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**MINUTES OF A MEETING** of Cradley Parish Council held in Storrige Village Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT** – D. Creed Newton (in the Chair – DCN) R. Gill (RG) M. Allfrey (MA) K. Nason (KN) F. Beard (FB) R. Diamond (RD) P. Diamond (PD) T. Lloyd Jones (TLJ) J. Edgar (JE) S. Adam (SA) C. Lowder (CL) Cllr. Tony Johnson and one member of the public.

**APOLOGIES** for inability to attend the meeting were received from A. Eldridge and M. Brooksbank for business reasons and from P. Stanley for family reasons. C. Dawkins did not receive notice of the meeting and did not attend.

**PERSONAL DECLARATIONS** of interest received –

- DCN, KN & JE in the Village Hall.
- CL in the Village Hall and the Village Event.
- PD & RD in the Village Event.
- RG in St. Katherine's.
- SA & RG .in the drainage issues.

**PREJUDICIAL DECLARATIONS** of interest received –

- RG in St. Katherine's
- MA should his property be involved under the affordable housing item.

**MINUTES** – The minutes of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were amended then taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that MA had not received notice of the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and had not attended.

**PARISH PLAN REPORT** – PD reported on three issues

- (1) He advised that a new head teacher had been appointed at Cradley School taking up Office in April 2011. His name is Adam Greaves, resident of the Village who he advised hoped to maintain strengthening relations between the School and the Community.
- (2) He advised that for legal reasons, the amalgamation of the administration service between Cradley and the Colwall Doctors would not now take place. Bruce Herriot is confident that Cradley Surgery would nonetheless be secure.
- (3) Following rumours that the local bus service is being curtailed, this matter had been handed over to the Transport Group for investigation.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING** - Nothing further to report but copies of all correspondence had been sent to all Councillors.

**PROGRESS REPORTS –**

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**Rectory Lane** – Despite constant reminders from the Clerk no reply had been received to date concerning the status of this Lane.

**A4103** – Nothing further to report regarding proposed speed restriction on this stretch of road but the Clerk was to request that old signage be taken down by the Vinesend following new signs being erected.

**Drainage Issues** – Report of meeting at Christmas Cottage had been copied to all Councillors. RG advised he had that day received some recommendations from Herefordshire Council which were to be copied to all Councillors with a further update at the February meeting. RG agreed to inspect the pipe exiting into the stream at Brookside to see if it was sewage, and if so, offered to deal with the matter.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION –**

**Name of Development** – RG advised unhappy with the proposed name of St., Katherine's Field and then left the room. CL proposed the Council look up the old field names map and ask the Heritage Group to come forward with an alternative name. This was seconded by KN and carried. Clerk to put our objections in writing immediately and advise that the PC would come forward with an alternative suggestion following our February meeting.

**Offer of Assistance re Parish Plan by Mel Preedy** – PD advised he had spoken with Mel Preedy thanking her for her interest and advising that the PC would get back to her in due course if this was felt necessary.

**Problems due to Snow** – Discussion took place regarding lack of salt in grit bins and people abandoning their cars on the main road. Article to be put in the Newsletter to this effect, but adding thanks for the efforts made at the recent funeral in the Village during the bad weather. SA agreed to obtain information regarding collection of a salt supply from Bromyard and if this was possible, he agreed to let TLJ know who would make enquiries of the Water Business at Mill Bank garage to see if they could offer any storage. Clerk to enquire of Herefordshire Council whether they could deliver two tons during the summer, and if so, the PC would look for a convenient storage point.

**Donation to Cradley Village – (DCN, JE, CL & KN left the room)** – RG took the Chair –

On a proposal by SA seconded by TLJ and carried, a donation to Cradley Village Hall in the sum of £2,480. was agreed. ***(DCN, JE, CL & KN rejoined the meeting).***

**Elections** – Local Elections will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Annual Meeting of the PC to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The Chairman advised that he would not be standing for re-election.

