

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 6th July 2026
AT CHADDESLEY CORBETT VILLAGE HALL
AT 7:00 pm

Attending: Chairman Cllr M Page, Cllrs J Wright, P Rowberry, D Thomas, Mrs D Newbould, Mrs C Finnegan, S Walker, G Hogan, H Grove and Mrs S Smith, Clerk Mrs R Jefferies. County/ District Cllr I Hardiman. And 4 visitors.

1. **APOLOGIES: - NONE**

2. **Police Report: Nothing to Report**

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett from 11.30 - 12.30pm on Saturday 25th July 2026.

2.1 **Reports of Speeding / antisocial behaviour. – The Clerk reported ongoing concerns regarding speeding and antisocial behaviour, particularly in the Mustow Green area. These concerns have been raised with both the police and County Councillor Marcus Hart following the number of recent road traffic accidents. It was noted that speeding is particularly prevalent at weekends.**

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. **Minutes**

Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting and Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th May 2026 – **Approved**

6. **Planning**

6.1.1 **None**

6.2 **Planning Approvals/Rejections from WFDC – None**

7 **Councillor's Reports**

7.1 **District Councillors/County Council Reports.**

Cllr I Hardiman reported the following:

Local Issues:

We have been dealing with litter and fly-tipping issues; we have no specific issues to report.

Wyre Forest Issues:

E. V. Chargers have been installed at Wyre Forest House and the Green Street Depot/offices. Installation at our public car parks is still awaiting authorisation for contractors to complete the necessary works.

The HLF Brinton Park Project has been delayed by services connections issues so the opening will now be September.

Cabinet will consider at its 9th July meeting:

- A. The disposal of part of Burlish Country Park to Kidderminster Harriers F.C.
- B. The principal of a leasehold disposal of Brown Westhead Park and the Habberley Road sports field to Worcestershire F.A.

Good news is that Nando's has opened in the Kidderminster Riverside Building formerly occupied by Bistro Pierre.

Local Government Reorganisation : A decision is expected this month but there is uncertainty due to likely change in PM and Secretary of State!

7.1.2 New reports WCC:

Cllr M Hart circulated his report prior to the meeting.

New Issues:

- 1. I have been contacted by a resident in Drayton regarding speeding traffic and have said I would raise with the police.
- 2. I have been made aware of circa 3 RTC's in the Chaddesley area over the last month or so, several on the A448 between Redcross and Mustow Green and one on the A450 at Harvington. I await what the police reports say but it takes about 3 months to make their way from the police to WCC.
- 3. I have been contacted by a resident in Drayton regarding the lack of verge cutting in Egg Lane and I am investigating.
- 4. I have been in liaison with your clerk on one or two minor enquiries.

Full report is on our website.

7.2 Councillors' Reports

- 7.2.1 **Councillors M Page and S Walker reported on their attendance at the Wyre Forest CALC AGM held in Shatterford. It was noted that discussions on Local Government Reorganisation, including the view that Worcestershire is likely to be divided into northern and southern unitary authorities rather than a single unitary council.**

7.3 Clerk's Report

- 7.3.1 I attended the Worcestershire CALC Health & Wellbeing event organised by Lucy, which was absolutely fantastic. It was a really well put together and well-attended event, full of useful contacts, ideas and discussions around the excellent work councils and clerks are doing within their communities.

It was also a great networking opportunity and a real reflection of the effort Lucy has put into community engagement and supporting councils across Worcestershire.

- 7.3.2 I met with Paul Allen at the allotments for some advice regarding the badger situation. He advised There is little more that the Parish Council can reasonably do at this stage. Erecting additional fencing is unlikely to eliminate the problem completely. While deterrents may help, they are unlikely to provide a permanent solution.

To take this forward, I propose inviting all allotment holders to a meeting to discuss the issue and share ideas on what has been effective on individual plots. This will give everyone the opportunity to exchange practical solutions, such as different types of fencing, deterrents and planting methods. We can also identify which areas are being most affected and whether certain crops are being targeted more than others.

To facilitate this, I have included an agenda item later in the meeting seeking approval for the cost of hiring the village hall so that this meeting can be arranged.

