

MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th March 2013
in Storridge Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs. C. Lowder (in the Chair – chair) K.Nason (KN) T.Lloyd-Jones (TLJ) C. Lambert (CL) W. Harries (WH) A. Eldridge (AE) L. Gamble (LG) F. Beard (FB) A.Symondson (AS) G. Fielding (GF) S. Davies (SD) D. Woodward (DW) and E. Moseley (EM).

In attendance – The Clerk, Cllr. T. Johnson and Mike Hames.

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

Declarations of Interest received – KN & Chair declared a personal interest in Cradley Village Hall and Chair also declared a personal interest in Rectory Lane.

Guest Speaker – attending the meeting was Mike Hames who gave update on adoption of **Rectory Lane** which had been agreed with Amey Hereford (see attached) and urged Councillors to push this matter forward whilst Amey were still under Contract with Herefordshire Council.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by Chair, seconded by KN and carried it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council accept the Report and all its findings.

On a proposal by the Chair and carried a sincere vote of thanks was expressed to Mike Hames for all his work in bringing this matter towards a satisfactory conclusion over the past two to three years.

Minutes – The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2013 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor Report –

(a) TJ offered to assist in pursuing Rectory Lane solution if required.

(b) He reported on new Construction Levy which would become effective from late 2014 and that although the figure would vary from about £50 up to £150 per square metre for new houses this would make a substantial difference to Parish Council precepts. If a Parish Council does not have any local development plan they would get approximately 15% of this sum, but this would be increased to 25% if they do, the funds going to Parish Councils for use at its discretion. The draft Core Strategy had been received and was handed to Chair which sets out the numbers of new houses proposed/required in the County.

(c) TJ also advised that the old market site in Hereford was proceeding well and could be open in part for business at this time next year. He kindly offered to arrange for members of the Parish Council to visit the site if they wished to do so.

(d) TJ also reported on payments for deprivation in this area and urged Councillors to let him know if they were aware of any problems.

(e) TJ also reported that he had visited Dennis Johnson at Tanhouse Lane and had been shown evidence in writing that the owner would need to make a formal application to repair his piggery. TJ had checked this out and discovered that there was no need to obtain permission for repairs to be carried out to the building. Mr. Johnson had also applied to convert the building into residential use which had been refused. The Planners had then asked to see what the building would look like following repair and Mr. Johnson had indicated he would not give any undertaking. TJ had agreed to pursue this matter with Mr. Johnson and would report back in due course.

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Welcome time – Following co-option of new members, all Councillors introduced themselves giving a brief description of their working experiences.

Update Reports –

- (1) **Affordable Housing** – several members had attended the Consultation and when all the Questionnaires had been returned to both Herefordshire Council and the Housing Association, they would send a full report on the event.
- (2) **Cluster Group** – In the absence of B. Gordon, WH had kindly offered to attend the meeting the following day, and had been advised that the next item coming up for consideration was tourism in our Villages.
- (3) **Rectory Lane** – See report from M. Hames attached.
- (4) **Kingsbridge SPS** – Chair reported he had met with members from Severn Trent Water who had promised that within the next few weeks they will be starting to repair the damage to Kingsbridge and that they had indicated new machinery will need to be installed.
- (5) **Parish Meeting** – Chair reported that Luke Johnson was unable to attend as Speaker so he was hoping to arrange for Simon Townsend from Enterprise Inns to attend. A member from Knights Cider was suggested as an alternative. KN agreed to do the necessary posters advertising the event on 23rd April 2013.

Items for Consideration –

- Pound Bridge/Lower Brookside flood damage/road condition – Chair agreed to let the Clerk have full details of outstanding work, despite details having previously been submitted together with photographs to support the problems.
- HGV traffic on Bosbury Road – Following complaints about very heavy lorries using this as a cut through to Ledbury, the Clerk was to write to both Highways and the Police and request that the signage be changed at Stoney Cross (Prestons Cross) to show that the B4220 was not either suitable for HGVs or as a turning for Ledbury.

