

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

Attending: Chairman Cllr M Page, Cllrs, Mrs C Finnegan, H Grove, J Wright, G Vernon, G Hogan, Mrs D Newbould, P Rowberry S Walker, D Thomas and Mrs S Smith. Clerk Mrs R Jefferies.

1. **APOLOGIES:** County / District Cllrs Marcus Hart, Robin Drew and Ian Hardiman.
2. **Police Report:** One of our officers conducted speed enforcement using our new “Trucam” along the A448 Bromsgrove Road, by Rowberry’s Nursery - number of offences have been reported.
 - 2.1 Cllr G Hogan advised several manhole covers were reported missing in the area.
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - NONE**
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 - A) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – DPI’s or ODI’s – **NONE**
 - B) DISPENSATIONS – As previously agreed - **NONE**
 - C) REQUESTS FOR NEW DISPENSATIONS – **NONE**
5. The minutes of the meetings held on 7th October 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman. - **Approved**
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1.1 24/0680/HOU - Beauty Bank Cottage, The Holloway, Chaddesley Corbett, - Single Storey Side extension – **No objections.**
 - 6.1.2 24/0684/CLE - Drayton Mount Farm , Barrow Hill Lane, Drayton, Belbroughton,- Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of land and buildings for repair of motor vehicles, sale of motor vehicles and ancillary storage in excess of 10 years. – **An issue between the land owners and planners, no comment.**
 - 6.1.3 24/0695/LBC - Harvington Hall , Harvington Hall Lane, Harvington, - Listed Building works as proposed (the recreation of the Marble Room wall painting. Conservation and cleaning to the wall paintings in the Large Chapel, Small Chapel, Withdrawing Room chimney breast, Mermaid Passage, Dr Dodd's Library and the Nursery fireplace. White emulsion paint will be removed from the corridors on the Ground floor).- **No comment.**
 - 6.1.4 24/0726/HOU - Kingfisher , Egg Lane, Drayton, Belbroughton, - External remodelling including material changes, replacement windows and construction of porch to main entrance. **No objections.**
- 6.2 **Planning Approvals/Rejections from WFDC**
 - 6.2.1 24/0546/PNR - Drollis Farm Bournes Green Road Chaddesley Corbett - CHANGE OF USE TO RESIDENTIAL PRIOR APPROVAL GIVEN
 - 6.2.2 24/0512/CLP- Deanslake Cakebole Chaddesley Corbett - Proposed detached garage and leisure outbuildings – Approved
 - 6.2.3 24/0613/CLP - Four Ways, Woodro Lane, Woodrow - Proposal: Two storey rear extension - Approved

7. **Councillor's Reports**

7.1 **District Councillors Reports** – Cllr M Page read the report and expressed that Marcus has reported hedges along the lanes in the Drayton area for cutting back following complaints from a local resident that they were overhanging the lanes.
He has also reported the brick wall over the bridge by the brook near Chaddesley Sports Club on Fox Lane as there is a crack in it. This has been inspected and is still safe but work is scheduled for 14th/15th January.
The full report is available on our website.

7.2 **County Councillors Report** –Cllr M Page read the report, highlighting that they have been dealing with the usual routine casework, reporting litter and fly tipping on the main A roads and along the country lanes.
There will be free car parking between 2nd - 24th December between 3-6pm Monday to Friday in all WFDC own car parks. Remember, Weavers Wharf is not a WFDC car park.
The full report is available on our website.

7.3 **Councillors' Reports –**

7.3.1 Cllr S Smith expressed gratitude to the anonymous councillor who generously donated funds toward the solitary beehive project for Chaddesley Corbett Endowed School as part of the Local Nature recovery strategy, has now been ordered.

However, due to the quality of this year's photos not meeting the desired standard, the calendar project has been postponed until next year. Plans are in place to involve the children at the local school, in taking photos throughout the upcoming year. Meanwhile, the photos intended for this year's calendar will be featured in the parish magazine.

