

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 2nd February 2026
AT CHADDESLEY CORBETT VILLAGE HALL
AT 7:00 pm

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

Cllr S Walker joined via video call.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs G Vernon and Mrs C Finnegan.
2. **Police Report: 185_I_08012026- We are investigating a shed theft which occurred on Woodrow Lane, Chaddesley Corbett on 7th January. The theft occurred between 1900 and 2100hrs when offenders gained entry to the shed by forcing a padlock, horse tack and a red quad bike were stolen.**
195_I_08012026 – Between 1600hrs on 7th January and 0800hrs on 8th January, unknown persons have gained entry to a property on Woodrow Lane and stolen copper piping from within.
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None**
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 1st December 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman. – **Approved**
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1.1 **Appeal 25/0269/PNR** - Barn And Land Opposite Vicarage Cottage, Barrow Hill Lane, Drayton, Belbroughton. Change of use of an agricultural building to dwellinghouses and associated works. – **No comment**
 - 6.1.2 **25/0952/OUT** - Land At Deloraine And The Bungalow , Woodrow Lane, Dorhall, Chaddesley Corbett, - Outline application for the demolition of 2No. dwellings and the construction of up to 5No. dwellings – **The following report was sent to the planning consultation:**

The application should not be approved for a number of reasons, including:

 1. The proposals conflict directly with WFDC's local plan policy which permits demolition on the basis of a 1-for-1 replacement provided that certain criteria are met.
 2. The application seeks to combine the plots of 2 existing detached dwellings to form a single development site for multiple dwellings.
 3. The development site fails to meet the criteria of sustainability for acceptable development on 'grey field' land. The officer's report for the previous, withdrawn application (25/0768/OUT) highlights that the location would leave future residents reliant on private transport to access the nearest services and facilities.

4. The accompanying Planning Statement References WFDC's response to pre-application enquiries about proposals for 10 properties on the land that then included the green field paddock. That response, amongst other things, "encourages that the number of dwellings is reduced to reflect the built character of nearby dwellings and their plots." The illustrative site plan appears to show 5 properties on a slightly smaller area of land than that shown in 25/0768/OUT as the site of 4 properties. The new application represents an even higher density of dwellings than the previous one.
5. The Officer's report of 16 December (re 25/0768/OUT) concludes (amongst other things) that "the scheme does not meet with the requirements of Criteria B, C or D of Paragraph 155 of the National Planning Policy Framework, and so the considerations of developing grey belt land are not engaged. The scheme therefore represents a significant and demonstrable conflict with the locational strategy for new housing within the district, and due to there being no very special circumstances identified the scheme represents significant inappropriate development within the Green Belt." There is nothing apparent in the new application that would suggest a different conclusion.

Cllr D Newbould also raised that a resident would like it noted that in principle he'd reject this application but he'd like the area redeveloped, they were worried about the extra traffic and footpath.

WFDC mentioned that they are chasing the planning team regarding the signage on the plot.

- 6.1.3 26/0057/LBC - Harvington Hall , Harvington Hall Lane, Harvington, Worcestershire, - Removal of failing modern lime ash flooring and replacement with reclaimed wooden boarding – **No comment**

6.2 **Planning Approvals/Rejections from WFDC**

- 6.2.1 **None**

7. **Councillor's Reports**

- 7.1 **District Councillors Reports** –Cllr M 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.

We have been dealing with a housing issue for a resident in Chaddesley.

We are chasing the enforcement issue regarding the A and H Construction sign still in the field at Woodrow. Residents have complained to us and you raised this to as a Parish Council.

Full update is available on our website.

- 7.1.2 **County Councillors Report** – Cllr M Hart reported the following:

I have been made aware by your clerk and a local resident regarding several RTC's at Mustow Green over recent months. I have requested the accident data from WCC highways but these latest accidents won't be in the data as there is a 3 month lag. Myself and Dean visited the location on 23rd January and are going to await the accident data first and make a decision on locations for VAS posts in due course which can face both ways, most likely on the bend before Winterfold and or after coming from the Chaddesley direction.

I have been made aware by your clerk following a resident contacting her about flooding on the Drayton Road between Bluntington Crossroads and Drayton. I have now reported this for inspection and following this NWWM have been contacted to liaise with landowners as

the ditches were full. A meeting is awaited but most likely they will request that landowners dig out the ditches. I can attest to the flooding as when I drove through at 7:30am on 21st January the road was completely flooded for about 100metres.

There has been yet more misery at Mustow Green with numerous works by Severn Trent since your December meeting. There is a meeting with Severn Trent on 29th January to discuss their scheme of works for the area as there is in essence major works planned around Chaddesley and Stone over the next two years, starting with Tandy's Lane 25th February to 14th June! I can't make the meeting but Ian and Robin will be attending as our district councillors and to represent me. I will report back and keep residents updated through my regular Facebook posts. I plan to meet with Severn Trent too to discuss these issues.

