

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 7th April 2025
AT CHADDESLEY CORBETT VILLAGE HALL
AT 7:00 pm

Attending: Chairman Cllr M Page, Cllrs, H Grove, J Wright, G Vernon, G Hogan, Mrs D Newbould, P Rowberry, D Thomas and, S Walker, Clerk Mrs R Jefferies. County Cllr Marcus Hart, and 1 visitor.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs S Smith and C Finnegan
2. **Police Report: 0275_I_19032025 – Theft - Bromsgrove Road – A grass topper mower and an anvil have been stolen from a farm, overnight between 18th and 19th March. No buildings were entered.**
Attempt Theft - Fox Lane, Chaddesley - offenders broke a lock on a shed in this location but did not gain entry. This happened sometime between 16 - 18th March. Its is believed that offenders came across a field to gain access onto the property.
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - A member of the public raised concerns about flooding on the A448, the narrow path at Mustow Green, and the lack of a two-way track on Harvington Hall Lane. All issues have been referred to Cllr M Hart and County Highways for investigation.**
4.
 - 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 3rd March 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1.1 **25/0174/PNR – FOR INFORMATION ONLY - Change of use of an agricultural building to residential (C3) use including associated building works. - Building East Of Thistle Barn, Tanwood Lane, Bluntington, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, DY10 4NX -**
 - 6.1.2 **25/0269/PNR - FOR INFORMATION ONLY - Vicarage Cottage , Barrow Hill Lane, Drayton, Belbroughton, Worcestershire - Change of use of an agricultural building to dwellinghouses and associated**

The Parish Council agreed that it cannot support the applications above at this stage due to a lack of detail and does not currently favour its approval. The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Department to clarify what level of input, scope for comment, or intervention the Parish Council may have on applications submitted “for information only.”
 - 6.2 **Planning Approvals/Rejections from WFDC**
 - 6.2.1 **5/0096/CLP - 22 The Green Chaddesley Corbett Worcestershire - Proposal: Single storey side extension- Approved**
 - 6.2.2 **25/0161/LBC -The reintroduction of a doorway and pair of doors between two rooms at first floor level which has been historically removed and blocked up1 & 2 Park Lane Cottages Harvington Worcestershire – Approved**

7. Councillor's Reports

7.1 District Councillors Reports – Cllr Marcus Hart reported the following:

We have been dealing with the usual routine casework, reporting litter and fly tipping on the main A roads and along the country lanes and continue to monitor all enforcement issues. Full update is available on our website.

7.1.1 County Councillors Report – Cllr Marcus Hart the following:

As you will all no doubt have seen, work on the new pavement for the A448 is well under way. There have been several night closures so far. They are ahead of schedule and should finish in the next couple of weeks They were marking out last week.

The pavement right from Winterfold on the A448 has been reported for siding out in places where there is debris and is too narrow. I am very pleased to say that all of the pavement from Chaddesley Village to Lower Chaddesley has been sided out which has made the pavement circa 2 feet wider and much safer to walk along. The worn out kerbs will all be replaced but this will require a much bigger scheme of work and need to be done under traffic management and so I will get a date for that when I am able.

Full update is available on our website.

7.3 Councillors' Reports –

7.3.1 Cllr D Newbould reported that two pictures were purchased on behalf of the Parish Council, funded by an anonymous benefactor. The Village Hall Committee has agreed to display them in the Village Hall. The artworks were featured in the Susan Shaw exhibition at Rowberry's.

7.3.2 Cllr H Grove reported that a meeting with the planners and the Light Pollution Working Group is scheduled for 22nd April.

7.3.3 Cllr M Page highlighted the value of CALC as a key support body for the Parish Council and encouraged members to attend meetings or join the group. The Clerk added that anyone interested in meetings or training should contact her to be booked on.

7.3.4 On behalf of Cllr S Smith, Cllr M Page gave a brief update on the LNRS Working Group. He highlighted recent activities at the allotments, including planting sessions with school children and educational talks on composting and nature. A follow up visit is planned for July so the children can see the crops growing.

7.3.5 Cllr M Page highlighted the upcoming Movies at Chaddesley film festival, which will mark the group's 10th anniversary and celebrate 200 years of passenger railways. The event will feature films, talks, and walks in partnership with the History Society. He also noted that the committee is seeking new members to help continue the group's work and support future events.

7.4 Clerk's Report

7.4.1 A report has been submitted to Highways regarding the trees along the A450.

7.4.2. A few days ago, I was approached about the possibility of placing bleed kits with the defibrillators. I will provide an update once I receive more information.

7.4.3. A complaint regarding a shed erected at Gilson Barn has been referred to the Planning Department.

8. CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION

8.1 Purchase of the Allotment update – Cllr D Newbould provided an update:

We are disappointed to report that the Land Registry has been unable to grant title to the Diocese. As a result, the Diocese has been unable to register the land, which means the

Parish Council cannot proceed with the purchase. Therefore, the Levelling Up grant funding has now expired, and the £60,000.00 will be returned to the grant providers. The National Lottery Fund has also been informed.

- 8.2 **Finance Committee** – Cllr D Thomas reported that the end of year accounts meeting had taken place. The committee reviewed the documents, confirmed their accuracy and approved them. The Clerk will now proceed with submitting the paperwork and AGAR to the internal auditor.
- 8.3 **Update from Emergency Recovery Strategy Working Group** – Work on the Community Emergency document is ongoing. Most rural councils, including ours, rely on Wyre Forest's emergency plan. Discussions are underway about using the Village Hall as an emergency hub, with plans to meet a hire company regarding generators.
- 8.11 An opportunity for Councillors to request an item of information to be considered for the next agenda. –
- 8.4.2 VJ Day preparations.
- 8.4.3 Parking on grass verges.
- 8.12 **Maintenance Works – None.**

9. Financial Report

- 9.1 A schedule of payments and receipts were signed for March 2025 – **Approved**

Name	Payment	Amount
Sovereign	Play equipment Maintenance	£47.99
Lyca Mobile	Phone Contract	£5.00
Nest	Pension	£65.65
D Robbins	Burial Ground	£135.00
Meadowfields	Lengthsman	£948.60
Village Hall	Room hire	£110.00
Neat and Tidy	Maintenance	£638.00
HMRC	PAYE	£364.97
S Smith	LNRS	£42.95
Receipts		
WCC	Lengthsman Scheme	£254.93
Allotment Holders	Rent	£168.00
WCC MH	Grant	£500.00

- 9.2 Bank Reconciliation for the end of March 2025 – **Approved**

10. Date of next meeting and AGM, Monday 12th May, starting at 7PM.