7.3.2 Cllr M Page attended the Wyre Forest District Council Rural Areas meeting and shared that it was enlightening to observe the initiatives of other councils. He also found the discussions around the Greenbelt situation particularly engaging. He suggested circulating information of the actions taken by these councils for future reference.

7.3.3 Cllr G Hogan advise the grit salt he is overseeing, requires storing, therefore new containers will be purchased

7.4 **Clerk's Report**

7.4.1 After consulting with pest control, it was advised that treatment of the wasp nest on Morton Road is unnecessary at this stage. The specialist explained that, with the seasonal decline in wasp activity, the queen has likely left, and no larvae remains. The approaching frost will naturally eliminate any remaining wasps, making further action redundant. He also noted he did not want to charge unnecessarily for a service that nature will soon resolve.

7.4.2 The staff pay scales for 2024/25 have been finalised and are now available on the Worcestershire CALC website for reference. The backdated payment will be processed in November.

7.4.3 Brockencote were unable to purchase all three trees for D-Day anniversary, so the planting will be rescheduled for Remembrance day 2025.

7.4.4 A special thank you to Jackie, Ken and their family who decorated the bus stop on Briar Hill for Halloween.

7.4.5 Lloyds bank have now changed our treasury account, and as a result, will be charging us a fee of £4.25 per month going forward.

8. **CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION**

- 8.1 Purchase of the Allotments. – **Cllr D Newbould provided an update, stating that there had been no significant changes since last month. Progress on the purchase is currently on hold as we await confirmation from Land Registry regarding the title.**
- 8.2 Telephone Box, Briar Hill - **The council resolved to retain the telephone box on Briar Hill in its current function as a telephone box. However, they expressed willingness to assist with its exterior maintenance and general upkeep.**
- 8.3 Mowing Shed maintenance quote – **Approved quote of £342.94.**
- 8.4 Recruitment of a new Sexton. – **Clerk to advertise for a new Sexton.**
- 8.5 Review Budget and Precept – **Cllr D Thomas recommended postponing further discussion until additional clarity is obtained regarding employer NI contributions.**
- 8.5.1 Increase contribution for mower usage and maintenance at the church yard. – **Approval was given to contribute £600.00 and will be reviewed again next year.**
- 8.6 Review of Maintenance Contracts 2025/26 – **Approved as outlined below.**
- 8.6.1 Lengthsman –£18.00 hourly rate.
- 8.6.2 Burial Ground – Annual Fee of £1,740.00 plus additional work at £18.00 hourly rate.
- 8.6.3 Waste Bins – £18.00 hourly rate.
- 8.6.4 Grass Cutting – £225.00 per cut.
- 8.6.5 General Maintenance - £18 hourly rate.
- 8.7 An opportunity for Councillors to request an item of information to be considered for the next agenda. –
- 8.7.1 **Cllr S Smith suggested discussing plans for next year’s events. The clerk will also reach out to the local Facebook group representative to encourage members of the community to share their ideas.**
- 8.8 **Maintenance Works – None.**
9. **Financial Report**
- 9.1 A schedule of payments and receipts were signed for October 2024 – **Approved**

Name	Payment	Amount
Sovereign	Play equipment Maintenance	£47.99
Lyca Mobile	Phone Contract	£5.00
Nest	Pension	£68.03
D Robbins	Burial Ground	£135.00
Meadowfields	Lengthsman	£921.00
Post office	Stamps	£28.40
SME	Solicitors	£6181.20
Village Hall	Room Hire	£94.00
D Robbins	Burial Ground	£135.00
HMRC	PAYE	£392.55

Receipts

WCC	Lengthsman Scheme	£178.60
National Grid	Rent	£4.21
S W	Burial Ground	£290.00

9.2 Bank Reconciliation for the end of October 2024 – **Approved**

10. Date of next meeting, Monday 2nd December 2024, starting at 7PM.

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