



Wyre Forest District Council

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Mrs. Rachel Jefferies – Clerk to Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council

Dear Rachel

Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13th April 2026

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 and continue to monitor all enforcement issues.

We have reported a fridge and other items fly tipped along Harvington Hall Lane over the bank holiday weekend for removal.

Wyre Forest Issues

We previously reported that 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 now been completed, which allows the space at the front of the museum to be used more flexibly.

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 have a considerable amount of interest and are just awaiting someone to sign on the dotted line.

We are considering proposals for the former Bridge Street car park in Stourport on Severn and hope to redevelop this site. As part of the budget in February Council approved to allocate £4million for this scheme. The artist impressions have been on social media and there was an engagement exercise recently at the Stourport Civic Centre and there has been a public consultation on this. We anticipate this now coming to the planning committee over the next few months.

Work continues to secure a joint venture partner for residential development on the former Glades site and Bromsgrove Street car park.

Work has finished on the new urban park in Kidderminster town centre with all the planting finished off. There will be an official opening in May. The park has been named the Talbot Park in recognition of the generations of Talbot who served in local government and the

work of the late Charles Talbot MBE. There has been some social media attention on this with a member of the public seeking to argue that it hasn't been built to conform with the correct regulations. WFDC put out a full response to this, and the park has been constructed with regard to all relevant legislation and regulations. The topology of this site is very challenging.

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. The existing toilet block is also being refurbished and having a new roof and there is to be a changing places toilet too within the park of which we received an additional external grant for. We have already had interest from people who wish to run the café and this will be operated commercially, we will run a tender process in due course. The new building will be known as The Pavilion.

At its meeting on 8th April, Cabinet approved two reports which are going to be of significant interest to the general public. One is the Local Plan Review timetable. This will be very challenging as the Government has increased our housing figure by 112% from 276 dwellings per year to 584 dwellings per year. As your local rural team we are very fearful this will clearly mean more pressure to release Green Belt land, something we are pre-disposed to want to reject. Full Council in May will set up a Local Plan Review Panel to start considering potential sites. This will include some representatives from Town and Parish Councils in a non-voting capacity. This work will be exempt given the commercial sensitivity at this stage. The public consultation on the actual sites WFDC proposes for consideration will not be until June-August 2027.

The second report is a further call for sites specifically for Gypsy and Traveller pitches. The original call for sites, identified just 5 potential sites. These could accommodate 75 pitches but there are many constraints that could reduce this actual number.

The Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTANA) requires 133 pitches across the period 2025-2046. We need 68 pitches between 2025-2030. WFDC own the Zortech Avenue site which has been marketed for sale and this is an allocated site in the previous local plan approved in 2022 and can meet the need for 16 out of the 68 pitches required.

The reason for the increased demand is due to the Government revising the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) to make policy clearer, fairer and more inclusive and reversing some of the previous narrower definitions. This meant that more Gypsy and Traveller families would be included within the GTANA.

We already know that we have insufficient pitches to meet demand, hence losing 3 appeals in the last year or so, 2 in the Chaddesley area.

The consultation will run from 20th April – 13th July 2026 and we will await to see what land, landowners offer up for consideration. This will then form part of the local plan.

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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