

Notes of Annual Parish Meeting
Held on Monday 12th May 2025
At Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall

Attending: Cllrs M Page, D Thomas, G Vernon, G Hogan, Mrs D Newbould, J Wright, H Grove, P Rowberry, S Walker, Mrs C Finnegan, Clerk Mrs Rachel Jefferies, District Cllr Ian Hardiman.

Apologies: Cllr S Smith

1. Cllr Mark Page our reappointed Chairman, welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Cllr Mark Page read out his annual Chairman's report:

Firstly, I would like to thank all my fellow councillors and clerk for their support and service to the parish over the last 12 months.

Again, I extend my thanks to our volunteers and contractors for all their efforts in keeping this Parish looking neat & tidy and running well. Yet again a special thanks to our clerk, Rachel, who works tirelessly in the background keeping our admin in order and this year keeping on top of the allotment purchase detail.

June, we celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. We held a cream tea at the village hall along with a themed film. There was a fly past around the parish and a history trail, through the village, over the weekend and prizes were won. The funds raised were shared between the British Legion and the Friends of St. Cassian's. Well done goes to Sue Smith and her team for the organising, events like that really bring our community together. We invited the planners Helen Hawkes & Richard Jennings to discuss some differences between our NHP and the national planning policy. Debbie gave a slide presentation on the purchase of the Allotment site. Yvonne resigned from the council. We sent thanks to her for her hard work and wished her well in the future.

July, we had the sad news of the passing of an ex-chairman, Jonathan Swift.

September, it was agreed that the pavement extension along the main road to the school would go ahead. Congratulations to Jim Wright and his team for raising over £10,800 at the Classic car show. We co-opted and welcomed Phil Rowberry to our team of councillors. With Sue Smith at the helm our Disaster Recovery working group was formed. We started the procedure of advertising for a Footpaths Manager. Sue Smith advised us of the up-and-coming apple picking sessions in our community orchard, the apples picked will eventually go off to be pressed and made into apple juice which will be sold locally. We agreed to purchase an Elm tree, through Chris Rowberry, early next year and have it planted down at the sports club.

October, through the LNRS (Local Nature Recovery Strategy) a donation of £90 was given for the school to purchase a bee hive, the school also paid a visit to the allotment site with a vision to start their own planting and develop an understanding of growing your own veg.

November, it was noted that a few local residents had decorated the bus stock, on Briar Hill, ready for Halloween and did a wonderful job. We advertised for a Sextant

for our burial ground and it was agreed a £600 annual donation towards the churchyard mowing.

December, was a quiet month for us just a request by the bus stop decorating group to create a Christmas Grotto which we happily agreed too.

February, we learned that the Government wish to abolish the 2-tier council system and have a one large one. A Unity authority based at the Worcester County Council. This means that WFDC will eventually go. Debbie Newbould reported that in April this year the Friends of St Cassian's will be holding a sale of Susan Shaw's donated artwork to help raise fund for a Dementia charity and Friends of St Cassian's. The council acquired 2 painting to be put on display in the Village Hall

April, we end the year on a sad note and that despite all our best efforts by many people we were unable to secure the purchase of the allotment site due to the Land Registry unable to grant title to the Dioceses and therefore we were unable to use our grants.

Finally, I would like to thank our three district councillors, in particular, Marcus Hart, who are represented at every Parish Meeting we hold and are always there to offer help and advice, thank you.

That concludes my report for 2024-25. Thank you very much.

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR – No questions