

MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th April 2012 in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT – C. Lowder (CL – in the chair) K. Nason (KN) B.Gordon (BG) S. Davies (SD) C. Smith (CS) A. Symondson (AS) W. Harries (WH) F. Beard (FB) T. Lloyd Jones (TLJ) R. Diamond (RD) A. Eldridge (AE) and E. Moseley (EM). Also in attendance was County Councillor C. Attwood (CA).

APOLOGIES for inability to attend the meeting due to business commitments were approved from M. Allfrey and M. Brooksbank and from S. Adams due to a holiday arrangement.

DECLARATIONS of interest in items on the Agenda were received as follows –

- KN & CL – Personal interest in Cradley Village Hall.
- KN – Personal interest in cheque to Innmentor.
- SD – Personal interest in Jubilee mugs and cheque to TCG Builders.
- EM – Personal interest in donation to Cradley Nursery.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2012 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR Report – CA reported on (1) Council meeting early March with regard to Boundary Commission recommendations to reduce wards from 58 down to 54 which may result in Cradley and Colwall having a single Representative (2) that certain parts of the proposed development at Hereford cattle market were not being put through the public domain although it was felt that they should be and (3) that Worcestershire County Council had virtually overnight withdrawn support for someone in the Parish with special needs which has previously been provided under a reciprocal arrangement with Herefordshire Council. Full details of this are not known but with Herefordshire Council obliged to provide this in the future, this may have some affect on services.

PARISH MEETING _ Environmental and Wild Life Group due to meet on the 19th April 2012 with report to follow at next meeting.

Update on outstanding matters –

Drainage at Sandy Lane – Following Herefordshire Council digging up the deteriorating pipe the problems appear to be over but will be monitored following any heavy rainfall.

Jubilee Beacon – Beacon booked and registered in field belonging to the Bryan family in Chockbury Lane. Fireworks arranged through Laurie Bleasdale in the same field but which will be fenced off from public for safety reasons. Parish Council to clear the field following the event, ensuring any nails from the wood should be collected and removed. It was proposed and carried unanimously that Fred Beard should start the proceedings by lighting the beacon as the oldest serving member of the Parish Council, which he reported he would be proud to do. Clerk reported on advice received from MA that HALC advised a "risk assessment" should be carried out.

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Mugs – It was reported that 180 would be required, with any surplus to be sold off. Design and wording on the mugs were finally approved to enable order to be placed.

Funding for Notice Board – AE advised grant was available from “Awards for all” but that various paperwork was required before the application could be sent off.

Donation to Cradley Nursery – It was confirmed that Karen Robb was employed by Herefordshire Council to run the Nursery, but before the donation of some furnishings could be finalised, it was agreed confirmation in writing was required from the School. The Chairman was to ensure this was to hand thus enabling the agreement for provision of some furniture for the Nursery could be finalised at the meeting in May.

Chapel Lane playing field – SD proposed a vote of thanks to Simon Adam for supplying the signs for the play area free of charge. Seating by means of benches have now been provided, again free of charge and thanks were expressed to Ron Cottam for supplying the wood for the benches and to Neil George for constructing them. It was agreed a litter bin might be required and we were to ask Hereford Council if they would provide one.

St. Katherines – The Chairman, KN and TLJ had met with IE Developments, and whilst faults were admitted on both sides, it appeared IE Developments have done all they can, apart for perhaps the parking issue and they have now reinstated the e-mail to all residents. It is hoped that the matter will now proceed without further problems. CL had spoken with Dick Harris and he now appears satisfied but remains somewhat unhappy regarding the parking.

Parish Meeting – An approach had been made to Luke Johnson, ex chairman of Channel 4 to act as Speaker and although he would have been delighted to attend, unfortunately the date coincided with a planned holiday. The Chairman advised that he had approached 3 or 4 local people including Sue Lim from Blue Ginger, Derek Stanley from Ergohub and Councillors Alan Eldridge and Simon Davies had also kindly agreed to take part in a short talk on “what it is like living in Cradley and having your own business in the near vicinity”. An approach had also been made to Roger Gill to propose a vote of thanks to the Speakers and he had kindly accepted the offer.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION –

Donation to Cradley Village Hall – Although a recent donation had been made totalling £2,350, a further request had been received to cover additional items. Before leaving the room, KN explained the criteria regarding donations to the Village Hall which he explained was run as a Charity and had been set up with three Trustees who originally backed the charity with their own monies, but the Charity had since been forced to take out additional insurance cover to indemnify the Trustees.