- 7.3.3 The Parish Council has received reports of incidents involving cyclists within the parish, including concerns regarding road safety and, in some cases, allegations of aggressive or abusive behaviour towards other road users.

Residents are reminded to report any incidents directly to the police where appropriate, as this helps build an accurate picture of any ongoing issues and enables the relevant authorities to take action where necessary.

- 7.3.4 I am pleased to advise Cllrs that I have recently accepted the role of Executive and Area Committee Clerk for Worcestershire CALC, following an approach to undertake the position.

8. **CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION**

- 8.1 Health and Well being presentation – **Cllrs received a presentation from Lucy Bird of Worcestershire CALC on health and wellbeing. It was agreed that the establishment of a Wellbeing Working Group will be considered at the next meeting.**
- 8.2 Review Quote for replacement play equipment items £844.24.- **Deferred to the next meeting. The Clerk will obtain a breakdown of labour and material costs and confirm whether the warranty remains valid if the works are completed by an alternative contractor.**
- 8.3 LNRS Working group update – **Cllr S Smith provided an update on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), including feedback from the community survey and recommendations received from Wade Muggleton. It was agreed to fund the proposed tree replacements using the reimbursement received from the solicitors for the Community Orchard account. Cllrs also noted that the planned school visit had been cancelled due to the hot weather.**
- 8.4 Co-option of a Councillor. – **Resolved to co-opt Terry Wicks as a Parish Councillor.**
- 8.5 Review Quotes for a new Notice Board – **Resolved to purchase two replacement notice boards for the Village and Church at a total cost of £2,000.**
- 8.6 Update from Finance Committee. – **The recommendations of the Finance Committee were received and noted. Quarterly Finance Committee meetings will resume.**
- 8.6.1 Review of the Clerks salary – **Resolved to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation regarding the Clerk's salary.**
- 8.7 Review of Quote for recommendation based on the previous tree survey £2,460.00 + VAT.– **Approved**
- 8.8 Annual Report for review. - **Approved**
- 8.9 AGAR section 1 and 2 – internal audit and publication notice was displayed on notice board and website. All Documentation has been sent to PKF Auditors. – **Acknowledged**
- 8.10 Review of Burial Ground Fees.- **Approved**
- 8.11 Consideration to allow plaques in the Orchard.- **Resolved that personal plaques will not be permitted on any trees within the Community Orchard.**
- 8.12 Approval of Allotment holder meeting and hire of Village Hall. – **Approved**
- 8.13 Review of Mileage Allowance:

To consider Worcestershire CALC's advice following the recent HMRC mileage rate changes and determine whether the Council wishes to amend the Clerk's contract and/or mileage policy to align with HMRC rates, noting that NJC has confirmed it will not be changing its mileage rates.- **Resolved to amend the Clerk's contract to reflect the HMRC mileage rate of 55p per mile, backdated to 6 April 2026.**

8.14 An opportunity for Councillors to request an item of information to be considered for the next agenda.

8.14.1 Consideration of a Defibrillator for the Village Hall.

8.15 **Maintenance Works** – Report on ongoing maintenance works. – **None**

9. **Financial Report and Actions**

9.1 To receive schedule of payments and receipts for June 2026.- **Approved**

Name	Payment	Amount
Sovereign	Play equipment Maintenance	£47.99
Lyca Mobile	Phone Contract	£5.00
Nest	Pension	£94.30
D Robbins	Burial Ground	£150.00
LLOYDS BANK	Service Charge	£4.25
HMRC	PAYE	£356.72
Chaddesley Village Hall	Room Hire	£50.00
Meadowfields	Lengthsman	£876.60
Defib Warehouse	Battery	£366.00

Receipts

WCC	Lengthsman Scheme	£323.00
WCC	GRASS CUTTING	£2244.94
HMRC	VAT RETURN	£2593.83
SME SOLICITORS	REFUND UNDERTAKING	£2947.49

9.2 Bank Reconciliation for the end of June 2026 – **Approved**

10. Date of next meeting and Annual Parish meeting, Monday 7th September 2026, starting at 7PM.