

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
CHADDESLEY CORBETT PARISH COUNCIL  
Held on Monday 8 January 2007  
at Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall  
at 7.30 p.m.**



Present: Councillors: Chairman, Cllrs Mr J Swift, Mr S Williams, Mrs P Pardoe, Mr K Bartlett, Mr P Tetstall, Mr G Vernon, Mr L Stockford, Mrs J Fox, Mr M Walford, Clerk Mrs Y Scriven. Mr M Waldron (Lengthsman); District Councillor Mrs Pauline Hayward. Members of the public also attended OPEN SESSION - No-one addressed the meeting

1. APOLOGIES: Councillor Dr M Bird (holiday)
2. MINUTES OF A MEETING held on 4 December 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs Mr S Williams, Mrs P Pardoe – 7.5 and 7.6
4. WEST MERCIA POLICE: The meeting was attended by PC Don Hemminway and Gemma Goode, Police Support Officer. They reported there had been three incidents on Briar Hill recently and although Chaddesley Corbett did not have a high crime rate, the best way to prevent further incidents was to increase foot patrols. PACT (Police and Community Together) surgeries would take place locally and the Parish Council Chairman would be involved. Police would also attend District Councillor Surgeries held in the area.
5. CLERK'S REPORT ON ITEMS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS
  - 5.1 Park Lane Survey – Worcestershire County Council officers could only consider schemes as part of the overall walking strategy and indicated that money not spent on this scheme would be spent elsewhere. Costs of around £25,000 had been indicated which some Cllrs felt could be better spent. Cllr Mr S Williams said the scheme should proceed as it would assist the older generation to access the bus services. A vote was taken to support the scheme and was carried with two abstentions
  - 5.2 Quality Status: The District Council had indicated some publicity would be arranged shortly.
  - 5.3 Computacoach: New session to start for beginners in the Village School at 6.30=8.30 p.m. on a Tuesday or Thursday evening – cost £10 per session.
  - 5.4 Highways Partnership: Survey from Scrutiny Committee of Wyre Forest District Council completed by the Clerk. Signs used during recent repairs not yet removed.
  - 5.5 Sponsorship of Parish Magazine: Discussions with editors continuing; some problems with distribution and costs to be resolved.
  - 5.6 Bus Timetable – now available.
6. Reports by Cllrs on Consultation Documents:
  - 6.1 Budget Consultation – Wyre Forest District Council:

Cllr Mr K Bartlett had studied the 105 page document and summarised his findings: Budget for 2007/8 was £14.8 million, which is £730K more than currently estimated to be raised from Council Tax, etc. Reserves held by the District Council were £3.8 million, which would fund the deficit, but at this rate these reserves would be depleted by 2011. Cllr Mr S Williams stressed the need for the District Council to find a single site for its operation and thereby save money in the long term. He also indicated the additional functions required of the District Council without extra funding such as Licencing, etc.

