

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH  
COUNCIL  
on Monday 2 August 2021  
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall



Attending: Chairman Cllr W Mack, Cllrs D Thomas, Mrs P Pardoe, G Vernon, M Page Mrs S Smith, G Hogan, Mrs C Finnegan, S Williams, Raj Rana, Clerk Mrs Y Scriven. District/County Cllr Mr M Hart and members of the public.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Vehicle Crime – Malvern View – Break into van, garden equipment stolen.

Criminal Damage – Tanwood Lane Bluntington – padlock and chain removed from gate with sheep in field (disturbed).

1. **APOLOGIES** – None

2. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – None

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

4. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2021 previously approved.

## 5 **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

During last two months the Planning Committee had considered and commented on applications received; see attached reports. It was agreed that Cllr William Mack would continue to Chair the Planning Committee for the foreseeable future.

## 6. **Councillors' Reports**

6.1 **District Cllr Report** – District Cllr Marcus Hart reported: (full report available from website)

6.1.1 Curslow Lane – Poly Tunnels had been removed. Retrospective application currently being considered for 6 traveller pitches.

6.1.2 The Village, Chaddesley Corbett – parking enforcement carried out, including at weekends.

6.1.3 Liaising with police regarding crime and anti-social behaviour issues on Briar Hill, The Green and Malvern View.

6.1.4 Wyre Forest House, Stourport Road – Still closed to the public; under consideration for disposal due to new working from home arrangements.

6.1.5 Grant obtained for regeneration of Kidderminster Town Centre.

6.1.5 Taylor Wimpey launched consultation on proposed 1400 houses to east of Kidderminster on farmland at Offmore and the edge of Stone Parish, and Homes England on 800 houses for Lea Castle village.

6.2 **County Cllr Report** – County Cllr Marcus Hart reported (full report available from website):

6.2.1 A448 – Speeding issues – new speed data now available which indicates that the mean average speeds are below the limit at Redcross. However despite new warning signs traffic is still exceeding the speed limit near the school and at Brockencote. Speed enforcement is now being considered in these areas.

6.2.2 There are still a number of outstanding unresolved issues around the parish.

6.2.3 A new post box will be installed in the village.

- 6.2.4 Speeding issues on A450 at Harvington are being investigated.
- 6.2.5 Hoo Brook island – work should be complete in the Autumn of this year.
- 6.2.6 Most County Council services have now re-opened following Covid restrictions.

Cllr G Vernon thanked Marcus Hart for attending a recent meeting about speeding in Harvington and his constructive comments and for his efforts on behalf of the Parish to improve highway issues.

### 6.3 **Clerk's Report**

- 6.3.1 The clerk submitted a report on matters progressed during the last two months. These included planning issues, overgrown shrubbery, speeding and parking issues, change of email addresses to gov.uk, Visit Chaddesley website and a grit bin for Hillpool.

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

- 7.1 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr D Thomas reported that the timescale for completion of our NDP had been delayed until the WFDC Local Plan was complete. WFDC had commented on the AECOM Design Codes and suggested several changes, which had been incorporated into the report, a revised copy of which is now available on the website. The Steering Group are currently investigating whether or not to include a new section in the Neighbourhood Plan covering Wildlife Corridors. Technical Support has been approved for a Viability Assessment on the 3 chosen sites for housing – this is funded by Locality. A Grant for work to be carried out in this financial year had been approved and received. HEA and SEA Screening Reports had been prepared and sent to the District Council for comment.

Cllr Mrs S Smith asked if she could be involved in the discussions on inclusion of a Wildlife Corridor. Cllr G Vernon asked if the draft NP included a policy on battery charging points for electric cars. Cllr D Thomas confirmed that it did.

