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**MINUTES** of a Meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in Cradley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT** - D. Creed Newton (in the Chair), M. Allfrey (MA), R. Diamond (RD), P. Diamond (PD), A. Eldridge (AE) F. Beard (FB), P. Stanley (PS), C. Lowder (CL) J. Edgar (JE) and K. Nason. Also in attendance was Cllr. R. Stockton and Mr. Dennis Johnson.

**APOLOGIES** for inability to attend the meeting for business reasons were received and agreed from J. Tudor, M. Brooksbank, R. Gill, and E. Mikata and from M. Sheriff due to a family holiday.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - Personal and prejudicial – None received.

**MINUTES** -

**The Minutes** of the Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**PARISH PLAN REPORT** - PD advised the Parish Plan was expected to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> July when it would be presented to the Parish Council officially for approval, adoption and implementation.

**RESOLVED** - On a proposal by PD, seconded by CL and carried, it was formally agreed to arrange a meeting at the next Parish Council for a date in June to enable the Parish Plan to be presented to the Parish Council for discussion

**PROGRESS REPORTS** -

**A4103** - The Clerk advised she had not received any reply to her query regarding the report on the speed survey and assessment of speed limits on the A4103 at Storridge. Clerk to let Cllr. Roy Stockton have the paperwork to enable him to chase the matter up on our behalf.

**BROMYARD ROAD SIGNAGE** – Again Clerk reported no reply regarding this matter and Cllr. Roy Stockton agreed to chase the matter up on our behalf.

**RECTORY LANE** - The Clerk had received a letter from the Electoral Office of Herefordshire Council that they would make an inspection of Rectory Lane to determine whether it was fit for purpose for the forthcoming General Election.

KN reported that he had since received an official booking for this to take place so they had obviously been satisfied with the condition of the lane following their inspection.

PD reported he was often queried concerning the problems in Rectory Lane and he was advised to reply that the lane is not the responsibility of the Parish Council but that private parties do have an interest in it. It was suggested that a statement concerning the lane should be included in the Newsletter, Reporter and on the web-site.

**SECURE SERVER** – KN advised he had carried out investigations into this and reported that the free ones are not suitable and that the Council would have to pay something about £100. a year for a “secure server”. In the meantime, he had spoken to HALC who have agreed to bring this matter up at their next meeting to make suggestions that they organize this facility for all Parish Councils and will push this forward in an attempt to sort something out.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – The Chairman and Clerk reported receipt of a query from a Parishioner regarding use of the Precept in the Parish and the replies given. This person had been invited to attend a meeting to see the work of the Parish Council. It was reported that the Forum on the web-site had been well used for information about the Parish Council activities. Some pot-holes had been repaired, and Roy Stockton advised he had received a complaint about mud in Tanhouse Lane which had been removed.

**The Chairman closed the meeting to allow public participation.**

Dennis Johnson reported Tanhouse Lane had been a mess for about twenty years and that he had personally paid approx. £960. for a drain in the Lane which had eased the problem. He felt the mud was not caused by the farmers but was being washed off the fields into the road.

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

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – It was reported that Paula Little from Storridge would be giving a vote of thanks at the Parish meeting and that Patsy Dye would be the third speaker. Refreshments are organized and the Chairman said he would be placing the advertisements on local boards within the next few days

**NOTICE BOARD** - CL advised nothing further to report but should be erected by end of May.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION –**

**Pound Bridge** – Concerns raised following the state of the area following repairs carried out by Severn Trent Water Agents and it was agreed a meeting should take place with Herefordshire Highways to discuss the matter.

**RESOLVED** – On a proposal by DCN, seconded by CL and carried, it was agreed we request a meeting on site to discuss their proposals with Highways before any further work is carried out. Communications had been taking place with Severn Trent who had indicated their willingness to attend a further Parish Council meeting and it was agreed that this should take place following the site meeting with Herefordshire Highways.

**Parish Initiative** – Whilst some pot-hole repairs had been carried out, Clerk to request work on both Grittles End Road to the Halesend and also up Vinesend Lane. Clerk to also request an urgent repair to the water problem in the road at Bearswood Lane .

**CL left the meeting at this point.**

**FINANCE** – The following Accounts had been received for payment

- Storridge Village Hall hire fees £42.00.
- Viking Direct, labels & envelopes £47.56.
- HALC – Chairman’s training £20.00.
- HALC – Subscription £330.99.
- Clerks & Councils Direct subscription £11.00.
- Clerks expenses and allowances £161.93.

**RESOLVED** – On a proposal by FB, seconded by PS and carried, these accounts were approved for payment , cheques signed and the Invoices initialed.

