

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH  
COUNCIL**

**Held on Monday 2 February 2015  
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall  
at 7.25 p.m.**



Present: Chairman Cllr W Mack, Cllrs D Thomas, R Pugh, L Stockford, S Williams, Mrs J Fox, Mrs P Pardoe, M Page, G Vernon, B Green.  
Clerk Mrs Y Scriven, and a member of the public

**Police**

The police attended the meeting and gave a report on recent incidents in the Parish, which included 2 burglaries, theft from motor vehicle, and a horse box – an arrest had been made. Suspicious behaviour in Hillpool was reported.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr J Wright
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI):** Cllr L Stockford – Item 6.2  
**OTHER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ODI):** Cllr S Williams – Item 6.4  
**DISPENSATIONS –** As before
3. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME :** Letter from resident regarding speeding at Redcross
4. **MINUTES**
  - a) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 January 2015 were approved and signed.
  - b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 5 January 2015 were approved.
5. **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:**
  - 5.1.1 **Chairman, Parish Council:** Cllr W Mack had attended a fund raising Wyre Forrest District fund raising event held at Rowberry's Nursery which had raised £1,163.
  - 5.1.2 The Parish Council had been asked to speak on a BBC radio programme about superfast Broadband, and Jo Watson had agreed to take part to give a residents point of view
6. **CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**
  - 6.1 **Traffic Feasibility Study:** Cllr D Thomas reported that consultation events had been arranged on 23 February 2015 for businesses and residents whose properties fronted the village street, and a public consultation on 9 March to be held at the Village Hall from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Responses would be analysed by the Working Group, who would report back to the Parish Council at the May meeting. If agreed, the proposals would then be submitted to the County Council who would be required to find sources of funding for the project. It was agreed that Travis Baker would be asked to quote for a supplementary report on ways of improving traffic flow at Mustow Green.
  - 6.2 **Old School Site:** The site had been purchased by A & H Construction plc. Reports of residents' complaints about church bells in other rural areas was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek to ensure that bell ringing at St Cassians would not be affected by development of the site.
  - 6.3 **Burial Ground Extension:** The Parish Council had purchased a strip of land on the old school site for an extension to the burial ground. This land includes an area of open space and the trees which separate the site from adjacent land. The clerk had submitted a report and a meeting had been arranged with A & H to discuss the next steps, which Councillors were invited to attend.

- 6.4 **Use of PCC Mowers:** Agreement had been reached between the PCC and the Parish Council and a payment of £1,000 would be made for use of the mowers over the last few years. In addition, a sum of £250 per annum was agreed for use of the mowers for the forthcoming season. It was also agreed that extra security should be fitted to the shed.
- 6.5 **Harvington Hall Lane:** Cllr G Vernon reported that information provided to the MP had been incorrect and assurances received were vague and inconclusive. A further meeting had been requested with Cllr J Smith from the County Council and it was agreed that Cllrs S Williams and G Vernon would attend when this had been arranged. Traffic congestion at Mustow Green was considered to be the main reason why traffic was using the Village and Harvington Hall lane as a cut-through. A survey of potholes along the lane had taken place and these would be put on the County Council website. The clerk reported that the process of entering each pothole individually on the website was time-consuming and it was agreed to inform the County Council that this method of reporting was not fit for purpose.
- 6.6 **Old Grammar School:** The Education Trust had notified the Parish Council of their intention to re-connect the services for limited use in the short term. A comprehensive review would be undertaken of all work required to bring the structure back into a condition that will allow 'fit and proper use' and to hold a meeting of local organisations to discuss its future use.
- 6.7 **Parish Footway along A448:** The clerk reported that parts of the surface was breaking up and suggested some improvement to the width of the footpath from the village to the village hall. It was agreed to ask the County Council to carry out a survey of parish footways, as required in Action 19 of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 6.8 **Benches outside St Cassians:** The clerk reported that the condition of the benches had deteriorated and an initial quotation to repair and replace wood was over £500. It was agreed that this was too expensive and that they would be patched up with a view to replacement. It was also agreed to put a notice in the Parish Magazine asking if anyone would like to donate and commemorate a replacement bench.
- 6.9 **Maintenance Work:**
- 6.9.1 **Lengthsman:** footways had been sided out along Bluntington to Briar Hill and the Crescent, A448 from the Fox to village, and bollards cleaned. Leaves and silt had been cleared at Hillpool. The VAS signs had been installed on Drayton Road and had been activated by 1,850 vehicles in one week. At the Dog, Harvington, the speed had been exceeded by 4,500 vehicles. The signs would be re-located around the Parish every week.
- 6.9.2 The Lengthsman requested the Rapid Response Team should be used to clear soil and leaves from both sides of the carriageway in Hillpool and Tandy's Lane.
- 6.9.3 It was agreed to order a Parish grit bin for Tanwood Lane.
- 6.10 **Burial Ground:** An application for an etching of a Lancaster bomber on a headstone was agreed.
7. **DATES FOR MEETINGS:**
- 7.1 Traffic Feasibility Study Consultation – Residents and Businesses – Monday 23 February 2015 at the Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.
- 7.2 Traffic Feasibility Study Consultation – General Public Consultation – Monday 9 March 2015 at 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.
8. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM CLLRS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES:**
- 8.1 **Community Housing Group:** Cllr G Vernon reported that the request to remove trees and provide extra parking for the bungalows in Hemming Way was unlikely to proceed due to

