

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 2nd March 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, Mrs C Finnegan, S Walker and Mrs S Smith, Clerk Mrs R Jefferies. County/ District Cllr Ian Hardiman.

1. **APOLOGIES: - None**
2. **Police Report: Nothing to Report**
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 2nd February 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman. – **Approved**
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1.1 Drollis farm presentation.- The Council received a pre-application presentation from the new owners of Drollis Farm and their planning consultant outlining proposals for the site. The presentation included the current condition of the building and indicative plans for redevelopment.
No decisions were required, and the presentation was for information only.
 - 6.1.2 25/0845/FUL – **APPEAL** - Grove Farm House , Drayton Road, Drayton, Belbroughton.- Demolition of garage and replacement with 3No. dwellings and associated works – **For Information only.**
 - 6.1.3 26/0104/HOU - West View , Drayton Road, Bluntington, Chaddesley Corbett, - A single-storey outbuilding, incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse – **No Objection**
 - 6.1.4 26/0138/FUL - Drayton Mill , Drayton Road, Drayton, Belbroughton,- Conversion of existing building to Live Work Unit - Conversion of existing building to Live Work Unit – **No Objection**
 - 6.1.5 26/0114/CLP - **Rose Cottage, Woodrow Lane, Woodrow, Chaddesley Corbett**, Worcestershire, DY10 4QF - Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed single storey side extension – **No Objection**
- 6.2 **Planning Approvals/Rejections from WFDC**
 - 6.2.1 **None**
7. **Councillor’s Reports**
 - 7.1 **District Councillors Reports** –Cllr Ian Hardiman 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.

The A & H sign has been removed from Woodrow. The Planning application for 5 properties is still to be determined.
Full update is available on our website.

7.1.2 County Councillors Report – Cllr Ian Hardiman reported the following on behalf of Cllr Marcus Hart: Hedges on Dobes Lane obstructing the highway have been reported following this being raised by the chairman to me at the last meeting. They have now been inspected and I am advised that hedges at Picklewell House are an issue and the landowner has been written to.

I have been contacted by a resident in Deansford Lane (in the Chaddesley Corbett parish) complaining that the edge of carriage way repair done last year has worn away in large parts, plus there are speeding issues and the speed limit should be changed from national speed limit. This lane straddles, Churchill and Blakedown, Stone and Chaddesley Corbett parishes.

Full update is available on our website.

7.3.1 Councillors' Reports –

7.3.2 None

7.4 Clerk's Report

7.4.1 The Clerk reports that the resignation of Councillor Geoff Vernon was received on 23.02.26. Wyre Forest District Council has issued a Notice of Vacancy.

The Council wishes to place on record its sincere thanks to Cllr Geoff Vernon for his many years of dedicated service.

7.4.2 WFDC have confirmed they have erected signs in the problem areas regarding the dog fouling, and a CEO will monitor the area.

7.4.3 I've spoken to Severn Trent Water regarding Cllr D Newbold's enquiry about potential funding. They advised that the Parish Council may submit suggestions for community support, which will be considered for possible approval, although no commitment has been made at this stage.

7.4.4 The request for the post box being painted on briar Hill has been submitted with confirmation that an engineer will tend to this box as soon as possible.

8. CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION

8.1 **LNRS Working group update – Cllr S Smith reported that a date has been arranged with the local school to undertake planting activities in conjunction with Science Week. Yellow rattle seeds are also due to be planted at the community orchard with the school the following week. It was noted that the native daffodils previously planted around the parish are beginning to emerge. Bec Ellsmore and Mervyn Needham have unfortunately recently resigned from the LNRS. Thanks were expressed for all their help & support which has been gratefully appreciated.**

Tanja Franz has kindly agreed to join the LNRS Working Group.

Hyde Hives, have offered to donate some wooden animal features for installation within the community orchard.

8.1.2 Approval of 4 x new wild flower signs. Up to the value of £50.00 – **Approved.**

8.2 A Quote for consideration to paint the Parish bins £183.00 – **Approved.**

8.3 First Aid courses £1,090 plus VAT- **Approved**

- 8.4 **Badger Fencing.** – The clerk has looked for potential grant funding to help with the costs. The suggested Clare Hammacott only fund to organisations with an income of less than £15,000. National Lottery Community Fund – Primarily supports projects delivering social and community benefits, rather than funding capital infrastructure or measures focused on wildlife exclusion.
Natural Networks Programme – Focuses on habitat enhancement and biodiversity gains, and would not normally fund works whose main purpose is to prevent wildlife access.
Biffa Award – Provides support for environmental improvement and biodiversity projects, but fencing intended mainly as wildlife deterrence would fall outside its usual criteria.
The clerk will follow up with the wildlife Badger Trust for further suggestions.
- 8.5 The Great Tommy Sleep Out fundraiser.- **Postponed until the next meeting.**
- 8.6 Review of the Clerk’s Salary Review following completion of the CiLCA Qualification. – **The Clerk left the meeting during consideration of this item. The Council considered the Clerk’s salary review and it was resolved to increase the Clerk’s salary by one spinal column point on the NJC pay scale. It was further agreed that the Clerk be invited to attend a meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss remuneration further.**
- 8.7 To consider Arboriculturist quotes to do an annual report for trees on our land.- **Postponed until the next meeting.**
- 8.8 To consider a request from the Care Café for a grant of £1250.00 – **Approved. The event for the Parish will be held on Wednesday 12th August 2026 at 2:00 pm.**
- 8.9 Consideration for a Wellbeing working group.- **It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Lucy at CALC to arrange a presentation at a future meeting to provide further information regarding the proposed group.**
- 8.10 Blakedown Bolt 2026 – **No objections.**
- 8.11 Mobile signal improvements – **Cllr D Thomas reported that correspondence had been received enquiring whether the Council would be supportive of the installation of telecommunications equipment at a high point, such as the church flagpole to improve connectivity. The enquiry sought an indication of whether the Council would raise any objection, and if not, whether contact details for the church could be provided. Cllr D Newbould agreed to make enquiries with the Friends of St Cassian’s Members agreed that the proposal warranted further exploration.**
- 8.12 An opportunity for Councillors to request an item of information to be considered for the next agenda.
- 8.12.1 Cllr D Newbould – Community ideas.
- 8.13 **Maintenance Works** – The clerk advised that Don Robbins will be unavailable for a period of several weeks. Arrangements will be reviewed as necessary during this time.
9. **Financial Report**
- 9.1 A schedule of payments and receipts were signed for February 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
HMRC	PAYE / NI	£867.32
DBS	Government services	£21.50
LLOYDS BANK	Service Charge	£5.09
Receipts		
Allotment Holders	Allotment Rent	£252.00
WCC	Lengthsman Scheme	£198.00
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9.2 Bank Reconciliation for the end February 2026 – **Approved**

10. Date of next meeting, Monday 13th April 2026, starting at 7PM.

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