

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 5th February 2024
AT CHADDESLEY CORBETT VILLAGE HALL
AT 7:00 pm

Attending: Chairman Cllr M Page, Cllrs G Vernon, J Wright, Mrs S Smith, S Walker, Mrs D Newbould, H Grove, G Hogan, Mrs Y Scriven, D Thomas, Clerk Mrs R Jefferies, County / District Cllr Ian Hardiman and 3 visitors.

POLICE REPORT: Police are appealing to the village/town community for information following a burglary at a home on Bromsgrove Road, Chaddesley Corbett. The burglary happened between 1900hrs on the 4th January and 0440hrs on the 5th January 2024. The offender or offenders forced entry to the home and gained access.

Cllr G Hogan also reported there was an attempt to steal a van's Alloy wheels along Briar Hill.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs C Finnegan – **Approved**

2. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –**

A member of the public expressed concern for the upcoming road closure. Along with the disruption in the area due to the diversion of traffic and raised concern for traders. Requested for appropriate signage to be in place.

Another member of the public expressed disappointment of the handling of the road closure by Severn Trent and voiced disagreement with the closure.

3. A) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – DPI's or ODI's – Cllr S Walker – The Green – Approved**

B) **DISPENSATIONS – As previously agreed.- None**

C) **REQUESTS FOR NEW DISPENSATIONS –Cllr Mrs Y Scriven – Potential Purchase of the Allotment – Cllr Y Scriven left the room whilst the vote was held. – Decision, Approved**

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. **Planning**

5.1 23/0943/HOU The Nook , 19 Tanwood Lane, Bluntington, Chaddesley Corbett, Construction of a single storey extension and car port – **No objections**

5.1.2 23/0564/HOU Construction of two storey side and rear extensions and remodelling of existing dwelling- Deanslake, Cakebole, Chaddesley Corbett, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 4DY – **Over development in Green Belt.**

5.1.3 23/0909/TPO - T1 - Red Oak, reduce by up to 25% all round.- 16 St Cassians Way, Chaddesley Corbett, Kidderminster, - **No objections**

5.1.4 24/0034/CLE - FOR INFORMATION ONLY: The continued use as an independent Class 3 dwelling house of property known as Bournewood Barn at Drollis Farm.- Bournewood Barn, Drollis Farm, Bournes Green Road, Chaddesley Corbett,

Worcestershire, DY10 4PA – **N/A**

- 5.1.5 4/0039/HOU Construction of single storey front and rear extensions - 14 Malvern View, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, DY10 4SJ – **No Objections, however lines of sight should be checked.**

5.2 **Planning Approvals/Rejections from WFDC**

- 5.2.1 23/0557/FUL Installation of 228 x 425w ground mounted solar panels - Chaddesley Garage Kidderminster Road, Lower Chaddesley – **APPROVED**
- 5.2.2 Appeal Ref: APP/R1845/W/23/3325507
2 Malvern View, Chaddesley Corbett, KIDDERMINSTER, DY10 4SJ.
The application Ref 23/0305/FUL, dated 1 May 2023, was refused by notice dated 21 June 2023. The development proposed is the erection of a one-bedroom dwelling. – **DISMISSED**
- 5.2.3 23/0716/HOU Construction of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, 16 Malvern View Chaddesley Corbett Worcestershire – **Approved**
- 5.2.4 23/0783/PNC Prior notification for the change of use of premises from Use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) to Use Class C3 (Residential)
The Cottage The Village Chaddesley Corbett – **PRIOR APPROVAL GIVEN – It was requested to contact planning for comment, on how this is consistent with our Neighbourhood Plan.**
- 5.2.5 23/0772/S73 - Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School Nethercroft Meadow Kidderminster Road - Removal of condition 1 (Temporary Consent) - **APPROVED**

6. **Councillor's Reports**

- 6.1 **District Councillors Reports** – Ian Hardiman reported that the District Council has been consulting on its budget; we are proposing increasing council tax by the minimum 3% allowed which is circa an additional £7 per year for a Band D property!
They are proposing investing in services that are important to the public, unlike the previous administration. For example, we are proposing two full-time litter pickers across the District to act as a litter blitz squad responding to non-routine work. We are also proposing an additional Civil Enforcement Officer to tackle parking on double yellow lines. We plan to be more open and transparent than the previous administration and will be funding the webcasting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting. Full report is available on our website.
- 6.2 **County Councillors Report** – Marcus Hart has reported the following:
Regarding extending the pavement that ends at Lower Chaddesley on the Fox PH side of the road I have made further progress. It has been 'agreed' that this will be done. The total cost will be circa £150,000. I have allocated my total £22,500 devolved highways monies for 2024-2025 to show commitment on my part and 'pump prime' the project as WCC do not usually create new pavements unless externally funded. Also I am dealing with a drainage issue in Drayton and looking at raising a kerb just down from properties below Barrow Hill Lane. Again, progress has been slow but a job pack has been drawn up. This was due to be done but has been pushed back due to the flooding! A revised date has been given of 14th February for 3 days. Full report is available on our website.
- 6.3 **Councillors' Reports-**
- 6.3.1 Cllr H Grove requested to have Marcus' work and report publicised, it was also agreed to utilise our social media contacts.
- 6.3.2 Cllr D Thomas requested to investigate bringing projects forward for the Fibre Optics installations, throughout the Parish.