Finance – The following Accounts and donations had been received for payment –

• Storridge PCC donation	£593.17.
• Cradley Chapel donation	£287.10.
• Cradley PCC donation	£2,000.
• Smiths of Derby, clock maintenance	£662.40.
• Metrosigns, new notice board	£1,028.40 (grant received).
• Jim Harrington, fixing new notice board	£150.
• HALC – membership fee	£505.20.
• Cradley Village Hall, hire and copying	£37.45.
• Inland Revenue, PAYE x two	£238.40.
• Ledbury Rural Cluster Group	£55.00.
• Clerk's expenses and allowances	£142.95.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by FB seconded by TLJ and carried the above payments were approved and cheques signed accordingly.

FURTHER RESOLVED – to hold a Finance meeting to discuss level of future donations and other financial matters on Wednesday 27th March 2013 at Vinesend Lane.

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Reports –

Planning - TLJ reported that three applications had been discussed prior to the Council meeting as follows –

- **Application No 130244/L** – Timbers, Upper Churchfields – replacement garage roof, bathroom suite and flooring, kitchen units and sink, exposure of original inglenook fireplace and removal of hot water tank and associated encasing unit – ***no objections raised.***
- **Application No. 130139/FH** – The Haven, Crumpton Hill Road – demolition of existing lean to extension and replacement with a single storey extension – ***no objections raised.***
- **Application No. DMN/130469/J** – 6 Pixiefields, Cradley – reduce height and spread of two oak trees by 50% each, trees covered by TPO – ***no objections raised.***

TLJ also advised that the conversion to a holiday home at Gwinllan had been refused on appeal and that the proposed development at Barratts Orchard had also been refused. Clerk to check the situation regarding the yew tree at The Coach House which had been removed despite the fact that the Parish Council had recommended it should be retained following cosmetic work.

Environmental & Footpaths – TLJ reported that a proposed bridleway from Mathon to Cradley would not be going ahead.

Churchyards – Chair advised nothing further to report.

Recreation Area – More soil had been delivered to Chapel Lane site and Chair had contacted Madresfield Estate regarding huge rocks which would cost £45 each plus transport. Some quotes had been received regarding replacing the surfacing, one of which from Wicksteed was for £22K to include ripping up the old tile surfacing. Further Quotations awaited when the matter would be considered, including possible use of the old tile matting. ROSPA inspection of both sites had been requested.

Editorial Group – Reporter due out in April. The Website still being visited on a regular basis.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Letter, Police & Crime Commissioner West Mercia seeking views on innovative local plans.
- Letter, Herefordshire Council regarding local plan core strategy 2011/2031 with public consultation event in Ledbury on 21st March at 10-1pm.
- Letter, WRVS with introduction of the new county wide transport service.
- Herefordshire CAB seeking donation.
- E-mail Brian Gordon with costings for flashing speed indicators and how we go about getting them.
- E-mail Michael Jeends about parking outside Cradley Primary School.
- List of Precepts in County either reduced, increased or unchanged by Parish Councils.

LITERATURE –

- Clerks & Councils Direct March magazine.
- Herefordshire Local Plan core strategy 2011-2031.
- Local Council Review spring magazine.
- Online Playgrounds brochure.
- Sovereign Play equipment sale brochure.
- Clerk magazine March 2013.

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Newsletter items –

- Report on Rectory Lane and that the Parish Council had accepted the report.
- County Councillor report about future construction levy, Hereford old market site and social fund.
- Affordable Housing Report awaited.
- Cluster Group and Parish Council action concerning HGVs use of Bosbury Road.
- Kingsbridge SPS advising when ST Water hoped to start work.
- Pound Bridge problems being reported again.
- Notice Board on Rectory Lane and vote of thanks to A. Eldridge for making and finalising arrangements.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next meeting to take place in Cradley Village Hall on Tuesday 9th April 2013.

The Parish Meeting to take place on Tuesday 23rd April 2013.

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

Chairman.