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1st September 2025

Dear Rachel,

Re: Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council Meeting, 1st September 2025

Chaddesley Issues

Ongoing Issues

1. As per my previous few reports, I am still dealing with 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. WCC are still investigating and whilst I have had updates they are basically that WCC are still looking into this issue! I will update when I can.
2. In respect of the flooding on the A448 at Fox Lane on the bend, you will be aware that I have asked WCC to look at this with a view to a permanent solution. I am very pleased that my persistence has paid off and a new gully has been installed since I reported to you on this in July.
3. As you are aware a local resident has contacted me regarding speeding on Tanwood Lane and requesting a reduction in speed limit in the national speed limit but the speed data did not support this. I have been out again with our highways officer and met Mrs Powell at Tanwood Cross Farm and we are looking at installing some farm warning signage in this location.
4. Hedges obstructing visibility in Drayton near Drayton Grove have been inspected and landowners will be written to. I was out with the highways officer in Drayton inspecting these. WCC highways are still dealing with this.
5. I have chased the siding out of the pavement right from Mustow Green through Winterfold and Redcross on the A448 right through to the village as I first reported this about 5 months ago now. I am unhappy it still hasn't been done but WCC say it is in a list. I have stressed it is becoming very urgent on safety grounds. I have now raised this with the Assistant Director.
6. Regarding the road that links Harkaway House to Hemming Way I did liaise with CHG and they have confirmed ownership and accept it will not be sufficient just to fill the potholes and are going to resurface it fully.

7. The pavement along the A448 is now completed with no issues.
8. I am also still chasing a date for the reinstatement of the kerbing at Lower Chaddesley from the village.

New Issues

1. There has been another set of 4 way lights at Mustow Green last Friday. Whilst there was a permit for the works, the lights were not needed and there was unauthorised work on the pavement. I constantly lobbied WCC in respect of this and to be fair WCC were repeatedly onto Severn Trent to get their contractors to remove the lights. This did happen after lunch. Severn Trent were issued with a fine by WCC.
2. I have had new bend warning signs installed on New Wood Lane/Sandy Lane.
3. Sandy Lane is to have significant resurfacing work undertaken as a result of me reporting the large number of potholes.
4. I met with Cllr. Dave Thomas together with my WCC highways officer after your July meeting on 8th July, having been contacted by your clerk. We looked at parking in the village street outside St. Cassian's Church. I am keen not to restrict parking for residents and visitors and increasing the length of double yellow lines can be a bit of a hornets nest and we have agreed to leave things as they are.

If you know of any organisation that wishes to apply for a grant from my councillors divisional funding please sign post them to me.

Wyre Forest Issues

Bewdley Bridge is now open to two way traffic. This happened over the summer holidays.

Strategic Issues County Wide

In respect of local government reorganisation WCC and the six districts worked together to put in their initial proposals by 21st March and final proposals by 28th November.

There was not total agreement across the seven authorities as some are supporting a unitary in the north and a unitary in the south and some support a unitary for the whole of Worcestershire.

Given that the Leader has appointed a Cabinet Member for 'One Worcestershire' I had assumed they supported a one unitary authority for Worcestershire. However, their position is still not clear and we are advised it will be confirmed in September.

As it presently stands the Government are scheduled to make a decision in April 2026 albeit I can see this being delayed until after the local elections in May

2026. Between 28th November and their decision they need to undertake statutory consultation.

There appears to be a complete lack of clarity on the new administration's capital programme as to what commitments they are going to continue with and which ones they will scrap.

Regarding county hall, they appear to have deemed this surplus but it's future proposed use appears unclear. Car parks have been rented out for use by the neighbouring hospital. This is something that was planned pre-May.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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