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3rd September 2026

Mrs. Rachel Jeffries – Clerk to Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council

Dear Rachel,

Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council Monday 7th September 2026

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.

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 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.

The District Council is investing £3.4 m on 14 Brand new 26 tonne refuse freighters. These will be state of the art vehicles with improved safety features. We have now taken receipt of some.

The new fleet will mean we will not have regular breakdowns and disruption to the collection routes.

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

We have just agreed a report to increase litter picking and fly tipping fines as a result in the Government legislating for higher penalties. We have increased to the maximum.

WFDC Planning officers held a Town & Parish Council Planning update on 6th July. Forty councillors attended; however, if you missed the meeting your clerk has been supplied with slides and notes; Further sessions are planned.

On Wednesday 8th July 2026, WFDC published its CALL FOR SITES interactive map. The call for sites exercise resulted in 105 sites being suggested. All the submitted sites can now be viewed on the online map. It shows sites that have been put forward; it does not mean they are suitable for development, and no decisions have been made. The sites submitted through the further gypsy and traveller exercise will be included too. Opportunities for public consultation and feedback will be accepted following the completion of site assessments and the identification of shortlisted sites. Public Consultation will be in the second half of 2027. If you take a look at the map land has been submitted in this Parish. Absolutely, no decisions have been made on potential sites for consultation.

WFDC: A Settlement Survey will be sent to all councils and will run from 20th July until 14th September.

WFDC: A Spatial Issues and Local Priorities consultation is going live from 17th August until 28th September.

A decision has now been made on Local Government Reorganisation and not surprisingly the Government changed its mind on the size of the new unitary councils having given a clear position that they needed to be populations of circa 500,000. They have agreed a north Worcestershire unitary and a south Worcestershire unitary authority. Wyre Forest will be with Bromsgrove DC and Redditch BC in the north Worcestershire unitary authority, and the population is circa 293,000. The decision letter did not particularly comment on the much stronger business case for one unitary Worcestershire. Personally, we feel there will be significant financial pressure on two authorities with the disaggregation of adults and children's social care to name but one issue. We never asked for reorganisation and were quite happy with Wyre Forest and Worcestershire remaining, but we are where we are and must respect the decision and focus on delivering services for our residents between now and 1st April 2028 when Wyre Forest and Worcestershire are abolished and the North Worcestershire Unitary Council commences. Elections will take place for the shadow unitary authority on Thursday 6th May 2027.

Marcus, Ian and Robin attended the St. Cassians Church fete in the summer, Marcus and Robin attended the Harvington Church fete and Marcus and Ian attended the dementia care event in conjunction with the Parish Council in the community orchard. It was lovely to chat to local residents.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R M Drew', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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