



Wyre Forest District Council

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Wednesday 28th January 2026

Mrs. Rachel Jeffries – Clerk to Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council

Dear Rachel,

Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council Meeting – Monday 2nd February 2026

Firstly, given this is our first report of 2026, a very belated Happy New Year.

Local Issues

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.

Wyre Forest Issues

WFDC considered a Community Governance Review Report at full council at its meeting on 10th December and approved the reorganisation order for Wolverley and Cookley Parish Council to split into 3 Parish Councils Wolverley, Cookley and Lea Castle. There was one representation as part of the consultation which ended on 31st October and this was regarding when the new Parish Councils should come into being as originally it was proposed that they be formed from 1st September 2026. You will recall that you requested it be from 1st April 2027, to assist with annual contracts. The District Council agreed to this request. The Parish Council has been given until the end of August to set the precepts for the 3 new parish councils and give the figure to WFDC in order that the Chief Executive can settle the final order in consultation with the Leader of the Council as per the council delegation, some time in the autumn. The District Council also agreed a reorganisation order to amend the boundary between Kidderminster Town Council and Kidderminster Foreign Council. Likewise it agreed a minor change to the boundary for Kidderminster Town Council and Stourport on Severn Town Council.

We will not repeat all of the previous detail on the local government reorganisation proposals and unitary authority issues save as to say we had a special meeting of full

council at WFDC on Wednesday 12th November and approved the submission of supporting one unitary authority for the whole of Worcestershire as opposed to a North and a South. This response was submitted to the government by the 28th November deadline.

We are looking at ways that we may be able to support the Kidderminster Carpet Museum which the trustees have announced they are having to close. We anticipate making some form of grant. The Cabinet have now had two meetings with trustees

We are using £100k from our Evergreen investment fund and £195k from UK Shared Prosperity Fund monies to invest and refurb the entrance at Bewdley Museum. Work has started now.

We have now transferred a number of smaller assets and parcels of land to various town and parish councils under our localism agenda, namely Stourport TC and Bewdley RC and are actively working with Kidderminster TC over the transfer of some parks. Kidderminster should be dealt with by Cabinet in February.

We are actively marketing the newly refurbished Piano Building in the town centre for food and beverage on the ground floor and office space on the first and second floor.

We are considering proposals for the former Bridge Street car park in Stourport on Severn and hope to redevelop this site. We are potentially going to allocate £4million for this scheme which will be part of the budget process.

We are looking at securing a joint venture partner for residential development on the former Glades site and Bromsgrove Street car park.

Work should finish on the new urban park in Kidderminster town centre at the end of January with an official opening in the spring. We have recently announced that the park will be the Talbot Park in recognition of the late Charles Talbot MBE.

Work is well under way in Brinton Park, Kidderminster to redevelop the park and re-create the duck pond and re-build the Sons of Rest Centre and provide a café and toilets.

We are considering our 26-27 budget options and council tax is proposed to increase by 2.99%, a modest circa £7.50 pa on a Band D property.

We are also considering investing further resource to extend the contracts of our civil enforcement officers to ensure we continue to tackle parking on double yellow lines etc...

We are also going to create an additional post for an environmental protection officer. We currently have 3 and wish to create a 4th post to provide an additional 37 hours' worth of enforcement per week, tackling fly tipping, littering, dog fouling, enforcing the public spaces protection orders in our parks, gardens, play areas, SSSI's and nature reserves.

We are looking at freezing car park charges in 26-27 to encourage greater foot fall in the towns and support our businesses.

Cabinet will meet on 11th February to make its final recommendations to full council which meets on 25th February to make its decision. A meeting of the Audit committee has had to be convened for 27th February to deal with the council tax resolution as WCC has delayed its budget setting meeting to 26th February.

If you have any issues, you would like us to deal with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With our very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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