- 7.2 **Wildflower Planting** – Cllr Mrs S Smith submitted a report on a scheme of proposed planting in the Autumn of 2021. Full costings had been prepared, together with an application for 45% funding from Natural Networks. There was additional wildflower planting proposed at the rear of Hemming Way and on-going maintenance would be required. A working group would be appointed. Chaddesley School would be encouraged to take part in some of the planting, together with a group of volunteers. The request for funding was approved subject to re-consideration of snowdrops and bluebells in rural locations. It was agreed that a community event should be arranged in the Autumn to include planting trees on the Green for Captain Tom and Eric Carter who had recently died. The clerk confirmed that we had received permission from Highways and Community Housing to plant on their land.
- 7.3 **Zoom Facilities in Village Hall** – On advice from the Government, it was proposed that facilities for residents to join parish council meetings by Zoom should be provided. A microphone had been purchased to improve sound production and it was proposed that a new laptop computer should be purchased for this purpose. This was agreed at an approximate cost of £650.
- 7.4 **Village Event** – See 7.2 above.

- 7.5 **Burial Ground** – It was agreed that a notice should be posted in the burial ground advising that although plastic flowers were allowed on plots, if they became unsightly we reserved the right to remove them.
- 7.6 **A450 – Speeding** - It had been suggested that a permanent flashing sign should be purchased for the A450 at Harvington. This was not fully supported because it would not be monitored by the Police. Councillors were asked to consider this and comment at the next meeting.
- 7.7 **Police Priorities** – It was agreed that these would remain the same: Burglary, Speeding and more police presence. Possible areas for speeding checks would include Harvington and A448.
- 7.8 **Parking in the Village** - Following complaints about double parking in the village at a recent event, this was discussed but there was no easy solution. Cllr G Vernon reported that an event on Saturday 14 August at the Swan had already sold in excess of 300 tickets and this would create more parking problems. It was agreed to ask the District Council to send an Enforcement Officer to the village at that time to monitor the situation.
- 7.9 **The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend 2-5 June 2022** – It was agreed that we should celebrate this event and consider resurrecting the committee formed for the May 2020 celebrations which had to be cancelled.
- 7.10 **Community Speed Watch** - It was agreed to advertise for volunteers in the Parish Magazine, on local Facebook pages and the Parish Council website.
- 7.11 **Play Equipment in Community Orchard** – A proposal to purchase extra play equipment for age groups 9+ was supported subject to more information on the number of children who would benefit, availability of grants and a review by the Finance Committee.
- 7.12 **Newsletter** – Deferred.
- 7.13 **Victim Support Parish Council Appeal** – It was suggested that we should have a collection for this charity at the Autumn tree planting and Sir Captain Tom Memorial. It was also suggested that we should plant a tree for World War Two Veteran Eric Carter who died recently.
- 7.14 **Maintenance Work**  
Lengthsman – work carried out in various locations to trim grass on visibility splays.  
General – Strimming around pathways on allotments and bus shelters cleaned.
8. **Parish Forum/Worcs CALC Area Meeting** – The meeting included appointment of Representatives to Executive Committees and it was noted that some Parish and Town Council representatives did not attend meetings. The Clerk’s duties would be rotated. Discussions took place on the latest planning guidance, Localism delegation of duties to local councils and proposed Boundary Changes.
9. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
- 8.1 Schedule of payments and receipts for July 2021 was approved.

## PAYMENTS

Y Scriven	Salary	£887.13
Don Robbins	Burial Ground	£110.00
Meadowfields	Grass Cutting	£430.00+ VAT
Meadowfields	Lengthsman	£203.00+ VAT
Meadowfields	Fit Bench/Stile/ Barrier	£195.00+ VAT
War Memorial	Subscription	£ 30.00
Ben Matthews	Strimming allotments/bus shelters	£198.00
Sovereign	Play Area Maintenance	£ 30.00 + VAT
Zoom	Subscription	£ 35.97 + VAT
Amazon	Microphone/Speaker	£114.65 + VAT
Amazon	Address Labels	£ 6.58 + VAT

8.2 Bank Reconciliation for July 2021 was noted.

9. Next Meeting Monday 6 September 2021 at 7:15 pm Apologies Cllrs G Hogan and D Thomas.