

MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012 in Storridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT – C. Lowder (in the chair – CL) K. Nason (KN) R. Diamond (RD) W. Harries (WH) C. Smith (CS) S. Adam (SA) A. Symondson (AS) S. Davies (SD) B. Gordon (BG) E. Moseley (EM) A. Eldridge (AE) and F. Beard (FB). Also attending was Karen Robb.

APOLOGIES for inability to attend the meeting were received from M. Allfrey and T.Lloyd-Jones for personal reasons and from M. Brooksbank for business reasons. An apology for inability to attend the meeting was also received from District Councillor C. Attwood.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST were received as follows –

- KN & CL – Personal interest in Cradley Village Hall.
- SA – Personal interest in drainage issues at Sandy Lane.
- EM – Personal interest in Cradley Nursery group.
- SD – Prejudicial interest in Jubilee mug purchase.

MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION –

Donation to new Play Group at Cradley School – EM advised that the company at present running the Nursery have given notice and removed nearly all items from the School. Whilst there was a considerable amount of fund raising taking place, an application had been received for a donation from the Parish Council. Karen Robb is employed by Herefordshire Council as the new head of the Nursery. At the present time there are fifteen children on school roll, but up to about 27 could be accommodated. The matter was discussed and whilst the Parish Council were not against supporting this new venture, they do need to ascertain where we can legally donate funds in view of the fact that the Nursery would be part of the School Group funded by Herefordshire Council.

CL asked Karen Robb to attend the March meeting to provide financial figures, what they require and full details of her business relationship and how she is linked with the School. Mrs. Robb then left the meeting.

PARISH PLAN Report – RD advised she and the Chairman had attended a training session of Neighbourhood Planning from which it was gathered that Herefordshire Council are not fully up to speed with the proposals and do not like it very much. It was reported that Winchcombe in Gloucestershire have done a Neighbourhood Plan. If the Parish Council wish to consider this, it would cost approximately 15/16K pounds and would need to conform with the Local Development Plan. Cradley is not considered to be a “hub” village and the only planning we would have to have is for local affordable housing. RD advised there did not appear to be any need for Cradley to draw up a neighbourhood plan but that we should continue to take part with an open mind in the

local Cluster Group. It was generally felt there was a lack of enthusiasm for the whole idea with completion now delayed until August 2012.

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UPDATE REPORT –

Drainage – SA reported on meeting in January with Clive Hall, Martin Jackson, the Chairman and two residents when machinery was brought in to ascertain what was blocked. The old drain was uncovered and unblocked with a concrete slab provided to enable vehicular access. It was reported the concrete slab is currently being damaged by vehicles. The group from Herefordshire Council are now considering what to do with Sandy Lane but it is hoped that a new drain will shortly be installed.

Clerk to ask Martin Jackson whether he has cleared the Council grip which is likely to cause flooding outside the entrance to the Red Lion Pub as requested by CL at that meeting.

Jubilee Beacon – It was reported that it would no longer be possible to have a Jubilee Beacon at Wildgoose Farm. Alternative sites being looked at including Hollings Hill Farm, Jacksons Field or Pullens Field. The Chairman offered to contact Michael Allfrey to enquire whether he had been in touch with Lawrie Bleasdale concerning fireworks at the proposed event. It was confirmed that Herefordshire Council would not consider a grant for fireworks.

The question of mugs was looked at with prices varying between £4. and £2.08 for earthenware mugs or £2.78 for bone china, both of which could be printed with our own text. A "Blue Peter" mug was also available for £2.76 each if we purchase 252, again with our own text. It was reported that we would require approximately 140 and agreed that an item should be printed in the Newsletter asking for children resident in the village of school age including any children at private schools. Lengthy discussion followed when the design was provisionally agreed in bone china and would include some wording to indicate that they had been provided by Cradley Parish Council.

Notice Board – AE confirmed he had spoken to the AONB who will make a donation of £200. provided their logo appears on the notice board. This would be a metal board for possible wall mounting adjacent to current notice board at the Church. AE was authorised contact "Awards for all" to ascertain whether they would also make a donation and report back at the March meeting.

Cluster Group – BG advised he had attended a meeting in Bosbury Village Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> January when Representatives from thirteen of the fourteen local Parish Councils had attended (see Report attached). FB raised concerns whether the Cluster Group would eventually take over from local Parish Councils but it was generally felt that this was being formed merely to look at the Localism Act.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by CL seconded by RD and carried (FB abstained) it was agreed the Parish Council continue with the Cluster Group with BG as representative for the Parish Council.



Finance Matters – the following Accounts had been received for payment –

- Inland Revenue, PAYE £116.00.
- Storridge Village Hall, hire fees £42.00.
- SLCC membership subscription £110.00.
- Donation to Malvern CAB £50.00.
- Honorarium to Terry Robshaw £75.00.
- Clerk's expenses and allowances £122.45.

ON A PROPOSAL by RD seconded by SA and carried, the above Accounts were approved for payment.

FB took the Chair and on a proposal by SD seconded by SA and carried, the following Accounts were also approved for payment –

- Cradley Village Hall, hire fees £15.20.
- Cradley Village Hall, copying charge £12.75.

**REPORTS** from various Committees -

Planning – RD reported that the following applications had been discussed at the Planning Meeting held prior to the full Council meeting –

LYchcroft, Tanhouse Lane, Cradley – removal of condition 3 of planning permission agricultural tie – **no objections raised.**

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The Gables, Cradley – work to oak tree covered by TPO – **no objections raised.**

3 Walnut Tree House, Kings Orchard – erection of detached four bay garage block – **Objections raised – we note three extensions have already been approved, there is already a garage extension approved – addition of such a large building is excessive development of the site. This is an application for possible additional storage for their commercial enterprise. The nature of Kings Orchard is a compact cul-de-sac where all houses face in towards a central area. Gardens are part of open space which is an amenity for all houses. Building on this garden area at front spoils the open aspect for several houses, especially Nos 2 & 5. We cannot see how the walnut tree could be preserved if building comes so close to trunk and footings and would destroy the roots. This tree is important to the character of the cul-de-sac.**

Churchyards Committee – Nothing further to report.

Playing Field Committee – provision of shelter for Buryfields to be discussed at next meeting.

Editorial Group – Next edition of Reporter out towards the end of February. KN reported on visits to website for both the Parish Council and the Parish Plan, and it was unanimously agreed to amalgamate the two sites which would also result in a saving of approximately £50. a year.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Quotation for grass cutting for 2012.
- February training courses.
- Information Corner for February 2012 - Clerk advised that particular attention should be drawn to the information held by individual councillors, or clerks, in non-work personal e-mail Accounts.
- Confirmation of payment of Precept in April and September 2012,
- Letter regarding Rectory Lane being added to Herefordshire Council's list of streets.
- E-mail from Ian Dampney enquiring if the Parish Council would consider some funding towards the Jubilee Jamboree and
- E-mails regarding the state of Herefordshire and consultation on draft Herefordshire Play Facilities Strategy and Action Plans.

NEWSLETTER items – No District Councillors attending, working on donation to Nursery Group, Report on Neighbourhood Plan, movement in drainage work at Sandy Lane, sites for Jubilee Beacon, agreement to give mugs and working on final design, Notice Board for footpaths, Cluster group, Chapel Lane including bike track, agreement of donations to Churches, quote for grass cutting and date for Parish meeting to include wine, free of charge.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING – 13<sup>TH</sup> March 2012.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed and on a proposal by CL seconded by KN and carried the Council went into closed session.

C. Lowder

13<sup>th</sup> March 2012

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