CL & KN left the room.

FB took the Chair and on a proposal by AE seconded by SD and carried, it was agreed to make the additional donation of £535.48 strictly on the proviso that the Parish Council look into capping donations in future years to a fairer level with the donations made to Storridge.

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Litter Pick up Group – Following an approach by a local resident to form a litter pick up group, the Parish Council had agreed that if they come forward, we as a Parish Council would look into how we could support them and it was agreed to put a suggestion in the Newsletter regarding the formation of a Group.

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

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| • Inland Revenue PAYE | £116.00. |
| • Local Council Review | £15.50. |
| • HALC Subscription | £378.07. |
| • Viking Direct, stationery | £125.21 (inc VAT). |
| • HALC training | £10.00. |
| • TCG Builders, at Chapel Lane play area | £345.00. |
| • Clerks & Councils Direct subscription | £12.00. |
| • Clerk's expenses and allowances | £123.48. |

RESOLVED – On a proposal by the Chairman, seconded by TLJ and carried, the above Accounts were approved for payment and cheques signed – **KN & CL left the room**

FB took the Chair and on a proposal by AS seconded by EM and carried, the undermentioned Accounts were also approved for payment –

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| • Innmentor, web hosting | £100. |
| • Cradley Village Hall hire fees & copying | £53.15. |

KN & CL rejoined the meeting

REPORTS –

Planning – RD advised that although no planning meeting had taken place prior to the full Council meeting, a late planning application had been received concerning the proposed Solar PV panel installation at Old Upper House Farm, Greenhill. RD advised she had visited the site, which was a Grade II listed manor house and that about 16 panels had already been installed. Clerk to reply accordingly expressing concern that this had been allowed prior to planning permission being obtained in the light of the status of the property.

With regard to the planning application for land adjoining Pilgrims, Cradley, the Chairman had spoken to CA regarding Nigel Banning who appears to be passing everything without proper consultation, site visits etc. and the Chairman proposed a meeting on site with CA to discuss the proposed gateway immediately adjacent to the sharp left hand turn and to check whether Highways had inspected the site.

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RD reported she had also been approached by two people regarding the caravan at Old Hop Barn, which has still not been removed, and that the previous Tenant of the caravan has now moved into the dwelling made out of the barn which we were told was ancillary to the property and was only to be used by the owners of the property as family accommodation. Clerk to write to the Enforcement Officer that we need that person to be checked out having moved out of the caravan and into the barn and advise that the caravan has still not been moved.

Churchyard Committee – nothing to report.

Playing Field Committee – No report available of the recent meeting of the Committee, but during that meeting Zone 1 of Chapel Lane playing field had been discussed and KN had done a project on what might be achievable on that part of the play area. A further meeting was to be held on 18th April to look further at Zone 1 and to finalise the ideas for presentation to the Parish Council at the May meeting.

Editorial Group – KN reported slight delay in issue of Reporter due to technical reasons, but it should be out next week and advised that the web site was still running smoothly.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- E-mail – resignation from Parish Council by Rosemary Diamond – Chairman proposed a sincere vote of thanks for all the work which Rosemary had done especially on the Planning Committee.
- Letter – Cradley Chapel thanking Parish Council for donation for graveyard maintenance.
- Letter – Cradley Village Hall seeking further donation of £535.48 as above.
- Letter – Ledbury CVA seeking donation and enclosing Spring 2012 newsletter.
- HALC – Information Corner.
- Electoral Review of Herefordshire – comments regarding proposal that number of Councillors should be reduced and consulting on a council size of 54 members.
- Social Enterprise and Financial Sustainability conference on 23th April 2012.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS – Report from County Councillor; Boundary Commission reduction from 58 to 54 Councillors with cross border cut-offs; Sandy Lane to be monitored, Jubilee celebrations, Notice Board “Awards for all” funding, Chapel Lane playing fields and plans for top area of field, meeting regarding St. Katherine’s, Parish Meeting and Litter picking groups.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS – Street light still out at Credenleigh, camp at Crumpton Hill.

NEXT MEETINGS – Parish Meeting to be held on 25th April 2012 and date of Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be changed to 15th May 2012 in Cradley Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.37pm.

C. Lowder

15th May 2012

Signed..... Chairman.

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