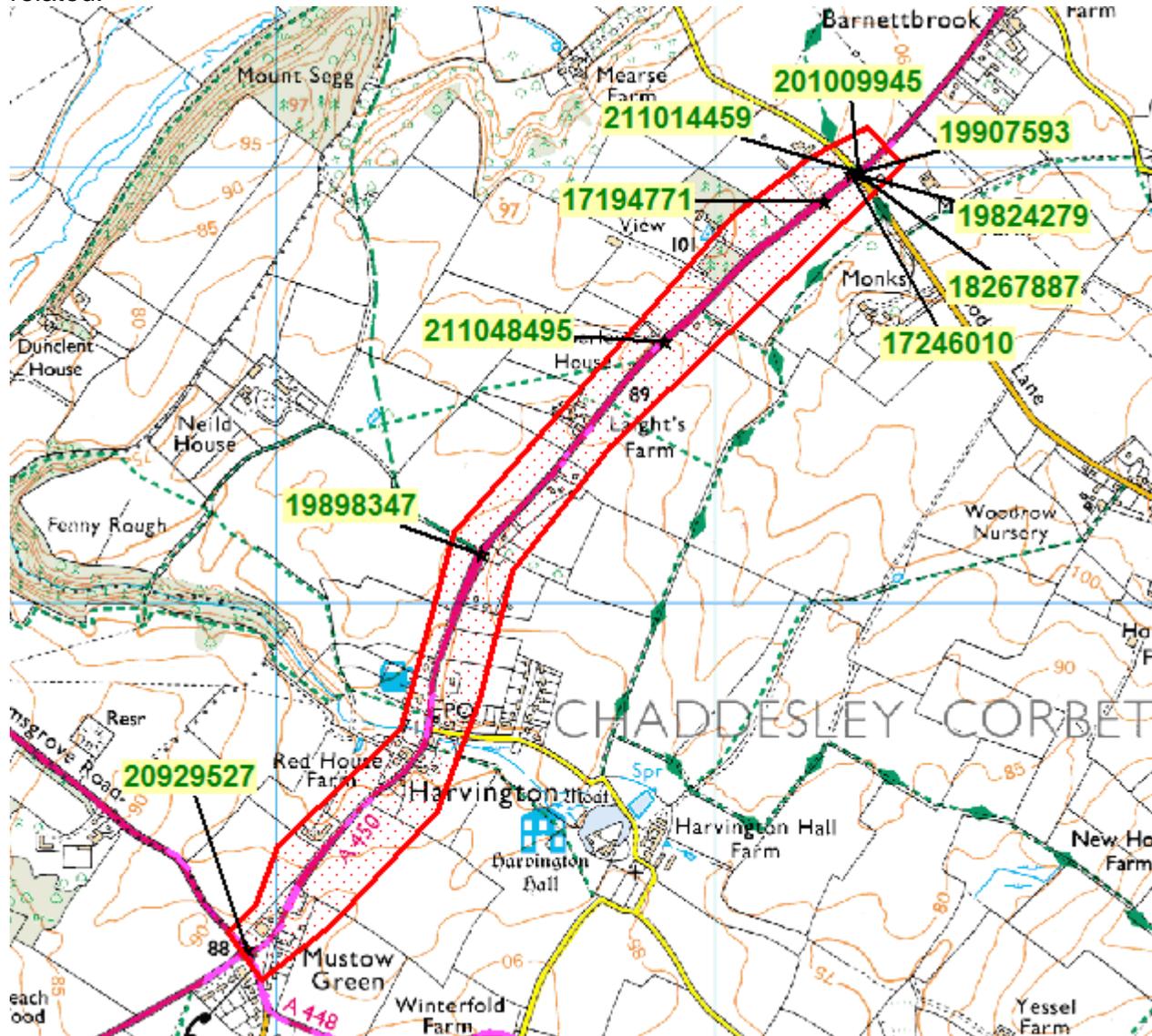
3. As mentioned above, the speed limit review for the A448 as you enter Chaddesley from the Bromsgrove direction is ongoing but I am pressing for action and Paul did tell me in the email to me on Friday they are still looking at this!
  4. There will be additional yellow backed warning signage installed on the A448 at the Clattercut Lane junction.
  5. Regarding the fence at Winterfold, following my site meeting, remedial action is being pursued. Part of the work has now been done but it has not yet been completed.
  6. I am very pleased to say that the steps outside Dame Mary Yate Alms Houses have now be completed and the residents are very pleased.
  7. Regarding the Egg Lane, Drayton flooding issues Paul and Fiona from NWWM have spoken to a local land owner and WCC have installed a new drain to try and deal with this issue. The local residents are happy with this.
  8. Road surface issues on A448 at Brockencote have been inspected and defects will be repaired. Where the red paint is with the 30 mph roundels, these will all be replaced with black and white 30 mph roundels and is scheduled to be done in October this year. Likewise the red roundel in Drayton will be replaced with a new roundel on black paint.
  9. The London Plane tree on the A448 has now had its climbing inspection carried out and the deadwood removal has now taken place.
  10. The speed survey along Woodrow is to be done at the end of the month all being well and is going to be undertaken as close to where Cllr. Thomas suggested and will be as close to Woodrow House as possible but needs to be a little further into the 40mph limit so it is not so close to the speed limit changeover.
  11. Regarding double yellow lines by the triangle on the bend as you turn into the village from the A448 the TRO has been implemented and the double yellow lines have been down since the end of June.
  12. I am still looking into the request for a grit bin in the Hillpool area at the request of a resident. WCC highways have confirmed it has failed its criteria for a yellow grit bin and I am liaising with yourselves for a green one to be installed.
  13. I am dealing with a dead tree on the Drayton Road as you head into Drayton from the Chaddesley direction. It has been confirmed this is on private land and the owner has been written to.
  14. Residents have complained to me about speeding up and down Briar Hill and the SRP have confirmed that speeds are now just within their enforcement threshold and they are now randomly enforcing this area.
  15. I have been looking into parking issues in the village street and would be interested in hearing the views of the Parish Council to see, what, if anything you feel should be done to tackle this issue.
  16. I have been working with Mark Garnier MP to try and get Royal Mail to change their mind regarding the loss of the village post box and am
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delighted that they have agreed to install a new free standing one within the centre of the village, location TBC.

