

Mrs Rachel Jeffries
Clerk to Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council
clerk@chaddesleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Sunday 12th April 2026

Dear Rachel,

Re: Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13th April 2026

Chaddesley Issues

Ongoing Issues

1. I gave extensive updates on Barrow Hill flooding and Egg Lane flooding in my previous reports and so they are therefore not repeated here.
2. Hedges obstructing visibility in Drayton near Drayton Grove have now finally been cut.
3. Locations for village gateways in Curslow Lane are currently being assessed
4. I have yet again reported damaged bollards on the A448 and these will be repaired. They have now been added to the work program I am advised by Dean.
5. I reported fully in my March report about on going work with WCC, NWWM and local landowners to tackle flooding on Fox Lane and the A448 and so won't repeat that here and I will provide a further full update over the coming months.
6. Speeding in various locations continues to be reported to me throughout the parish and I raise this with the police.
7. As previously reported, I have received a complaint regarding damage crash barriers on the A450 at Barnetbrook not being replaced following an accident over 12 months ago. I have chased this now and specialists are working on the design and preparing a scheme. Reply from WCC highways, "I have spoken with the Team in relation to the length of time taken to repair the damage caused at this location. The Team have advised that specialists have been working on the scheme and preparing a design. The scheme is very complex and has been difficult to design due to a number of factors including a significant number of services in the affected verge as well as insufficient existing verge width on the departure end of the barrier, which has unfortunately had an impact on the length of time taken to resolve this particular issue."

8. I have received complaints regarding the number of HGV's using the A450 and A448. I have now raised this with WCC highways. I met with WCC officers and residents about this issue and other highway issues on 3rd March and ultimately there is little if anything WCC can do. This is a designated HGV route and indeed was one of the official routes when planning consent was granted for the Energy from Waste Plant. Dean and I also dealt with some other issues whilst at our meeting; the requesting that the white lining be repainted in the service road, some pavement be resurfaced; the positioning of highway signage when Severn Trent do their works and also clarification of who owns the verge by Bay Leaves at the junction of the A450.
 9. Regarding parking on Briar Hill and the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for double yellow lines this has gone through the process and the Order will be made as of 14th May, subject to no public objections and hopefully we should see double yellow lines being installed very soon after that.
 10. I am just awaiting final confirmation of VAS locations for the A448 Redcross/Brockencote/Mustow Green area.
 11. I have previously reported on flooding on the Drayton Road between Bluntington Crossroads and Drayton and reported that these works are scheduled for 12th – 16th October due to bird nesting season. I did say that I would challenge this as I don't believe that work on the ditches would affect bird nesting, but WCC are not budging on this and the response back is that there could be nesting birds in the ditches at ground level.
 12. I have received a complaint regarding damage crash barriers on the A450 at Barnetbrook not being replaced following an accident over 12 months ago. I have chased this now and specialists are working on the design and preparing a scheme. Reply from WCC highways, "I have spoken with the Team in relation to the length of time taken to repair the damage caused at this location. The Team have advised that specialists have been working on the scheme and preparing a design. The scheme is very complex and has been difficult to design due to a number of factors including a significant number of services in the affected verge as well as insufficient existing verge width on the departure end of the barrier, which has unfortunately had an impact on the length of time taken to resolve this particular issue." I have just received an update on this which now says:-

"A topographical survey of the site to support the constraints study has been undertaken this week (23rd and 24th February). If a foundation option can be identified which avoids the need for utility diversions, it is hoped to be on site once the Severn Trent works are completed in June/July of this year." So watch this space and I will update further when I can.
 13. I am told that work at Egg Lane, Drayton which I have previously reported in terms of the road condition is scheduled for 1 day between 12th-26th May.
 14. 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 don't have an update as yet.
 15. 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, Churhill and Blakedown, Stone and Chaddesley Corbett parishes. This has
-

been inspected now and some pothole repairs ordered. We have also had a speed limit survey undertaken which I will attach to this report, in which the data does not evidence a speed issue and so WCC simply won't progress this. I have taken a drive down there recently to look at any issues for myself.

New Issues

1. I have received a complaint regarding speeding at Lower Chaddesley and have had a request for a VAS in this location and have asked WCC to investigate.
2. I have received a complaint regarding construction parking obstructing the pavement and visibility at Bluntington Cottage by the Bluntington Crossroads. I have asked the police to pay attention to this.
3. I have received a complaint regarding minor obstructions on the highway along Woodrow and these have been reported for removal.
4. Severn Trent will be beginning their work on Curslow Lane later this month. The water leak at Harvington was fixed over the Easter Bank holiday weekend.

Wyre Forest Issues

Nothing of note save for the general state of the roads now with considerable of potholes even on main roads as a result of the amount of rain we had in January and February. I continue to report these.

Strategic Issues County Wide

There have been more changes to the WCC Cabinet with Cllr. Karl Perks being removed from post and Cllr. Nik Price taking this role on an interim basis. Cllr. Price is currently the cabinet member for efficiency.

The County Hall campus has still not been demolished despite the administration saying it is surplus to requirements and confirming it would be.

There has recently been a Gypsy and Traveller site that have set up on the site but they have now been moved on.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr. Marcus J. Hart
County Councillor – Chaddesley Division

Copy to: District Cllr. Ian Hardiman, Wyre Forest District Council
District Cllr. Robin Drew, Wyre Forest District Council
District Cllr. Marcus Hart, Wyre Forest District Council

Marcus Hart

Electoral Division
Chaddesley

County Hall
Spetchley Road
Worcester
WR5 2NP

Tel: 07537169169

Email

mhart@worcestershire.gov.uk
