

MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th February 2013
in Storrige Village Hall commencing at 7.40pm.

Present – C. Lowder (in the Chair – Chair) F. Beard (FB) K. Nason (KN) T.Lloyd Jones (TLJ) E. Moseley (EM) A. Symondson (AS) C. Lambert (CL) S. Davies (SD) B. Gordon (BG) W. Harries (WH) and G. Fielding (GF).

In attendance – The Clerk, County Councillor C. Attwood, and several members of the public.

Apology – An apology for inability to attend the meeting was received and approved from A. Eldridge.

Chairman's Statement – C. Lowder reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Michael Allfrey and that a vacancy for a new Councillor would be advertised in due course.

Declarations of Interest – No personal or prejudicial interests were declared.

Minutes – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th January 2013 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Vacancies – Attending the meeting were Lorna Gamble and David Woodward, both of whom had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and both were invited to specify their particular interest in joining.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by Chair, seconded by AS and carried Lorna Gamble was invited to join the Parish Council, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk and joined the meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED – On a proposal by Chair seconded by KN and carried David Woodward was invited to join the Parish Council, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk and joined the meeting.

County Councillor Report – Cllr. Attwood reported on the expenditure facing Highways regarding the overall condition of roads in and around the County – See report attached to be forwarded to all Councillors. He also advised that members had voted for single member wards as a result of which Cradley and Storrige would become part of Frome and that Mathon and Bosbury would become part of Colwall. Following a query from KN regarding the ongoing situation with Rectory Lane, Cllr Attwood said he would take up the matter with Amey and report back to us in due course. A Report from Cllr. Tony Johnson had been circulated by the Clerk to all Parish Councillors giving an update on Finances within Herefordshire Council.

Public Question Time – Attending the meeting was James Burton querying the present position on the play area at Chapel Lane, in particular the soft surface matting. KN advised that Quotations were being sought for the replacement of this surface and also advised on the general work in hand, adding that it was hoped to get this work completed in the Spring. He also advised that both play sites were regularly inspected by Councillors and also underwent ROSPA inspections every year.

Update Reports –

1. Affordable Housing – Councillors advised of Consultation taking place in Cradley Village Hall on 26th February 2013 when it was hoped majority of Councillors would attend to discuss matters with Representatives from Herefordshire Council and the Housing Association.
2. Cluster Group – BG confirmed that the majority of the fourteen representatives in the Cluster Group had speeding problems within their parish and were keen to do something on road safety. Various suggestions had been put forward for consideration and these were discussed at some length and it was agreed BG put forward the following proposals –
 - (a) **Double white lines** to be applied from a point approx 50yds west of the junction with the B4220 Bromyard Road continuously to a point approx 250yds north east of the B4219 Cowleigh Road.
 - (b) **request safety camera** partnership or police to carry out speed enforcement on a few days per year at some point where the B4220 Bosbury Road passes through Cradley Village, and
 - (c) BG agreed to look into costings about SIDS for the Bosbury Road.
3. School Signs – The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Herefordshire Council who had agreed to install flashing lights outside the School, but that this work would need to be carried out before the end of their financial year in March 2013. Following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman it had been agreed that this work should be proceeded with, and the Clerk had notified the Authority accordingly but had also advised that we would pursue our wish for a 20mph speed limit through the area of the School.
CONFIRMED – On a proposal by SD seconded by FB and carried, full agreement was confirmed to this work being undertaken.
4. Rectory Lane - KN advised nothing further to report although this had been promised by the end of the month, but it was hoped Cllr. Attwood might be able to obtain some clarification on when this long outstanding matter was likely to be finalised.
5. Kingsbridge SPS – CL reported on meeting with Area Manager from Severn Trent and D. Harris when it had been agreed the pumping station was unable to cope with the quantity of effluent resulting in this being discharged onto the road. It was agreed ST will instantly increase the pump and look at the valves and pipes to see where there is a leak. Any hope of rebuilding the pumping station would take two/three years, but it was hoped the remedial work would in part reduce the problem.

Items for consideration –

1. Parish Meeting – the Chairman advised on the necessity of a Parish Meeting every year for the benefit of new Councillors. It was agreed this should take place at Storrige on 23rd April 2013 and confirmed that he would ask Luke Johnson again this year to attend as Speaker, and if he was not available would again approach Simon Townsend from Enterprise Inns.
2. Pound Bridge – Clerk to bring pressure to bear on Amey/Herefordshire Council to finalise work in this area.
3. Request for monthly Surgeries – The Clerk reported on request from Frank Hare for the Parish Council to hold monthly surgeries in the parish, and in the first instance, it was agreed to advertise the request on the website to ask whether there was considered to be a need for this type of facility and also to raise the question in the Reporter and Newsletter.
4. Donations to PCCs – For the benefit of new members of the Parish Council, FB reported on how the decision had been made for the Council to donate towards maintenance of Churchyards.

