

Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council

Annual Report 2021/2022



Tree Planting on Briar Hill with pupils from Chaddesley and Winterfold Schools

Chairman's Annual Report

I would like to thank all those who have supported the various working groups that have helped shape the new Neighbourhood Plan.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers who work tirelessly for the community, those who have helped set up the parish for our Jubilee celebrations, and in particular the continual work of the litter pickers who ensure our parish looks its best.

Most of all thanks to all my fellow councillors for the service they have put in to support the parish, and to the Clerk for her invaluable support in what has been a very busy year!

Looking forward to 2023, please consider putting yourself forward to stand as a Parish Councillor in the local elections in May 2023. It has been well over 10 years since we had a contested election – Your Parish Needs You!

Best Wishes.

William Mack
Chairman

COVID 19

During Covid restrictions some meetings were postponed and others were held remotely by ZOOM. Face to face meeting resumed with the added facility of residents being able to attend remotely. Agenda and Minutes of all Parish Council meetings are published in the Parish Magazine and are available from the Parish Council website. Agenda include joining instructions via ZOOM.

WILDFLOWER AND TREE PLANTING

The Parish Council embarked on a programme of wildflower and tree planting around the parish on grass verges. Two trees were dedicated to Captain Tom for his fundraising efforts for the NHS during the 2020 Pandemic & resident Eric Carter the World War II fighter pilot who died recently aged 101. Children from both Chaddesley and Winterfold schools helped with the planting. The scheme was partly funded by Natural Networks through Worcestershire County Council. The scheme requires ongoing maintenance over coming years. Our thanks to Councillor Sue Smith and her team of volunteers and Mervyn Needham whose expertise we relied upon.

CHADDESLEY COMMUNITY CARE

A group of volunteers set up this Charity initially to help residents suffering with Dementia and opened a Care Café on the second Wednesday of every month which was a great success, so much so they extended this to include anyone who was lonely, suffering from an illness, or would just welcome some company. Activities were suspended for a time due to Covid, but the Care Café is up and running again. Entertainment is provided by local residents and groups with musical talents and children from the local schools. A trip has also been organised to the Avoncroft Museum in September.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee for planning applications. The method of reviewing planning applications has changed to an on-line portal so councillors now have to view these on line prior to a meeting and be ready to discuss and vote on them at Parish Council meetings. Everyone can view them by visiting <https://planningpa.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/online-applications/> Whilst councillors give a majority decision on planning matters, it is Wyre Forest District Council who make the final decision.

REVIEW OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The first NDP was submitted in 2013 for the period up to 2026. This was reviewed in November 2017 and has taken over 4 years to complete, mainly due to Covid restrictions and delays to finalisation of the District Council Local Plan. The revised draft NDP includes site allocations for affordable housing and Design Codes for the type of buildings we would like built. Our draft NDP was issue for consultation between 21 March to 22 April 2022, with a drop in session on 30 March, and most of the responses have been positive and helpful. There have been some objections from land owners about the proposed designation of Local Green Spaces, but most of these have been subjective judgements and we have decided to leave it to the External Examiner to make the final decision. Any changes which need to be made to the draft NDP will be made shortly and the Parish Council will be asked to approve these changes. We anticipate that Wyre Forest District Council will appoint an External Examiner in August 2022, followed by a Referendum in the Autumn and adoption early in the New Year. The Neighbourhood Plan review has been funded by the Government.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Thanks to the efforts of Pam Alliband, money was raised by public donation to purchase 3 extra defibrillators. The parish now has 4 defibrillators:

Clarks Garage, Mustow Green
Morton Road, Harvington
Robin Hood, Drayton

The Village

Access to the defibrillators is via the Ambulance Service who give out the code numbers in the case of an emergency in that area.

PURCHASE OF ALLOTMENT/COMMUNITY ORCHARD SITE

The Diocese of Worcester, who own the site have approached the Parish Council asking if they would like to buy the site. Councillors have obtained an independent valuation of the land and are now considering their options.

PLAY AREA



New play equipment has been ordered and will be installed in the Community Orchard in the Autumn. This has been partly funded by the National Lottery, Wyre Forest District Council and Worcestershire County Council.

BURIAL GROUND



With more land now available for burials it was decided to introduce cremation plots and give residents an opportunity to plan ahead and pre-purchase their plot. Currently 12 burial plots and 6 cremation plots have been purchased. Three new burials have also taken place in the extension to the burial ground.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE YEAR

The Parish Council had been planning this for the last 9 months and all community groups got together to provide a full programme of events to celebrate this occasion, culminating in a street party on Saturday 4 June. A detailed programme was sent to each household and business in the parish. This event was funded by the Parish Council. The programme included a Concert by Chaddesley Voices, cricket matches, a film show, Chaddesley races, and a Jubilee party in the village with stalls and entertainment for all. The event was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

COUNCILLOR RECRUITMENT

In May 2023 there will be an election for Parish Councillors and it is important that they represent all residents in the Parish and to do this we need them to stand for election. Parish Councils have an important role to play in local government and increasingly have been asked to take on new roles and responsibilities. Everyone over 18 can stand for election if they live within 3 miles of the parish and are on the current electoral roll.

