

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 4th March 2024
AT CHADDESLEY CORBETT VILLAGE HALL
AT 7:00 pm

Attending: Chairman Cllr M Page, Cllrs G Vernon, Mrs S Smith, S Walker, Mrs D Newbould, G Hogan, Mrs Y Scriven, D Thomas, Clerk Mrs R Jefferies, County / District Cllr Ian Hardiman and Cllr M Hart. And PCSO Easthope

POLICE REPORT: PCSO Easthope reported that there have been no incidents that have taken place in Chaddesley during February, however, please be aware of the following which have taken place across the area. Between 17.00 and 22.30hrs on Saturday 3rd February, a pregnant ewe has been stolen from a field along the A451 just up from the 5 ways crossroads near to Stakenbridge Lane. The ewe was dragged across the field and loaded into a waiting vehicle.

We are also investigating the theft of two lambs from a field off Sugar Loaf Lane, Ismere. The lambs are 3 weeks old. One has a number 16 in blue on its left shoulder. The theft occurred between 18.00hrs and midnight on Friday 23rd February.

We have also had reports of rogue traders operating in the area, targeting residents claiming their properties need roofing work. Rogue traders and doorstep callers may do unnecessary work, or to a poor standard, or the price may rapidly increase.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Mrs C Finnegan, H Grove and Jim Wright – **Approved**
2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – **None**
3.
 - A) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – DPI's or ODI's –
 - B) DISPENSATIONS – As previously agreed.- **Cllr Y Scriven – Allotment Purchase.**
 - C) REQUESTS FOR NEW DISPENSATIONS –**Cllr S Walker –The Green – Cllr S Walker left the room whilst the vote was held. Decision, Approved to join in with discussions but will not be able to Vote.**
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. Planning
 - 5.1 24/0064/FUL - Winterfold Farm , Bromsgrove Road, Winterfold, Chaddesley Corbett,- Formation of new vehicular access and closure of existing Access – **No objections**
 - 5.1.2 24/0118/PNR - Round Hill , Worcester Road, Harvington, Worcestershire, Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1No. dwelling – **Would like to question, if this is an agricultural building and if it would qualify as a permitted development.**
 - 5.2 Planning Approvals/Rejections from WFDC
 - 5.2.1 23/0476/LBC / 23/0475/HOU - Proposed demolition of existing dilapidated garage and replacement with new garage structure, Bluntington Farm Briar Hill Chaddesley Corbett – **Approved**

- 5.2.2 23/0909/TPO 16 St Cassians Way Chaddesley Corbett Kidderminster- T1 - Red Oak, reduce by upto 25% all round.- **Approved**
- 5.2.3 23/0838/FUL - 42 Briar Hill Chaddesley Corbett Worcestershire - Construction of a dormer bungalow - **Approved**

6. Councillor's Reports

- 6.1 **District Councillors Reports** – Ian Hardiman reported that the District Council have just purchased the Piano Building and bus station in Weavers Wharf, using levelling Up Fund monies granted by Government. We plan to tidy up the bus station and make it more attractive and work will be underway to rent out the ground floor of the building for a food and beverage offer and the first and second floors will be rented out for office accommodation. This is another piece in the jig saw for regenerating Kidderminster. The full report is available on our website.

- 6.2 **County Councillors Report** – Marcus Hart has reported the following:
I am still dealing with two flooding issues in Drayton. I have been sent photos by a number of local residents, one is at Egg Lane as a result of significant discharge of rain water from fields belonging to a third party landowner. I have been involved with WCC in this issue previously and met with residents and extra capacity was installed. There is a similar issue with the discharge of rainwater from field off Barrow Hill Lane. However, WCC believe that it is the landowner that should be tackled here and WCC and looking at their legal powers as investigation work by NWWM has ascertained this is not on a watercourse and so the legal team are looking at options in respect of the run off. It would require a substantial amount of work by the landowner to deal with this.
I have received complaints about hedges/bushes obstructing pavements at Mustow Green and have asked for this to be inspected. The full report is available on our website.

6.3 Councillors' Reports-

- 6.3.1 Cllr Mrs Y Scriven requested for Cllr Mrs S Smith to become a trustee and the new representative from the Parish Council for the Community Care Café. - This was approved by the Councillors.
- 6.3.2 Cllr D Thomas requested to write to our MP about the impact of changes to Permitted Development rules on the policy in our Neighbourhood Plan, aimed at protecting the local group of shops and pubs in the Village.

6.4 Clerk's Report

The tree work has now been completed in the burial ground and also in the Orchard. Our Lengthsman has had to have some time off in February due to an injury, we wish him a speedy recovery.
The Community plot on the Allotment is now ready and the Allotment Holders have had their first gathering and bonfire.
The bird proofing is now complete in the bus stop on Briar Hill.

7. CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION

- 7.1 Safeguarding Document Approval – **Approved and copies of the statement will be sent to anyone working within the Orchard and / or any events the Parish Council are involved in.**
- 7.2 Would the Parish like a Portrait of His Majesty The King – **The Village Hall committee to decide if they would like to display the portrait at the Village Hall.**

- 7.3 Social Media Working Group – **It was approved for Facebook and Instagram to be launched for the Parish Council. Also a WhatsApp group will be created for the Councillor's.**
- 7.4 D- Day Working Group update – **Cllr Mrs S Smith shared an update on preparations for the events due to take place on 6th June 2024. Also plans to arrange a D-Day themed Treasure Hunt for families on the following weekend of the 8th and 9th June 2024. More details to follow.**
- 7.5 Purchase of the Allotment – **Cllr Mrs Y Scriven reported that we have received £16,000.00 of pledges so far towards the purchase of the Allotment. Our target total is £24,000.00.**
- 7.5.1 Approval to pay first instalment to our Solicitor – **Approval of instructing our solicitor and to pay the first instalment of his fees.**
- 7.6 An update about The Green, following a meeting with Community Housing – **Awaiting further information. The Clerk to update further at the next meeting.**
- 7.7 An update from the Housing Working Group – **Cllr D Thomas gave a presentation and an in-depth explanation of the steps the Housing Group have taken so far.**
- 7.8 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 – **None.**
9. **Financial Report**
- 9.1 A schedule of payments and receipts were signed for February 2024– **Approved**

Name	Payment	Amount
Sovereign	Play equipment Maintenance	£47.99
Nest	Staff Pension	£44.23
R Jefferies	Salary	£2,397.50
Lyca Mobile	Phone Contract	£5.00
Post Office	Stamps	£24.00
D Robbins	Burial Ground	£120.00
WORC CALC	Training	£36.00
Neat and Tidy	Parish Maintenance	£410.00
Severn Valley Pest	Bird Proofing	£215.00
Fisher German	Rent	£250.00

Receipts

Worc CC	Lengthsman Scheme	£277.50
Allotment Rent	Tenant's	£150.00
Burial Ground	Income	£1940.00

- 9.2 Bank Reconciliation for the end of February 2024 – **Approved**
10. Date of next meeting, Monday 8th April 2024 at 7PM.