**PLANNING** - MA reported on applications discussed prior to the full Council meeting –

**Application No. DMNW/100667/K** – Clematis Cottage, Cradley – Fell one silver birch tree in a Conservation area – *No objections.*

**Application No. DMNE/10041/F & L** – Redundant Barn, Lower Nupend – conversion of barn to B1-B8 use – *The Parish Council are happy with B1 use but certainly not B8 use. We do recommend that you take full account of the submissions by Mr. W. James, Mr. Dodd and Mr. Foreman and look at these three local submissions very carefully. We continue to be extremely concerned about traffic issues in this narrow country lane.*

**Application No. DMNE/100241/ FH & L** – Old Rectory, Cradley – construction of new access with wooden gates and closing off of old access – *The applicant reiterates his claim on Page 2 of the Heritage Statement that this part of the wall, which lies to the south and west of The Old Rectory is not listed in its own right. This is a terminological inexactitude. The application also contains a copy of the listing particulars. We consider it important that it be placed on record that the Parish Council asserts that it is listed, so that the applicant’s claim does not go unchallenged. This may help prevent any future attempts to delist part of the building.*  
*The application states in the scheme design “the existing access has no gates”! The reason that the existing access has no gates is because the applicant had previously removed them, together with the gateposts and part of the wall. Again for the record, we suggest that the Council notes this.*  
*The applicant says little about the proposal to block up the old access, but shows a photomontage of what is proposed. We suggest the Council should oppose this scheme for blocking up the existing access and propose an alternative, that the existing line of the wall at the existing entrance be maintained, and that the space between the places where the gateposts stood before they were removed, be blocked up with a stone wall constructed in a similar manner to the rest of the wall.*  
*This is for two reasons (1) for heritage reasons, the line of the wall should continue to identify that it was historically the main entrance. Not to do so would detract from the historical value of the building and the group and (2) for road safety reasons, the pull in afforded by the current entrance offers an opportunity for vehicles to pass, as it has done for many decades, Use of the pull in by the public is well established.*  
*With regard to the gates, we would prefer a design of gate which would afford views of The Rectory whether open or closed, preferably a single gate hinged on the west side.*

**Application No. DMNE/100548/F** – Copley Farm, Acton Beauchamp – proposed new fodder storage building – *No objections raised.*

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With regard to **Mirror Brook holdings**, it was reported that a blue van was on site, which is being occupied. There is also a large green shed with camouflage netting over it. The Clerk was requested to

notify the Enforcement Officer of these observations, and request a site visit be carried out as a matter of some urgency.

**CHURCHYARDS COMMITTEE** - CL had advised the Chairman nothing further to report.

**PLAYING FIELD** – MA agreed to carry out some work on the Chapel Lane site, and Clerk to request MCB to carry out a cut at Buryfields

**EDITORIAL GROUP** - KN reported that the Web site continued to receive regular use and that he had purchased some server space which would cost approximately £50. next year. The web-site would continue to be updated with old minutes etc. The Reporter had been distributed to every household in the Parish.

**HALC** - MA reported East Herefordshire meeting to be held at Yarkhill. At a recent executive meeting a Finance Group had been set up to resolve problems. Bromyard had re joined HALC and it was reported that more Grants were coming in.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE** -

Letter, Herefordshire Council regarding use of Rectory Lane at forthcoming election.

E-Mail – Marion Whitehead, Clerk to Urchfont PC regarding Rectory Lane.

E-mail, Paul Kimberley regarding Council tax increase.

Acknowledgement from Herefordshire Council for comments regarding “Shaping our Place 2026”.

Letter, Herefordshire Council regarding “High quality artworks for our community”.

Malvern Hills Guidance on identifying and assessing key views to and from the Malvern Hills AONB – “a consultation exercise”.

Letter regarding damage to land at Buryfields.

Letter, Ledbury Town Council regarding funeral service for Mayor, Cllr. C. Holbourn.

E-mails concerning work at Pound Bridge.

E-mails concerning Severn Trent Water.

E-mail regarding Parish Council “car club meeting”.

Letter, Herefordshire Council re “local economic assessment”.

#### **LITERATURE** –

Herefordshire Council NHS “folklore & fairy tales” museum on the move.

Ledbury Area Older Forum “Question the candidates”.

HALC – Information corner dated March, with various information regarding playground safety course, VAT, member survey and enclosing the HALC subscription Invoice.

#### **The Chairman closed the meeting to enable Public participation**

Mr. D. Johnson from Tanhouse Lane attending sought the Council’s assistance in enquiring of Herefordshire Council how many tied cottages remained in the Parish of Cradley and also to enquire the actual cost of the junction improvement which had taken place at Tanhouse Lane.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by DCN, seconded by MA and carried, it was agreed the Council write Herefordshire Council asking them to declare the cost of the work at Tanhouse Lane under the F. of I. Act, and also enquire how many tied cottages there were in the Parish of Cradley and also the period of residence before the tie is removed. Cllr. Roy Stockton advised he had never heard of a tie being taken off a tied cottage.

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**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** – None actually agreed in the absence of CL, although KN had agreed to do a report.

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**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA** - MA reported regarding Parishioner's difficulty in obtaining any reponse from Planning Officers to visit concerning whether a caravan has permission for residential use. It was suggested the people concerned telephone and make an appointment at the Ledbury Office.

**Next Meeting** – Annual Parish Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April at Storridge Village Hall.  
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to take place on 4th May 2010 in Cradley Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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