

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH
COUNCIL

on Monday 1 November 2021
at 7:15 pm
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall



Attending: Chairman Cllrs W Mack, Mrs P Pardoe, G Vernon, M Page, D Thomas, Mrs S Smith, S Williams, Raj Rana, G Hogan Clerk Mrs Y Scriven. District Cllr Ian Hardiman. Members of the public.

POLICE REPORT

PC Matt Ling attended and gave a report of a burglary on 21/10/21 from a shed on Briar Hill. They also attempted to gain access to another outbuilding without success. Police have attended a meeting with Marcus Hart regarding speeding on the A448 from the school to Bluntington. There had only been two collisions in this area over the last 3 years, which were not related to speed. Police advise residents to leave a light on when they go out at night.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Mrs C Finnegan

2. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Representations were made by several residents of Fold Lane regarding the inclusion of land for development of 4 properties in Fold Lane in the District Council Local Plan. These included: - Not in accordance with Neighbourhood Plan, no direct access to site from Fold Lane, and flooding issues. Other representations had been made direct to Wyre Forest.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

4. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman. There had been no meeting in October 2021.

5 **PLANNING**

5.1 Planning applications had been considered by the Planning Committee and comments made were reported in the notes attached to the Minutes.

5.2 Permitted Development Rights – Explanatory note circulated on Permitted Developments which explained the process for dealing with such applications.

5.3 Swallows Barn, The Holloway – As requested by the owner, Cllrs W Mack and M Page carried out a pre-application site visit in respect of incorporating two half walls into a room for an elderly relative. District Councillor I Hardiman had also visited the property and would be advising the owner accordingly.

5.4 **21/0988/FULL and LISTED** – Lodge Farm, Bromsgrove Road, Chaddesley – Demolition of existing redundant modern agricultural barn and erection of single storey dwelling. This is a site within the Conservation Area and does not conform with requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan for affordable housing. It was understood that the proposal would constitute a new development in the green belt, which would not be acceptable unless very special circumstances could be

demonstrated It would also need to enhance the conservation area. It was agreed by a majority that this application should be rejected on the grounds of inappropriate development in the green belt and conservation area.

6. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

6.1 District Cllr Report – District Cllr Ian Hardiman reported:

- Hewitt Site, Harvington – Under the Enforcement Notice the site should have been vacated by end October, which they had not done. The owners applied for a new site off the A442 at Rushock, but this was also refused and is now being appealed to the Planning Inspector with a request for a public inquiry, which could take up to 12 months. Request received from owners to vary the notice to allow additional time for compliance after receiving the results of the Appeal at Rushock. Additional time would be required to re-locate if allowed, or if it is dismissed even longer to find another site. Such a phased plan would need to be reasonable.
- Gypsy and Traveller encampment at Curslow Lane (Stone Parish) – Enforcement notice has been served and they have until 1 December to appeal this. If they do, then it is likely to be many months before these matters are dealt with and the caravans move., WFDC may have to take enforcement action through the Magistrates Court if the enforcement notice and planning decision for refusal are upheld but not complied with.
- Grove Bungalow – Matter is with Magistrate’s Court; a warrant has been issued by the Court, but the defendant has not yet surrendered to the warrant, nor has he presented to the Court. As a result, until such time, this case cannot progress as no formal plea has been entered by the defendant.
- WFDC have gained £17.9m of Levelling Up Funds for Kidderminster.
- The referendum threshold for increases in council tax is expected to remain at 2% per year. In additional local authorities can increase precept by up to 1% for social care. Police have proposed a £10 threshold.
- Business rates multiplier is frozen for 2022-23.
- The full report is available from the Parish Council website.

6.2 County Council Report

- A448 Speed Survey results – Chaddesley School to Bluntington – Meeting with Police and Police and Crime Commissioner. They have committed to undertaking some safer neighbourhood patrols and visibility sessions in the 30mph area.
- Additional yellow backed warning signage has now been installed on A448 at Clattercut Lane junction.
- Fence at Winterfold – Remedial action is being taken.
- Road surface A448 Brockencote – repairs imminent.
- Woodrow – speed survey results:

• Direction	• Volume	• Mean Speeds	• 85th %tile
• E	• 834	• 38.7	• 45.3
• W	• 909	• 37.4	• 43.7

- As mean speeds are under the 40mph limit and the 85th %ile (the fastest 15% of drivers) are below the limit at which the police will enforce (46 mph).
- Work on Hoobrook Island in Kidderminster is almost complete which seems to be working very well, but closure of Comberton Road is adding to the traffic flow.