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The following Reports of expenditure had been received –

- Storridge PCC – Expenditure £847.39.
- Cradley Chapel – Expenditure £287.10.
- Cradley PCC – Expenditure £3,449.45.

These figures were discussed and agreed as follows -

RESOLVED - On a proposal by KN seconded by Chair and carried it was agreed to pay Storridge PCC the sum of £593.17 and Cradley Chapel the sum of £287.10.

FURTHER RESOLVED – On a proposal by Chair seconded by GF and carried it was agreed to pay Cradley PCC the capped sum of £2,000. but with a proviso for this figure to be reviewed every year.

FINANCIAL MATTERS – The following Accounts had been received for payment –

- Inland Revenue, PAYE £119.20.
- Clerk’s allowances and expenses £130.08.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by TLJ seconded by FB and carried these accounts were approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly.

REPORTS – The following Reports were received –

Planning - The Planning Committee Chairman reported that the following applications had been received for consideration –

- Application No. N130013/F – Barrats Orchard, Cradley - proposed single storey dwelling, partially submerged into ground to minimise visual impact with green roof and materials to be used – Objections raised.
- Application No. N123456/F – The Cartshed, Halesend – conversion of cartshed to form one four bedroom dwelling and a single storey storage shed – no objections raised.
- Application No. N130214/FH – Cherry Croft, Birchwood Lane – proposed ground floor and first floor extensions and internal alterations – the Council repeated their previous comments.
- Application No. 130265/F – Land adjacent Pilgrims, Cradley – erection of detached house and ancillary garage – the Council repeated their previous comments

The Chairman advised that the previous application for Perry Bear Barn had been refused.

Environmental and Footpath Report – TLJ reported that a footpath at Storridge had been affected by effluent. The Paths for Communities proposal would be looked at with regard to a footpath alongside the A4103 from The Red Lion Pub. She also reported on a request from a Mathon resident for reinstatement of a bridleway from Vinesend Lane to Mathon crossing land of two private residents. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council should contact the land owners concerned to enquire if they would be prepared to consider reinstatement of this facility.

Churchyards Committee – Chair advised nothing further to report other than the donations to the PCCs as above.

Recreation Committee – The Clerk reported on funds remaining available for both Buryfields and Chapel Lane including the amount received regarding the development at Finchers Corner. As previously recorded, Quotations were being sought for replacement of the soft surfacing at Chapel Lane.

Editorial Group – KN requested photographs of the recently appointed Parish Councillors for the website and advised that the next edition of the Reporter should be out in April.

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Correspondence received –

- Letter of resignation from Michael Allfrey with immediate effect.
- Letter of resignation from Nigel Jones as custodian of the Maclean Memorial with effect from 1st March 2013.
- Letter from Bill Longmore with draft Police and crime plan and precept options.
- Plan from Herefordshire Council showing positions for school flashing lights.
- E-mail from Frank Hare requesting PC to consider “surgeries” similar to Colwall PC.
- E-mails from three PCCs with details of graveyard expenditure during 2012.
- E-mail from Fran White confirming funds held by Herefordshire Council for play areas.
- ROSPA regarding inspection of play areas and levels of inspection required.
- Letter from Herefordshire Council advising on precept payments.
- Letter from Boundary Commission advising review had been postponed until 2018.

Newsletter items –

- Appointment of two new Councillors.
- Cllr Carl Attwood’s summary on highways and Rectory Lane and Report from Cllr. Tony Johnson on the reductions facing Herefordshire Council.
- Changes of boundaries at a future date.
- Quotations for Safety matting at Chapel Lane being sought.
- Cluster Group road safety and our submissions.
- Kingsbridge SPS sewerage issues.
- Parish Meeting.
- Poll on website on proposal for surgeries.

Councillor Reports – Chair reported that a vacancy had now occurred on the Finance Committee which was due to meet in due course with regard to Parish Council donations. EM advised that the School Governors were raising concerns about parking outside the school and it was suggested they write in to the Parish Council.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Next meeting to take place on Tuesday 12th March 2013 at Storrige Village Hall.

C. Lowder

Signed..... Dated 12th March 2013.

Chairman