17. New pavements have been installed on The Green and Malvern View. There was some snagging work which I inspected, also lumps of tarmac and traffic cones left in the grass verges which I reported for removal.
18. I met with Parish Councillors Vernon and Hogan, together with Paul Green on 1<sup>st</sup> July to discuss speeding through Harvington on the A450. Paul agreed to get the latest speed and accident data and I can report as follows:-

In a 5 year period between Mustow Green and Deansford Lane there have been a total of 10 reported injury accidents, 4 have been recorded as serious with one of these being a cyclist being hit on the Mustow Green Roundabout. The other three serious accidents all involve an unsuccessful manoeuvre; one failed to stop at the give-way at Deansford Lane, one misjudged the turn into a property into the path of an on-coming vehicle and one where the vehicle pulled out of Woodrow Lane into the path of an on-coming vehicle. Below is the location of the reported accidents.

The conclusion on these accidents is one of driver error and not directly speed related.



There is no historic speed data (Paul has also spoken to Dave Perridge at the SRP and he also does not have any data collected for this location).

Therefore, Paul has requested that a survey is undertaken – there are two options:

1. We can undertake in the summer holidays – this will be the team taking radar from their van for a 1-2hour time period
2. We can undertake in late September using new radar boxes (very similar to the SRP team) this would be out for a full week – however Paul says that this is dependent on procurement and isn't a guarantee. I am minded to push for option 2!

### **Wyre Forest Issues**

WCC highways work on the Churchfields is completed and the new network is flowing well.

As reported previously, the additional funding for the Hoobrook island has now been agreed as part of the budget and we should see this scheme commence this year to tackle this major congestion hotspot in Kidderminster. This work which is a £3.6 million project is now well underway and will see the 3 A road arms be signalised. The project is due to complete in the Autumn this year.

### **Strategic Issues County Wide**

The County Council has been heavily involved in the response to the Coronavirus pandemic working with our other statutory partners.

Worcestershire has a fantastic website Here2Help which is a community action response to Coronavirus. There is also a dedicated phone number 01905 768053 for those without access to the internet. There is now a Here2Helpbusiness scheme as well. (simply google Here 2 Help Worcestershire and it comes straight up.)

Our household waste sites are open and the Worcester Road is still operating a booking system.

Libraries are now fully open.

Full Council took place face to face at County Hall on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, with social distancing measures in place, this was the AGM. It also took place on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

As you will be aware, elections took place across Worcestershire on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May for all 57 Divisions. The make up of the new Council is the Conservatives have 45 seats, up from 40 in 2017, Labour have 3 seats, down from 10 in 2017, the Liberal Democrats have 4 seats, up 1 from 2017, the Greens have 3 seats, up 1 from 2017, the Independents have 2 seats, up 1 from 2017 and Health Concern lost their 1 seat.

Locally in Wyre Forest the Conservatives held the 8 seats they already had and won the remaining 2, one from the Liberal Democrats (Cllr. Fran Oborski) and one from the Independents (Cllr. Mary Rayner).

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If you have any further issues please do not hesitate to contact me.

Keep safe.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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**County Councillor – Chaddesley Division**

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