6.3 Clerk's Report

- Organisers of Classic Car event in Chaddesley will involve Councillors where appropriate.
- 3 of the new cremation plots had been pre-purchased.
- Rate for Chaddesley Village hall room hire will be increased 1 January 2022 to £44.00

7. CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION

Wildflower Planting Project – Cllr Smith gave special thanks to Mervyn and Rosabelle Needham and a team of volunteers for the tree planting on Briar Hill and the A450 plus the snow drop, bluebell & daffodil bulb planting at Hemming Way and Drayton. Further bulb planting will take place around the Parish including Bluntington, Harvington, Mustow Green & Woodrow. A bug hotel had also been erected in the Community Orchard.

- 7.2 **A450 Speeding** – County Cllr M Hart had assumed that the Parish Council had approved the purchase of a permanent flashing warning sign in Harvington, but a decision cannot be made until we have details of the speed checks to be carried out in this area.
- 7.3 **Deansford Lane** – Due to speeding issues it was agreed to install white gates in the residential part of this lane, to be paid for by the County Council.
- 7.4 **Play Equipment** – The clerk reported that Fisher German, agents for the Diocese, had visited the site and had agreed that the Community Orchard was allowed under the terms of our lease. However, play equipment could mean a change of use and therefore a new lease. This matter would be discussed with the Diocese and then Fisher German would report back to us. Cllr G Vernon stressed the need for several quotations to be obtained if we decided to add any new play equipment in the Orchard, which was agreed.
- 7.5 **Queen's Jubilee June 2022** – A draft programme had been circulated to councillors, with each group making their own arrangements for events. Councillors were asked if they had any other ideas for a community event and Cllr R Rana suggested a Commonwealth food event, which was agreed. Cllr R Rana agreed to join the Committee organising the activities and provide advice for the food event. Cllrs were asked if they could form a cricket team to play against the local team and to report back to the next meeting.
- 7.6 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr D Thomas referred to Minutes of the Steering Group Meeting held on 25 October 2021. Now that the consultation on the Inspector's changes to the District Local Plan had commenced, it was probable that the Local Plan would be adopted in April/May 2022. We could therefore now commence consultations on our draft NDP with a view to adoption in the Autumn of 2022. There were still some aspects of the NDP which were incomplete but it was hoped that we could have a draft available for Parish Councillors by December, in which case we would call an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting so it could be studied in detail.
- 7.7 **Community Speed Watch** – We still needed a few more volunteers before approaching the police about a scheme for Chaddesley. It was agreed to run the ad again on Facebook.

- 7.8 **Parish Council Newsletter** – It was agreed to do a January newsletter which could feature the Consultation on the NDP, Queen’s Jubilee, Wildlife Corridors and updating information held by Worcestershire County Council, wildflower and tree planting etc.
- 7.9 **Review of Allotment Rents** – It was agreed not to increase allotment rents for 2022.
- 7.10 **Maintenance Works** – Drainage issues in Fox Lane, Cakebole and Woodrow. Details had been sent to Worcestershire County Council and Cllr M Hart, who was progressing.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 **Wyre Forest Local Plan** – Consultation had commenced on Proposed Main Modifications and will close on 26 November 2021. The Parish Council agreed to commence on Section MM36.7 Policy 36.7 – Fold Lane, Chaddesley Corbett. A draft response had been prepared and circulated prior to the meeting and this was agreed, subject to any additional comments as a result of representations from residents of Fold Lane.
- 8.2 **Worcestershire County Council** – Consultation on Community Engagement – Cllr W Mack agreed to respond to this consultation.
- 8.3 **South Staffordshire Local Plan** – Not in our area.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 9.1 Schedule of Receipts and Payments for October was approved.
- 9.2 Bank Reconciliation for October was approved.
- 9.3 Finance Committee would meet on 15 November to formulate budget for 2022/23.

Payments

Sovereign Play Equipment - Replacement Seats for Swings	£236.91 +VAT
Riata – Subscription for accounting programme	£124.00 +VAT
Hyde Hives – Wooden surrounds for tree plaques	£ 30.00
Y Scriven – Salary	£889.53
D Robbins – Maintenance of Burial Ground	£110.00
Meadowfields – Grass cutting, waste bins, Lengthsman	£326.00 +VAT
Village Hall – Room Hire	£ 69.00
Grit Bins – New bin for Hillpool	£282.59 +VAT
Post Office – Postage	£ 18.12
Zoom – Subscription	£ 35.97 +VAT
Firetrust – Antivirus	£ 19.95
Sovereign – Maintenance of Play Equipment	£ 30.00 +VAT
Land Registry – Title	£ 19.95 +VAT

Receipts

Worcestershire County Council – Lengthsman	£ 336.00
Worcestershire County Council – Grant for grit bin	£ 250.00
Burial/Cremation Fees	£2441.00
Wayleaves	£ 4.17

9. Next Meeting Monday 6 December 2021 at 7:00 pm – Note new time for start of meeting.