**Parish Meeting** – This will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April in Cradley Village Hall. Reports from usual groups plus speaker. PD proposed asking the new Head Teacher to be the Speaker. A budget of £50. was agreed for refreshments.

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**PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS** – The following Accounts had been received for payment –

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| • SLCC membership fee                         | £106.00. |
| • 5ltrs. Jeyes Fluid for play area            | £34.49.  |
| • T. Robshaw, honorarium                      | £75.00.  |
| • Donation to Village Event                   | £500.00. |
| • Storridge Village Hall hire fees            | £42.00.  |
| • Clerk, expenses & allowances for two months | £349.35. |

On a proposal by FB, seconded by KN and carried, these Accounts were approved for payment. Cheques were signed and original Invoices initialled.

***The Chairman closed the meeting to enable public participation***

No questions raised from the floor.

***The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council meeting***

**REPORTS from Various Committees -**

**Planning** – MA advised that consideration had been given to an application for relocation and increase in size of previously approved plant enclosure at Archers Mill to which no objections had been raised. He also reported on advices received from Herefordshire Council regarding applications approved, refused or withdrawn and that the Enforcement Officer had requested removal of the two caravans at The Old Hop Barn at Stiffords Bridge.

**Playing Fields** – The Chairman reported the Playing Fields Committ5ee members had drawn up a short list of various items of new equipment and landscaping proposals for the Chapel Lane site. These had been placed on a spreadsheet to facilitate interactive choices by children. No response had been received to this effort at consultation and KN agreed to put up local posters. RG agreed to check that the funds of £17,000. were still available from Herefordshire Council.

**Editorial Group** – KN advised website still being used on a regular basis and that the Reporter should be out within the next two weeks.

**HALC** – MA advised meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January had been cancelled. HALC office is now being staffed full time so advice should be readily available.

**CORRESPONDENCE** received –

- Letter, Herefordshire Council regarding The Old Hop Barn.
- Letter, Herefordshire Council updating the public rights of way defect database with Wardens Report.
- Latest Register of Electors for 2011 from Herefordshire Council.
- Letter, Dept of Culture Media & Sport regarding the Queens 2012 Diamond Jubilee.
- Letter , HM Lord Lt. of Herefordshire regarding Diamond Jubilee celebrations.
- Letter, DG Gardening Services regarding grounds maintenance work within the Parish.
- E-mail, Andrew Lee Jones re A4103.
- Email, Mike Brooksbank regarding Social Housing.
- E-mail, Tina Wood regarding sites for affordable housing in Cradley.

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- Letter, Derek Stevens, 11 Pixiefield, regarding affordable housing.
- Letter, Herefordshire Council regarding name for development at St. Katherines.
- E-mail, Enforcement Officer re The Old Hop Barn, Stiffords Bridge.
- E-mail, Charlie Walker that East Area meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> January had been cancelled.

- E-mail, Anthony Bush regarding constrained winter service for gritting etc.

**LITERATURE** received –

- Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.
- The Great Poppy Party weekend 10-12<sup>th</sup> June from Royal British Legion.
- Information Corner for November and December 2011 from HALC.
- Local Council Review magazine.
- National Housing Federation magazine regarding Affordable Rural Housing.
- CVA Winter newsletter
- The Clerk magazine.
- List of various training dates available.

**NEWSLETTER items** – Rectory Lane, A4103, drainage issues, naming of St. Katherine’s development, snow/grit bins, Parish meeting, May elections and Council to check that funds were still available from Herefordshire Council for the play area refurbishment at Chapel Lane.

**ITEMS for future Agenda** – Parish Council advised that Cradley Post Office had been sold subject to contract. When the new residents are in place, Parish Council to send note welcoming new owner, advising that they would like to meet him when convenient to see if there was any way the Council could offer assistance. We were also to send outgoing owners thanks for their co-operation in the past which had been much appreciated.

Clerk to raise overhanging foliage in Birch Lane with Amey.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Next meeting to take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in Storridge Village Hall.

D. Creed Newton

9<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

Signed..... Dated.....

Chairman