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Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Rachel,

Re: Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council Meeting – Monday 11th May 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. Locations for village gateways in Curslow Lane have been agreed for installation towards the Droitwich Road end, by the properties The Willows and then further up by the two bungalows past the fisheries on the right if you are coming from the Mustow Green direction.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Speeding in various locations continues to be reported to me throughout the parish and I raise this with the police.
6. 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 grant 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 and double yellow line 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. I have now dealt with

these issues, the double yellow lines and white lining have been repainted, the pavement has been repaired and the issue of who owns the verge has been resolved, it is WCC highway verge. Also WCC cannot mandate a company as to where their signals goes at this location.

7. 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.
 8. I am still awaiting final confirmation of VAS locations for the A448 Redcross/Brockencote/Mustow Green area.
 9. 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.
 10. 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.
 11. Egg Lane, Drayton which I have previously reported in terms of the road condition is scheduled for 1 day between 12th-26th May.
 12. I am advised that hedges at Picklewell House are an issue and the landowner has been written to and when I met with Dean on 5th May in the parish he advised me that they had been done.
 13. 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. By way of an update, I have now met the resident with Dean on 5th May and Dean is going to take the issues away and see what if anything, WCC can do. Some of the issues are rather unresolvable.
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14. I 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. They are still investigating locations.
15. I received a complaint regarding construction parking obstructing the pavement and visibility at Bluntington Cottage by the Bluntington Crossroads. I emailed the construction company and I have passed this location numerous times over the last month and the situation appears much better.
16. I have received a complaint regarding minor obstructions on the highway along Woodrow and this item has been removed.
17. Severn Trent have now began their work on Curslow Lane.
18. The resurfacing of Harbash Lane has now been completed.

New Issues

1. I have been contacted by a Mustow resident regarding a drain cover and this has been investigated by WCC and there is no issue.
2. Regarding the possibility of a bench at Lower Chaddesley following an email from your clerk I am pleased to say this is possible.

The Road Safety Team have responded with the below comments:-

“If you can ask the PC to send a photo of the bench they wish to purchase and an exact location which complies with the below, I will be able to get a licence issued.

I do not see any problems in placing the bench in the location marked. It's not in a visibility splay and is set back from the carriageway. The bench will be required to be located off the footway as not to obstruct the footway as it would be a hazard to vulnerable users of the footway.”

Therefore, please email Dean and I and we can progress this.

3. Regarding, parking issues further up Briar Hill, by Malvern View/The Crescent and bus stop, following an email from your clerk I have been monitoring this location and indeed visited with Dean on 5th May and saw not one car parked anywhere in this location.
4. Cakebole Lane will be surface dressed between 15th – 29th May.
5. Dean and I are tackling flooding/water ponding issues on Cakebole Lane past Letterbox Cottage and Dean is liaising with a local resident about this.

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

Full Council has not met since 26th February budget setting council. The Reform administration have changed their group leader and replaced Cllr. Jo Monk with Cllr. Alan Amos. Full Council will meet on 14th May to elect a new leader and we watch with interest what will happen over the next couple of weeks.

No further update on devolution, we await the Government's decision before the summer recess.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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