

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

Attending: Chairman Cllr M Page, Cllrs J Wright, D Thomas, Mrs C Finnegan, S Walker, G Hogan, H Grove, T Wicks and Mrs S Smith, Clerk Mrs R Jefferies. County/ District Cllr I Hardiman. 5 Visitors

1. **APOLOGIES:** - Cllr P Rowberry and D Newbould
2. **Police Report:** 00465_I_06082026 - We are appealing to the Chaddesley Corbett community for information following a burglary at a home on Lodge Ford Hill. The burglary took place overnight, 5-6th August 2026.
 - 2.1 Reports of Speeding / antisocial behaviour have been on going and the clerk will continue to report them.
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – A member of the public attended the meeting to express concerns regarding traffic and speeding in the Woodrow and Bluntington areas. Cllr I Hardiman agreed to raise these concerns with Cllr M Hart. The Clerk advised that the VAS units located along Woodrow could provide data to evidence the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit.
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 - 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 Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 –
Approved and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1.1 **Representatives from the Planning Team attended the meeting to provide training to councillors and an update on recent changes to national planning legislation and their implications for the planning process.**
 - 6.1.2 26/0622/FUL - Barn At Os 388805 273749, Bromsgrove Road, Brockencote, Chaddesley Corbett, - Erection of a single storey dwelling – **No objection**
 - 6.1.3 26/0630/HOU - 4 Spalding House , St Cassians Way, Chaddesley Corbett, Kidderminster – Replacemnet windows – **No objection**
 - 6.1.4 26/0650/TPO - Sadlers Cottage , The Village, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire,- T1 - Lime (TPO) - Reduced previosuly - Crown reduce by up to 2m or 20%, - **No Objection**
 - 6.1.5 26/0637/FUL - Site At Grove Farm, Drayton Road, Drayton, Belbroughton, - Erection of a single storey dwelling – **No Objection**

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 continue to attend to littering issues and fly-tipping reports across the Parish. We have reported litter on the A448.

Wyre Forest Issues:

EV Chargers have been installed at Wyre Forest House and the Green Street Depot.

The HLF Brinton Park Project has been delayed by services connection issues so the opening will now be later this autumn. Work has been delayed due to highways not granting a permit for the road closure due to the sink hole in Sutton Road near the park. We are pleased, having gone out to tender to appoint a contractor with a proven track record of providing catering across a number of venues in Worcestershire.

7.1.2 New reports WCC:

Cllr M Hart circulated his report prior to the meeting.

New Issues:

I have had blocked gullied reported to me in Drayton by Bridge Cottage.

I have had the issue of the kerb outside Bridge Cottage having worn away. WCC are investigating.

I have received a request for the criteria for a speed camera or speed enforcement between Mustow Green and Brockencote.

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.

7.2 Councillors' Reports

7.2.1 Cllr H Grove advised that he had completed a survey for National Neighbourhood Watch regarding conditions and the response within the parish.

7.3 Clerk's Report

7.3.1 The NJC pay scales for 2026/27 have now been agreed, with a 3.3% increase effective from 1 April 2026. I will implement my revised rate and backdate the increase accordingly.

7.3.2 In light of the fires experienced over the summer, I thought it would be helpful for the Emergency Plan Working Group to consider including arrangements for a fire emergency. We understandably tend to focus on flooding, but it may be useful to identify a safe place for residents to go and make this information widely known.

7.3.3 Just a reminder that councillor training and refresher courses are available through CALC. Although training is not mandatory, all councillors are encouraged to attend at least one course each year, particularly those who have recently joined the Council. Please contact me for further information.

7.3.4 Following complaints regarding the new fencing near Harvington Hall, the matter was referred to the planning team for investigation.

8. CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION

8.1 Health and Well being Working Group for approval. – **Approved**

- 8.2 Review Quote for replacement play equipment items £844.24 – **Approved**
- 8.3 LNRS Working group update – **Cllr S Smith provided an update and reported that the recent tree pruning session had been successful. Apple picking and allotment visits with the school children are planned for October.**
- 8.4 Consideration for a Defibrillator and cabinet for the Village Hall (Approx £1700.00 +VAT) – **Whilst councillors supported the proposal in principle, the matter was deferred until the next meeting to allow for further investigation, including the possibility of a contribution from the Village Hall.**
- 8.5 Request for a new VAS sign by a resident. – **The Council acknowledged the resident's request for a VAS in the village. It was explained that the Council's VAS units are rotated between locations to maintain their effectiveness. A unit will be placed in the village and the data collected will be reviewed to determine the level of speeding and whether an additional unit is warranted.**
- 8.6 The Orchard Play Area: To consider the provision of a covered seating area to provide shade.- **Councillors agreed to investigate the provision of a covered seating area, such as a pagoda, to provide shade within the orchard play area, while ensuring the area does not become over furnished. Further quotations will be obtained and, in the meantime, Cllr J Wright will review the lease before any additional equipment is installed.**
- 8.7 Malvern View Parking – **The Clerk advised that all reported parking concerns along Malvern View, The Crescent and Briar Hill had been referred to Highways. Residents raising further concerns were encouraged to provide photographic evidence of the parking issues, as this would help strengthen the case for any action by Highways.**
- 8.8 Discuss the option of Electric fences for Allotment Holders. –**Approved. The Clerk will make the appropriate amendments to the allotment tenancy agreements and introduce a strict protocol for any allotment holders wishing to install electric fencing in the future.**
- 8.9 AGAR Notice of Conclusion of Audit: During the AGAR review, it was identified one box had been ticked incorrectly. However, all other aspects of the review were completed without any issues. This matter has been addressed, and updates have been published on our website and notice boards. – **Acknowledged.**
- 8.10 Consideration of a contribution of £250.00 to Mowers Munch. – **A one-off contribution of £250 towards the Mowers' Munch was approved as a gesture of goodwill, in recognition of its aim to recruit additional volunteers. It was made clear that this would not become an annual contribution.**
- 8.11 To consider and agree wording for a plaque for Geoff Vernon's bench. – **Cllr G Hogan will liaise with Geoff to confirm that he is happy with the proposed wording.**
- 8.12 Review meeting dates for 2027. – **Approved**

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

8.13.1 To receive an update regarding the new fencing near Harvington Hall.

8.14 **Maintenance Works** – Report on ongoing maintenance works.- **None**

9. **Financial Report and Actions**

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

Name	Payment	Amount
Sovereign	Play equipment Maintenance	£47.99
Lyca Mobile	Phone Contract	£5.00
Nest	Pension	£87.13
D Robbins	Burial Ground	£150.00
LLOYDS BANK	Service Charge	£4.25
HMRC	PAYE	£700.56
Chaddesley Village Hall	Room Hire	£30.00
PKF LITTLE JOHN	AUDIT	£504.00
Fisher German	Allotment Rent	£250.00
Post Office	Postage	£3.95
CJ TREE SURGEONS	Tree maintenance	£2892.00

Receipts

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

10. Date of next meeting and Annual Parish meeting, Monday 5th October 2026, starting at 7PM.

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