anticipated costs of £40,000. It was felt that the silver birch trees still needed pruning for health and safety reasons.

**9. CLERKS REPORT**

9.1 **Internal Audit:** It was agreed to appoint D Malley as internal auditor for the forthcoming year at a cost of £115.

9.2 **Woodrow** – A resident had suggested that new trees should be planted along Woodrow. More detailed proposals were requested.

9.3 **Severn Trent Pipeline:** The final route for the pipeline would be confirmed by late Summer 2015 and a design and build contract awarded. Environmental Impact Assessment surveys would be completed in the Autumn. Information available from their website at [www.stwater.co.uk/brp](http://www.stwater.co.uk/brp)

9.4 **Parish Games:** would be held on 27 March at Blakedown Parish Rooms from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

9.5 **Mayor’s Charity Ball:** To be held on 27 February 2015 – Tickets £35.00

9.6 **Electoral Review:** Changes to district boundaries has now been completed.

**10 FINANCIAL REPORT**

10.1 The Clerk presented a schedule of payments and receipts which was approved.

Name	Purpose	Amount	VAT	Total
CC Village Hall	Room Hire	30.00		30.00
Y L Scriven	Net Salary	636.10		636.10
Bill Waldron	Lengthsman	500.99		500.99
Y L Scriven	Expenses Nov-January	216.99	13.99	230.98
Y L Scriven	Broadband and line rental	78.21	19.85	98.05
Worcs CALC	Clerk’s Gathering	10.00		10.00
Rock Parish Council	Hire of VAS signs	300.00		300.00
Don Robbins	Burial Ground Maintenance	552.00		552.00
Dudley Print	Newsletter and distribution	686.00	46.60	732.60
Geoffrey Holding	Orchard Grass maintenance	195.00		195.00
Craig Miles	Renovation/fitting 2 notice boards	554.96		554.96
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>3,760.25</b>	<b>80.44</b>	<b>3,840.69</b>

**Receipts**

Worcs CC	Grass cutting contract	1,477.00		1,477.00
Worcs CC	Lengthsman	513.50		513.50
Burial Fee/Rights	Plot F10	650.00		650.00
Allotment Rents		338.00		338.00
Burial Monument	Plot F11	173.00		173.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>3,151.50</b>		<b>3,151.50</b>

10.2 **Bank Reconciliation** for period up to 31 January 2015 was approved.

10.3 **Budget Comparison:** Was submitted for the period up to December 2014.

11. **Next Meeting to be held on Monday 2 March 2015** –The meeting closed at 8.55 pm  
**Agenda Item:** Trustee representation on local Charities. Superfast Broadband.