

MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th January 2012 in Storridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT – C. Lowder (in the chair – CL) K. Nason (KN) R. Diamond (RD) W. Harries (WH) T.Lloyd-Jones (TLJ) S. Davies (SD) C. Smith (CS) A. Symondson (AS) M. Brooksbank (MB) A. Eldridge (AE) F. Beard (FB) B. Gordon (BG) and E. Moseley (EM). Also in attendance were three members of the public and two District Councillors, C. Attwood and T. Johnson.

STATEMENT – Following rumours circulating, a brief statement was made by the Chairman to the effect that this was not a matter for discussion at the meeting.

APOLOGIES for inability to attend the meeting were received and approved from S. Adam for family reasons and M. Allfrey for personal reasons.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Both CL and KN declared a personal interest in Cradley Village Hall.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to a minor amendment to the effect that the furniture at Buryfields had not actually been delivered, but was due for delivery.

REPORTS by District Councillors –

C. Attwood advised that there was a meeting for Councillors on 12th January 2012 concerning the Localism Act which would be followed by a localities working group meeting in Ledbury. There was also to be a Cluster Group meeting on the 26th January. He reported that a recent consultation on Localism and cuts had not been well attended which appeared to be due to the lack of adequate advertising.

T. Johnson advised Herefordshire Council had set the Budget and that Council Tax would almost certainly be frozen for another year. The Council had been asked to save an additional £9.25 million pounds this year over and above the original cuts and proposals were in hand to ask Parish Councils to come up with ideas about which other services they could be expected to save on primarily due to the Adult Social Care budget which will force cuts in other expenditure.

He advised nothing further to report regarding Sandy Lane following the meeting which had taken place with Martin Jackson, and he agreed to look further into the matter.

PARISH PLAN REPORTS – RD advised the Planning Group should meet following advice that the Planning Committee at Herefordshire Council proposed to appoint a new Team Leader for planning who intended to start a series of Planning workshops for Neighbourhood planning. She advised that after it had discussed the matter the Parish Council could opt for Herefordshire Council to carry out the Neighbourhood Plan on our behalf which would save the Parish Council considerable fees.

UPDATE REPORTS –

Sandy Lane – Nothing further to report following meeting due to the fact that Cllr. S. Adams was unable to attend this meeting.

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Jubilee Celebrations – Clerk confirmed beacon had been registered. AE agreed to obtain Quotations in conjunction with SD for a Notice Board to house the Parish footpaths map. It was hoped funding towards this item could be obtained.

Cluster Group – BG advised following the Localism Bill being adopted in December, fourteen Parish Councils had been invited to a meeting in Bosbury Village Hall on the Localism Act on the 26th January 2012 which would also be attended by four members of Herefordshire Council. Free downloads were available on the Localism Act on the website.

Chapel Lane Playing Field – The Chairman advised that this matter would be deferred for at least two months.

Public Question Time – The Clerk was to request CA and TJ to meet with George Gwillam due to his unhappiness with the position regarding lack of rear access at Bourne Villa. Clerk to strongly query Highways regarding the need for four signs stating “Chapel Orchard – Private Road”.

FINANCE MATTERS -

Budget/Precept for 2012/13 – A meeting on Thursday 12th January 2012 was arranged to finalise proposals for the Budget and Precept for 2012/13 which would be followed by an ExtraOrdinary meeting on the 17th January 2012 to enable this to be presented to full Council for consideration and approval in time for the deadline for submission at the end of January.

Payment of Accounts – the following Accounts had been received for payment –

- Inland Revenue - PAYE £116.00.
- Clerk’s expenses and allowances £100.24.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by RD seconded by TLJ and carried these Accounts were approved for payment.

FB took the Chair and on a proposal by RD seconded by AE and carried the payment of **£171.65 to Cradley Village Hall** was also approved for payment.

PLANNING Report – The Minutes of the planning meetings held on 8th November 2011 and 7th December 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman. An apology from M. Allfrey for inability to attend the Planning meeting was reported and approved and there were no declarations of interest declared in the one item on the Planning Agenda – as follows –

Stoney Cross Barn, Bosbury Road – change of use building from dependant relatives annexe to use as holiday let accommodation – ***No objections, but request covenant that the property should not be allowed to be sold off as a separate unit.***

The Chairman reported on previous applications which had either been granted, refused or withdrawn. Clerk to take up with the Enforcement Officer the installation of photovoltaic panels at Map Edge and the illegal camp at Crumpton Hill.

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Churchyards Committee – meeting arranged for 29th January 2012 to discuss donations to PCCs.

Playing Field Committee – Meeting arranged for 11th January 2012.

Editorial Group – KN advised on changes planned for future communications in the Village following more and more information being obtained which local people will need to know about. CL reported that he had been advised of interest in the setting up of a Cradley Facebook page. The next edition of the Reporter was due out in February 2012.

HALC – MA not in attendance so no report available.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Letter received from N. Jones regarding damage to Bus-time table at Buryfields.
- Letter from C. Phillipson regarding planning request for polytunnels by Miss A. Taylor, which had subsequently been refused.
- Letter, WCC waste core strategy development plan document submissive & CD.

LITERATURE –

- WCC– Malvern Hills AONB JAC Minutes.
- Ledbury CVA winter newsletter.
- HSBC Commercial banking, changes to internet banking for business.
- Clerks & Councils Direct magazines for November 2011 and January 2012.
- Clerk magazine for January 2012.
- NALC Planning explained and how to respond to planning applications booklets.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS – Reports by District Councillors, training for planning workshops, Sandy Lane, Jubilee Notice Board Quotations, Parish Cluster meeting at Bosbury.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS – RD reported Library had written to everyone who used the service locally and invited them to apply for having books delivered to their home - only two had taken up the offer.

Clerk to ascertain responsibility for street light out on Pixiefields.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.48pm.

Chris Lowder

14th February 2012

Signed.....Chairman. Dated.....