- 6.3.3 Cllr Y Scriven has requested for the Lengthsman to cut back the grass along the pavement's in Hemming Way and parts of the Village, also to clear away some of the moss in these areas.

6.4 Clerk's Report

There has been anti-social behaviour in the Orchard in regard to people disturbing the Badgers sets. This is a criminal offence and has been reported to the police. The Badger Trust West Midlands and Worcestershire are also involved and we continue to monitor the situation.

Two of our defibrillators have had their frost plates replaced free of charge, as they were still under warranty.

A VAS is to be moved to The Village once the battery has been returned from WCC.

The police are holding a property Marking event on Saturday 17th February. The team will be at The Lock car park, Wolverley Road, between 10am and 12pm and Cookley Sports and Social Club between 1pm and 3pm.

We had an update from the WFDC Planning Department advising that the tenants of Lodge Pools Fishery would probably not be renewing their lease in July 2024 so they will not be applying for planning permission as discussed previously with Richard Jennings. A reply was sent, advising the tenants that they require the caravan to be removed by 31/1/24.

WCC Planning department also advised in regard to Chaddesley Wood Farm - Dog Walking field –There is currently no breach here, they have visited and spoken to the owner and advised him he needs to contact the planning department before implementing any change of use. The owner anticipates setting the field up late spring if he has consent.

7. CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION

- 7.1 Update from the Housing Working Group – **Cllr D Thomas reported that there has been a positive start to talks with the Diocese and Fisher German. The working group are now currently waiting on their proposals and what arrangements could potentially be made in the future.**
Cllr G Vernon requested that there was another open meeting with the Diocese and Fisher German, for all of the Councillors to be able to attend and discuss.
- 7.2 Decision to be made on a contribution towards the D-Day Commemoration event - **It was agreed for the Parish Council to pay the Cost of £300.00 for the FlyPast, due to take place on the 6th June 2024.**
- 7.3 Finance Committee Budget and Precept – **Budget was approved and it was decided to raise the precept by 5% for the next financial year.**
- 7.3.1 Review of Clerks hours and training for CILCA – **The clerk left the room whilst the discussion took place.**
It was agreed to raise the clerks weekly hours and approved the cost of future training of CILCA.
- 7.4 Boundary Commission Proposals – **A letter will be sent to Marcus Hart to support the decision.**
- 7.5 The Green – Discussion from responses and whether to pursue potential future ownership – **A meeting to be arranged with Community Housing to explore the options available.**

- 7.6 Proposed Potential Purchase of Allotment update from Working Group –
To continue with the Purchase of the Allotment – 7 in favour 3 Against
A letter to be circulated for those who wish to pledge donations towards the
Purchase of the land. 6 In favour 4 Abstaining.
Funds from the reserves will be requested to be transferred to the Orchard account.
- 7.7 Worcestershire Local Nature Recovery Strategy Issues and Options Consultation – **A working Group is to be created and will look for ways to publicise and encourage residents, businesses and schools to support and engage with the environment.**
- 7.8 Severn Trent – Road Closure – **No further comments.**
- 7.9 A request has been made by a resident for permission to prune a Silver Birch tree on the Orchard land, that currently leans towards their property. **No Objections – to seek Leo Stockford’s approval first.**
- 7.10 An opportunity for Councillors to request an item of information to be considered for the next agenda. - **None**
8. **Maintenance Works** – Report on ongoing maintenance works.
9. **Financial Report**
- 9.1 A schedule of payments and receipts were signed for January 2024– **Approved**

Name	Payment	Amount
Sovereign	Play equipment Maintenance	£47.99
Nest	Staff Pension	£44.23
R Jefferies	Salary	£1046.86
Lyca Mobile	Phone Contract	£5.00
HMRC	PAYE & NI	£298.01
Amazon	Memory Stick	£16.48
D Robbins	Burial Ground	£120.00
Meadowfields	Lengthsman	£450.00+VAT
Chaddesley Village Hall	Meeting Room	£75.00
C Bishop	Tree Surgeon	£780.00+VAT
Kidderminster Memorials	Maintenance	£900.00
Leedan	Bin Bags	£74.20
Don Robbins	Burial Ground	£120.00
<u>Receipts</u>		
Worc CC	Lengthsman Scheme	£309.00
Allotment Rent	Tenant’s	£490.00
HMRC	VAT Return	£1888.18

- 9.2 Bank Reconciliation for the end of December 2023 and January 2024– **Approved**
10. Date of next meeting, Monday 4th March 2024 at 7PM.