- 6.2 Regional Spatial Strategy: Meeting 17 January 2007.
- 6.3 Worcestershire Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Planning Inspectors Reports available on [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/strategic\\_planning](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/strategic_planning).
- 6.4 Wyre Forest Community Housing – Tenants Association: Cllr Mr G Vernon would attend meeting on 9 January.
- 6.5 Police Service in 2007 and beyond: Consultation Meeting 16 January.
- 6.6 National Housing Federation: - Future of Rural Housing and Regeneration Conference 7 February, Rugby – Noted.
7. Matters for Decision/Debate
- 7.1 Letter to Residents: It was agreed that a newsletter would be prepared and sent to residents by the end of January.
- 7.2 Chaddesley Corbett Football Club: A newspaper article had indicated that the club may close due to lack of support. The Clerk had contacted the Secretary but had received no response. A request for sponsorship would be considered by the Parish Council.
- 7.3 Parish Footpaths Scheme 2007/8: Renewal documentation had been received and it was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to sponsor this partnership scheme. The Footpaths Warden would be asked to complete the necessary application forms.
- 7.4 Action Plan: A meeting had been arranged in January when new initiatives would be discussed and progress reviewed.
- 7.5 Dobes Lane – Removal of Planning Restriction 106 – The Parish Council had resolved at their meeting in December 2006 to support the refusal to remove the Section 106 restriction on the above properties. The Clerk had received a written Special Resolution from the Chairman, signed by two other Councillors, for this Resolution to be rescinded. After consideration of a report from the Education Foundation a vote was taken and the previous decision was rescinded.
- 7.6 Dobes Lane – Removal of Planning Restriction : A report from the Education Foundation indicated that the Appeal against the refusal to remove the 106 Agreement had been withdrawn, and a new application would be submitted for a change to the restriction to allow the barns to be sold as affordable housing. This proposal was discussed at length and some Cllrs felt that the restriction should stay as they believed residents were not aware of the availability of affordable housing for rent in the Parish. The Education Trust said they needed to raise money on the sale of the properties and the existing school site to finance the new school and as a registered Charity they were required to raise as much money as possible from their assets. Cllrs wished the old school site to be retained for community use, as recommended in the Parish Plan. A vote was taken and it was agreed to support a change to the 106 Restriction to allow the barns to be sold as affordable housing.
8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
The Chairman informed the Council of the resignation of Cllr Mrs L Mack for personal reasons. The Casual Vacancy would be advised to the Returning Officer at the District Council and appropriate notices would be posted around the village. If 10 or more residents wrote to the Returning Officer asking for an election, an election would have to take place to fill the vacancy. If this request was not made then Co-Option of a suitable applicant could take place.
9. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING OUTSIDE BODIES
- 9.1 Village Hall: Family funding raising event 27 January.

- 9.2 Chaddesley First Endowed School: Cllr Mrs P Pardoe reported that the application for a new school on the site adjacent to Rowberry's Nursery was submitted to Wyre Forest Planning Authority on 21 December 2006. The Planning Officer had asked for further details on 7 points which were being dealt with. As soon as a reference number was issued the Education Foundation would ask residents to write to support the application.
- 9.3 Charity Trusts: Meeting 23 January 2007.
- 9.4 Wyre Forest Area CALC: Cllr Mr M Walford reported on a Meeting 6 December 2006.
10. REPORT FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS: Cllr Mr S Williams reported that a District Surgery would be held on Saturday 13 January between 10.00-12.00.
11. Worcestershire Association of Local Councils: A copy of Pat's Mail was circulated.
12. Allotments  
Cllr Mr L Stockford reported that 5 plots remained and it was agreed to extend the advertising outside the Parish. A report in the Press that Wyre Forest District Council would provide a water supply to all allotments in the District. The Clerk was asked to contact the District Council for clarification.
13. BURIAL GROUND: Cllr Mr K Bartlett reported that some general tidying work was required and the bunker needed emptying.
14. LENGTHSMAN SCHEME  
14.1 Cllr Mr P Tetstall reported on work carried out by the Lengthsman during December, which included drainage and path clearance in Woodrow Lane, A448 Brockencote, Deansford Lane, Park Lane, Harvington, A448 Lodgeford Hill and Drayton Road to Bluntington. Residents praised the work of the Lengthsman which was helping to alleviate flooding in the Parish. A request was made to return to the Holloway for further gulley clearance.
15. FINANCIAL REPORT
- 15.1 Receipts and Payments.  
A schedule of receipts and payment was tabled and approved for payment.
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| <u>Expenditure</u>         |                |
| Mr Waldron – Lengthsman    | £230.00        |
| Clerk's Internet           | £ 93.85        |
| Room Hire                  | £ 36.00        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>£359.85</b> |
| <br><u>Receipts</u>        |                |
| E-Comm Bursary CALC        | £250.00        |
| Worcs CC Lengthsman Scheme | £525.00        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>£775.00</b> |
- 15.2 A transfer of £1,000 from the deposit account had been authorised.
- 15.3 A Financial Statement for the Quarter to end December had been circulated.
- 15.4 The Clerk reported that a subsidy of £615 would be paid by the District Council towards maintenance of the burial ground.
- 15.5 The Clerk reported on remaining funds available in the various partnership schemes.
- 15.6 It was agreed that £69.58 of the e-comm bursary would be spent on a router for the clerk.
17. HIGHWAYS ISSUES: Bottom Briar Hill – already reported.
18. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: The next Parish Council meeting would be Monday 5 February 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

