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Thursday 3rd September 2026

Dear Rachel,

Re: Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council Meeting – Monday 7th September 2026

Chaddesley Issues

Ongoing Issues

1. Regarding Barrow Hill flooding I have reported on this previously. The gate is no longer going to be moved at the farm. It has agreed that a 'cover crop' will be planted. The WCC water management officer has agreed this with the landowner.
2. Regarding, Egg Lane flooding again, I have reported on this previously and the WCC water management officer was meeting with the landowner on 1st September and I am awaiting an update.
3. 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. I am pleased to report that these have now been installed.
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. I should say that some have been repaired and now damaged again and these have reported too.
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. On 1st September when I met with Dean our highways officer he did say that WCC drainage team are actively looking at this now and undertaking CCTV work to assess what is going on.
6. Speeding in various locations continues to be reported to me throughout the parish and I raise this with the police.
7. In respect of the VAS location on the A448, A new higher pole to accommodate the VAS sign and the 30mph sign outside Chaddesley Corbett Primary School should be installed soon.

8. 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.
9. 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. Dean was not able to provide me with any further update when I met on 16th June. On 1st September Dean advised there was no update!!!

10. I reported previously that I was 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. Following the PC saying this was an issue this has been raised again as an issue for attention. Dean advises that some work has now been done and the green team are satisfied for now but require more work in the autumn.
11. 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. Dean updated me on 16th June, and they are looking at repairing the worst potholes in the verges and writing to some landowners regarding hedges obstructing the road. The road safety team are also to survey the lane to see what else can be done. WCC will not review the speed limit. Work has now been done here, landowners have been written to to cut back hedges and some work has been done. Some edge of carriageway work has been done in terms of filling in potholes and some work is going to be done to widen the road in places to create pull ins/passing places. I have received several emails about this issue recently, especially in respect of horse riders and the speed drivers drive past them.
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12. Regarding the possibility of a bench at Lower Chaddesley following an email from your clerk I am pleased to say that further to my May report a licence has been granted by WCC for this. I note no bench as yet.
13. 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. In July, I said that I proposed to do nothing further at this stage. I have now received further evidence of this issue and have agreed to consult on a stretch of double yellow lines here, similar to the bottom end of Malvern View/Briar Hill.
14. 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. The drains are to be jetted in the autumn, and we await a camera survey.
15. I have been contacted by a resident in Drayton regarding speeding traffic and have said I would raise with the police. I also hosted a meeting at the Robin Hood PH at Drayton on 26th August where there were over 30 residents present. A number of requests were made in terms of traffic calming, ie speed bumps or chicanes, 20 mph speed limit, extending the 30mph speed limit and a speed camera. I am very sympathetic with residents having to put up with drivers speeding through the 30mph limit. Some of the suggestions, sadly are not viable but I have asked WCC highways to get up to date traffic speed and volume data in the first instance and then take it from there. I have suggested and indeed am in liaison with West Mercia Police regarding setting up a community speed watch scheme if the criteria is met. A representative from the British Horse Society also attended and requested the Parish Council put up their Horse posters in several strategic locations where bridleways come out by the road.
16. 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. Since what I wrote in my July report I am aware there was one in late August and am awaiting the details of that too.
17. I have been contacted by a resident in Drayton regarding the lack of verge cutting in Egg Lane. Having investigated this WCC assured me that it would be cut very early in the second cut. They think it was just missed.

New Issues

1. I have had blocked gullied reported to me in Drayton by Bridge Cottage.
 2. I have had the issue of the kerb outside Bridge Cottage having worn away. WCC are investigating.
 3. I have received a request for the criteria for a speed camera or speed enforcement between Mustow Green and Brockencote.
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4. I have received a request for double yellow lines outside St. Cassian's Way in the village street. I have seen sufficient evidence now to progress this matter to consultation for a small length either side of the junctions to enhance visibility and highway safety when exiting and entering from the village street.
5. I attended, Ct. Cassian's Church Fete, Harvington Church Fete, The Dementia Care event in conjunction with the Parish Council and Chaddesley Sports Club for a cricket match with the local team over the summer period. Really great to be out and about in the parish.

Wyre Forest Issues

Nothing of note save for the general state of the roads and I continue to report potholes. There have been lots of road works over the school summer holidays.

Strategic Issues

The Cabinet is still a cross-party mix of Green, Liberal Democrat, Independent and Worcestershire Independents.

Full Council last met on 16th July and there was potentially a notice of motion of no confidence in the leader as this was proposed by members of the Reform UK group but the notice of motion was withdrawn.

It has been quiet as the County Council tends not to meet in August.

The next meeting of full council takes place on Thursday, 10th September.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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