Full update is available on our website.

7.3.1 Councillors' Reports –

- 7.3.2 Cllr S Smith attended the LNRS meeting at Worcestershire Wildlife Trust in Evesham. It was noted that the strategy is heavily reliant on individual and community support, and it was acknowledged that the parish is contributing positively in this regard.
- 7.3.3 A significant issue with dog fouling within the parish was raised. The Clerk will contact Wyre Forest District Council to request appropriate signage. It was also discussed the possibility of running a "pink poo" highlighting campaign to raise awareness of the issue.
- 7.3.4 Cllr D Newbould asked whether the Clerk could contact Severn Trent Water to enquire about the availability of any funding or community support in recognition of disruption caused within the parish during upcoming works.

7.4 Clerk's Report

- 7.4.1 The defibrillator in Harvington has now been replaced free of charge and is now back in use.
- 7.4.2 Following a recent issue with access to the village defibrillator, it has been suggested that the access code could be shared with a small number of trusted local business owners for use in an emergency. For clarity, the code would only ever be provided once a 999 call has been made and the situation confirmed. It would be used solely if there were difficulties accessing the cabinet, to ensure the defibrillator can be retrieved without delay.
- 7.4.3 The ongoing issue with the flooding in Drayton is currently being investigated by Highways.
- 7.4.4 I attended a meeting with Severn Trent Water last week, where they advised that planned works are due to commence shortly, beginning with Tandy's Lane. The programme involves the replacement of water pipes in and around the area. Residents will be notified in advance of any works taking place. Given the recent issues experienced in Mustow Green, it is anticipated that pipe replacement in that area will be treated as a priority and brought forward within the schedule where possible.

8. CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION

- 8.1 LNRS Working group update: **Lisa Campbell, a teacher from the local school has kindly offered to talk at our AGM.**
- 8.1.2 DBS renewal for Cllr S Smith and DBS consideration for the clerk. – **Approved**
- 8.1.3 Cllr S Smith first aid course. – **The Clerk to organise a quote for a group first aid course for up to 10 people.**

- 8.1.4 Purchase of yellow rattle seeds for consideration at the cost of £49.50 – Chaddesley Corbett school to sow the seeds in February & then plant the seedlings in the Community orchard in March on the edge of the ring in the centre of the Orchard.- **Approved.**
- 8.2 Emergency Recovery Working Group update –
- 8.2.1 Emergency Recovery Plan document review. - **Debbie suggested adding the clerk to St Cassian’s local WhatsApp group.**
Thanks were given to Cllr S Smith, the Clerk, and Cllr S Walker for updating the document.
- 8.3 Mustow Green issues. - **The Clerk has been in discussion with Severn Trent Water in relation to the ongoing issues. Furthermore, Marcus Hart has been investigating and liaising with Highways on a number of the matters noted in the report above, with a view to progressing appropriate action.**
- 8.4 Badger Fencing quotes. – **The clerk to look for potential grant funding to help with the costs.**
- 8.5 Orchard working Group update. – **Cllr S Smith reported that Leo Stockford had recommended flail mowing and cutting back the heavier grassed areas. The Clerk will obtain quotations from the Council’s usual contractors, to establish availability to undertake the work.**
Any members who wish to join this working group are invited to make contact.
The next meeting of the working group will take place on either 14th or 21st April 2026 (date to be confirmed).
- 8.6 To consider a Well Being Working Group. – **The clerk to find out more details and bring more information back.**
- 8.7 To consider an Arboriculturist Report for trees on our land.- **The clerk to obtain quotations.**
- 8.8 An opportunity for Councillors to request an item of information to be considered for the next agenda.
- 8.8.1 The Great Tommy Sleep Out fundraiser.
- 8.9 **Maintenance Works** – The Clerk met with Ben from Neat and Tidy to discuss proposals to improve and neaten areas within the parish. A list of suggested works was agreed, and the Clerk will liaise with Worcestershire County Council Highways regarding the relevant items that were also raised.
9. **Financial Report**
- 9.1 A schedule of payments and receipts were signed for January 2026 – **Approved**

Name	Payment	Amount
Sovereign	Play equipment Maintenance	£47.99
Lyca Mobile	Phone Contract	£5.00
Nest	Pension	£81.78
D Robbins	Burial Ground	£145.00
Meadowfields	Lengthsman	£540.00
Neat & Tidy	Maintenance	£536.00

Amazon	Paper	£24.93
Leedan Packaging	Bin bags	£22.80

Receipts

Allotment Holders	Allotment Rent	£315.00
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9.2 Bank Reconciliation for the end of January 2026 – **Approved**

10. Date of next meeting, Monday 2nd March 2026, starting at 7PM.

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