

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 5th October 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, Mrs S Smith, D Newbould, and P Rowberry, Clerk Mrs R Jefferies. District Cllr I Hardiman and 6 Visitors

1. **APOLOGIES:** - None

2. **Police Report:** nothing of note to report

A police surgery was held on Saturday 3rd October at the Talbot Pub at 11.30am.

3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – A resident attended the meeting with her daughter and a number of supporters following recent local publicity concerning prolonged harassment she had experienced.

The resident and her daughter explained that the matter had continued over a number of years and that the individual concerned had pleaded guilty to an offence of harassment, with sentencing due on 19th October 2026. They expressed concern about the ongoing impact on the resident's safety and wellbeing and asked whether the Parish Council could offer any support, particularly in relation to safeguarding and housing concerns.

The Clerk read a statement received from Community Housing. It was noted that, due to ongoing legal proceedings, limited information could currently be provided regarding any action being considered.

Councillors expressed their support for the resident and her family and acknowledged the considerable distress caused. The Council confirmed that it would offer appropriate support where possible and continue to raise relevant concerns with the appropriate organisations.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the closure of Briar Hill and considered the measures taken to be disproportionate.

Following the close of the meeting, a separate resident commented to the Clerk that their experience had been very different and that they had found the arrangements to be organised and those involved to be friendly and helpful.

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 Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 2026 –
Approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Planning**

- 6.1. 26/0726/RES - Deloraine , Woodrow Lane, Woodrow, Chaddesley Corbett, - Reserved
Matters relating to appearance, scale, layout and landscaping of Outline Consent

25/0952/OUT (demolition of 2No. dwellings and the construction of up to 4No. dwellings and associated works) –

The Clerk reported comments received from a resident, who had no objection in principle to the redevelopment but suggested that the scheme comprise three houses and one bungalow, with the design of the properties being in keeping with the surrounding area.

The resident raised particular concerns regarding highway safety, including the additional traffic generated by four new dwellings, the absence of a footpath and the regular use of the road by pedestrians and horse riders. The resident also asked whether consideration could be given to reducing the speed limit through Woodrow to 30mph.

Councillors considered the resident's comments and were supportive of the principle of the development, subject to appropriate consideration being given to scale, appearance and the impact on local character, with reference to the Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan and design guidance.

Councillors shared concerns regarding pedestrian safety due to the lack of a footpath and the busy nature of the road. It was agreed that the Council's response should highlight the importance of appropriate pedestrian access and highway safety, and request that the relevant Highway Authority consider whether a 30mph speed limit through Woodrow would be appropriate.

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.

Otherwise, we have no local issues to Report.

Full Report available on our website.

7.1.2 New reports WCC:

Cllr M Hart circulated his report prior to the meeting.

New Issues:

1. Your clerk has contacted me regarding speed limit signage along the lane leading to Fold Court, for 10mph, a no through road sign and a public footpath sign. Most of the lane is private land and would be a matter for the management company to determine in terms of any speed limit they wanted to enforce or signage they may want to install but WCC are looking at installing a no through road sign at the junction with the village on the public highway. There is already a public footpath sign in situ.
2. A local resident has contacted me regarding a number of public rights of way (PROW) being overgrown in the Bluntington and Barrow Hill area. These have been inspected and works will be undertaken accordingly.
3. Footway works should have commenced on Briar Hill which is good news.
4. Fox Lane has been marked up for major patching work due to the amount of potholes and defects in the edge of carriageway. The maintenance team will talk with the drainage team to ensure works are timed so patching doesn't take place and then they dig up the road to put the new pipe in as referenced in 3 above.

7.2 Councillors' Reports

- 7.2.1 Cllr D Thomas provided an update on broadband connectivity and advised that he was continuing to liaise regarding the rollout of fibre to premises. A report was still awaited, and he had spoken to a contact at County Council regarding the position.
Cllr D Thomas had checked a number of postcodes across the parish, which indicated that work was expected in the area next year. Cllr S Walker advised that Openreach had informed him that fibre works in the village may not take place until 2030.
Cllr D Thomas will continue to make enquiries and provide further updates when available.

7.3 Clerk's Report

- 7.3.1 A date has now been arranged for the first meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Working Group. The initial meeting will provide an opportunity to bring together ideas and discuss areas where the group may be able to support residents within the parish. I will provide a further update to the Council following the meeting.
- 7.3.2 I would just like to draw attention to the Worcestershire Digital Inclusion Survey, which is currently available on our website. The survey is being run by the Worcestershire Digital Inclusion Partnership and will help identify where people may need additional support with technology and accessing information online. I would encourage as many residents as possible to complete it before it closes on 31st October.
- 7.3.3 I was very saddened to hear about the recent circumstances affecting one of our parishioners and to think that someone within our community has felt vulnerable for such a long period of time.
I would like to remind residents that the Parish Council is here to listen and to help where we can. While there will be matters that fall outside the Council's direct powers, we can often help to signpost residents to the appropriate organisations, raise concerns with the relevant authorities and make sure people feel heard.
- 7.3.4 As you are all aware, Geoff's bench will be officially unveiled on Saturday 17th October at 12 noon. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible come along and join us for the occasion.

8. CHADDESLEY CORBETT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION

- 8.1 Update on New Fencing near Harvington Hall. – **No update**
- 8.2 Review of Maintenance Contracts 2027/28
Current Rates:
- 8.2.1 Lengthsman –£22/hour
- 8.2.2 Burial Ground – Annual Fee of £1,920 plus additional work at £22/hr
- 8.2.3 Waste Bins – £22/hour
- 8.2.4 Grass Cutting – £250 per cut
- 8.2.5 General Maintenance - £22/hr All cost approved
- 8.3 LNRS Working group update – **Cllr S Smith reported that the Working Group, together with pupils and teachers from the school, held a successful apple picking event on 1st October. Activities also included wood chipping around the trees, creating a wildlife/bug area and using the new rubbing posts. Apples were used for the Harvest Festival and making apple crumble, with pupils also taking an apple home. Thanks were extended to Hyde Hives for providing the wood chippings.**
- 8.4 Consideration for a Defibrillator and cabinet for the Village Hall - **Deferred until the next meeting.**

- 8.5 Approval to transfer funds to Chaddesley Amateur Theatrical Society.(CATS) – **Approved**
- 8.6 The Orchard Play Area: To consider the provision of a covered seating area to provide shade. – **The Clerk to contact Fisher German to request a copy of an up to date lease.**
- 8.7 Donation towards bus shelter decorations. - **£100 donation Approved.**
- 8.8 An opportunity for Councillors to request an item of information to be considered for the next agenda. – **None**
- 8.9 **Maintenance Works** – Report on ongoing maintenance works. – **Don Robbins has completed the Burial Ground safety checks, including checking headstones stability.**

9. Financial Report and Actions

- 9.1 To receive schedule of payments and receipts for September 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	£481.34
Chaddesley Village Hall	Room Hire	£30.00
Hyde Hives	Bench / Notice Boards	£2450.00
ICO	Data protection	£47.00
R Jefferies	Expenses	£128.60
R Vale	Sexton	£100.00
Receipts		
Wyre Forest DC	Precept	£19,124.70
Holloway	Burial Ground	£305.00
Morton	Burial Ground	£470.00

- 9.2 Bank Reconciliation for the end of September 2026 – **Approved**
- 9.3 Quarterly budget **-The quarterly budget report had been circulated to the Finance Committee. Expenditure remains on track against the agreed budget.**
10. Date of next meeting, Monday 2nd November 2026, starting at 7PM.