NEW VAS SPEED MONITORING SIGN

A new vehicle activated speed camera has been purchased and will be installed shortly in Harvington temporarily. The sign will flash the speed which motorists are travelling and will hopefully make them slow down in residential areas.

LITTER PICKING AND EMPTYING WASTE BINS

Responsibility for litter picking and emptying waste bins has passed to the Parish Council with the District Council providing a small grant towards the cost. We have relied heavily on volunteers to help with litter picking and would like to thank all those we have undertaken this task on our behalf. We have recently installed a 'Take your Litter Home with you' sign on Woodrow and will assess whether this helps to reduce litter in this area.

HIGHWAYS REPORT – COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARCUS HART

It has been a very busy 12 months representing the Chaddesley Division and working with my 5 parish councils, including of course, Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council. Indeed as your County Councillor and one of your District Councillors, I work on a wide range of issues on your behalf. From a District Council perspective usually tackling planning enforcement issues and lobbying WFDC to take action are far too many people that seem it is acceptable to flout the planning laws in our rural areas and greenbelt.

Highways is always a huge part of my work and a key focus that I committed to work on residents' behalf was road safety and speeding on the A448 from Mustow Green through to the Bromsgrove border. I have worked with the Parish Council to deliver parish gateways, additional 30 mph speed signs on the road called 'roundels' and also additional white lining called 'tigers' teeth when you come out of the 50 mph limit into the 30 mph limit. I have also successfully been able to persuade WCC to undertake a speed limit review to reduce the speed limit as you enter Chaddesley Corbett from Bromsgrove from national speed limit to 50mph and am delighted the new speed limit is now in place and so is the signage. I also met with our Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion and other police and highways representatives recently to lobby for speed enforcement on this stretch of road and this has led to police speed enforcement at certain times.

I have made a substantial contribution to the Parish Council to fund another speed activated flashing warning sign to compliment the existing one which can be moved around the Parish both on the A448, A450 through Harvington and other areas too.

I am also looking at consideration for extending the pavement on the A448 that stops after the Fox PH, up to Rowberrys and potentially the School. An initial cost of £150,000 has been quoted by WCC and in due course I will be consulting to hear from local residents and stakeholder's views.

I have met with the Police and Crime commissioner, together with representatives from your Parish Council in order to lobby for support for a community Speedwatch Scheme in the Parish.

I have supported a number of projects in the Parish including some of my Councillors' funding being used to support equipment for Chaddesley Primary School and also for Parish Gateways along Deansford Lane and also play equipment for the village play area.

It is a pleasure to continue to represent you and please do get in touch if you need my help on any issue.

Financial Report - Annual Audit

A summary of the accounts for the year ended March 2022 is given below and a copy of the Financial Statement is available on the Parish Council website.

Receipts

Annual Precept	£34,061
Burial Ground	£ 8,464
Interest on Deposit Account	£ 502
Lengthsman Scheme and Drainage Work	£ 2,186
Urban Grass Cutting	£ 1,735
Allotment Fees	£ 1,144
VAT Reclaimed	£ 4,171
Waste Bins	£ 1,582
Grants - NP	£ 5,940
Grants – White Gates	£ 2,000
Grants – Play Equipment	£10,700

Expenditure

Staff Costs	£13,540
Clerks Expenses	£ 510
VAT	£ 4,171
Grass cutting	£ 1,300
Admin Costs	£ 1,915

Burial Ground	£ 2,446
Allotments	£ 980
Insurances and Subscriptions	£ 1,961
Community Orchard maintenance	£ 573
Newsletters, advertising etc	£ 1,623
Lengthsman	£ 2,817
Audit Fees and general maintenance	£ 1,107
Waste Bins	£ 1,736
Defibrillator maintenance	£ 270
Play Equipment	£ 661
White Gates	£ 715
NP Review	£ 5,869
Wildflower Planting and Trees	£ 3,941
Website and notice boards	£ 417
New Computer	£ 282
Grit Bins	£ 282
VAS maintenance	£ 168
Queen's Jubilee	£ 500

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Parish Council has a very informative website – please take a look at:- <http://www.chaddesleyparishcouncil.org.uk/> You can view Agenda for meetings and Minutes and find out about upcoming events.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH MAGAZINE

For a small donation, you could receive this informative magazine every month, and copies are available to purchase from St Cassians Church and village shops. Order your copy now and keep informed on forthcoming events, films, church activities, as well as complete copies of Parish Council minutes of meetings. There are also lots of useful local contacts if you have maintenance requirements.

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

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The Parish of Chaddesley Corbett includes:

The Village, Bellington, Bluntington, Brockencote, Cakebole, Hill Pool, Drayton, Harvington, Lower Chaddesley, Mustow Green (East), Tanwood, Winterfold, Woodrow, Bourne Green