MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2026
AT CHADDESLEY CORBETT VILLAGE HALL
AT 7:00 pm

Attending: Chairman Cllr M Page, Cllrs J Wright, D Thomas, S Walker, G Hogan, T Wicks, Mrs S Smith, D Newbould, and P Rowberry, Clerk Mrs R Jefferies. District Cllr I Hardiman and 1 Visitor.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs H Grove and C Finnegan.

2. Police Report – **Nothing to Report**

Cllr S Walker reported a car accident involving an Amazon van at the Woodrow junction, also fly tipping was spotted along Woodrow.

Cllr M Page reported an attempted break in along Dobes Lane.

2.1 Reports of Speeding / antisocial behaviour.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – A representative from Hyde Hives advised the new notice boards will be erected on Wednesday.

4. A) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – DPI's or ODI's – **None**
B) DISPENSATIONS – **None**
C) REQUESTS FOR NEW DISPENSATIONS – **None**

5. **Minutes**
Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th October 2026.- **Approved**

6. **Planning**

6.1.1 26/0762/TCA - Bartons , The Village, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire,- 2 no. Hazel & 1 no. Sycamore tree to fell & poison, Copper Beech tree to raise canopy to approx. 4 mtrs and reduce & reshape by approximately 2-2.5 mtrs, Maple tree to raise canopy to approximately 2.5 mtrs and reduce & reshape by approx. 2-2.5 mtrs and Hawthorn tree to reduce to approximately to hedge/fence height.- **No comments**

6.1.2 5/0701/HOU - Deanslake , Cakebole, Chaddesley Corbett, Kidderminster - Conversion of outbuilding to facilitate change of use to swimming pool, gym, and associated facilities.- **No Objections**

6.1.3 26/0738/S73 - Dorhall , Woodrow Lane, Dorhall, Chaddesley Corbett, - Variation of Condition 12 (approved plans) of planning permission 26/0129/S73 to enlarge dwelling. – **No Objections**

6.1.4 26/0773/TPO - Land At Os 389770 274330, Tanwood Lane, Bluntington, Chaddesley Corbett, - Tree works: 5 Lime Trees - Prune lower branches and suckers to a height of approximately 9ft, and remove branches with no leaves upto a height of 9ft – **No comments**

6.1.5 FOR INFORMATION ONLY - 26/0787/AG - Oakfield Farm , Cakebole Lane, Chaddesley Corbett, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 4RQ - Date: Our Ref: Case Officer: Telephone: Email: 22nd October 2026 26/0787/AG - New access track between the existing farm buildings and the building up the field. – **No comments**

6.1.6 26/0802/HOU **-** Glebe Cottage , 38 Briar Hill, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, Side extension and extended patio area – **No Objections.**

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

7 **Councillor's Reports**

7.1 District Councillors/County Council Reports

7.1.1 Cllr I Hardiman reopted:

Local Issues:

We continue to attend to littering issues and fly-tipping reports across the Parish. Otherwise, we again have no local issues to Report.

Wyre Forest Issues:

Further to our report last month, explaining that the Government had announced that there will be local District Elections in May 2027 (but formation of Unitaries may still be able to proceed if they are ready!) Well, the Government has now informed the seven authorities of Worcestershire that they should proceed to form two Unitary Authorities, one for the North, one for the South and prepare for (Shadow) Unitary Elections for May 2028. The District Elections will occur in May 2027 and the term of office for those candidates elected will be two years only! i.e. during the year 2028-29 Unitary Councillors will shadow District Councillors until May 2029 when Unitary Authorities will fully exist but District Authorities will cease to exist!

At last we have clarity, thankfully.

7.1.2 Cllr M Hart circulated his report prior to the meeting:

Ongoing Issues

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.

I updated in my October 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. There have been some suggestions emailed by the landowner in late September and our water management officer has replied. There are ongoing discussions, I haven't cut and pasted the lengthy emails. I am confident things are progressing.

Full report is available on our website.

7.2 Councillors' Reports-

7.2.1 Cllr D Thomas reported he had signed himself up to the "Future of neighbourhood plans" on 16th December.

7.2.2 Cllr S Walker reported he attended the engaging with Gypsy, Roman and Traveller webinar and also engaging with Children and Young people, presented by Worcestershire CALC. Cllr S Smith also attended engaging with Children and Young people.

7.3.1 Clerk's Report – The Housing needs survey is due to be done in the near future.

7.3.2 The CALC AGM will be taking place on 26th November, if any Councillors wish to attend they should contact the clerk.

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

8.1 Update on New Fencing near Harvington Hall. – **No Update**

8.2 Consideration of a Plaque to be made recognising Councillors who have gave a long service. – **It was approved to purchase a plaque recognising past chairs and councillors who have served a minimum of 20 years. The Clerk will obtain quotations.**

8.3 LNRS Working group update – **Cllr S Smith reported that the trees would be delivered in early December, with tree pruning scheduled for 21st February. The orchard lectern would be ready and unveiled in April. The Clerk will obtain quotations for a new gate and posts at the orchard.**

8.4 Consideration for a Defibrillator and cabinet for the Village Hall - **It was approved to contribute £900, representing half the cost of the defibrillator and cabinet for the village hall. The Council will fund the ongoing upkeep.**

8.5 Emergency Planning Working Group – **Cllr S Walker is obtaining quotations for backup batteries at the village hall and exploring available funding to support its potential use as an emergency hub. It was proposed that, in the event of flooding, fire or power cuts, the Council would share information through local groups, including WhatsApp, advising where support was available, whether at the village hall or other safe locations. Cllr G Hogan suggested including these proposals in the annual newsletter.**

8.6 The Orchard Play Area: To consider the provision of a covered seating area to provide shade. – **Cllr J Wright reported the existing agreement was for agricultural use. It was agreed not to explore this further.**

8.7 To receive proposals following the Health & Wellbeing Working Group meeting on 9th October 2026 and consider youth involvement through social media, a community "What's On" page and a small start up grant scheme for local activities. –
All three initiatives were approved in principle, with a request to contact Alvechurch for a presentation or further information regarding their TikTok account.

8.8 Review Allotment fees for 2027/28. – **It was agreed that there would be no increase in rent.**

8.9 Budget and Precept 2027/28. – **3% increase to the precept as recommended by the Finance Committee, total £39,249 - Approved**

8.10 To consider a grant application. – **Declined, but will refer to other organisations.**

8.11 An opportunity for Councillors to request an item of information to be considered for the next agenda. – **None**

8.12 **Maintenance Works** – Report on ongoing maintenance works.

9. **Financial Report and Actions**

9.1 To receive schedule of payments and receipts for October 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	£1,170.71
Chaddesley Village Hall	Room Hire	£50.00
Post Office	Stamps	£ 21.60
Amazon	Tree Stakes	£ 18.04
Meadowfields	Lengthsman	£ 646.80
Worcs CALC	Training	£48.00
Receipts		
WCC	LENGTHSMAN	£161.50
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9.2 To approve Bank Reconciliation for month ended October 2026. – **Approved**

10. Date of next Parish meeting 7th December 2026 at 7pm.