

MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance – The Clerk, Cllr. C. Attwood and M. Willmont (Head of Neighbourhood Planning at Herefordshire Council).

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received and approved from L. Gamble due to ill health and A. Eldridge due to work commitments.

Declarations of Interest – none received.

Minutes – The Minutes of the Annual meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor report – Cllr. Attwood advised that Cllr. Tony Johnson had been appointed as Leader of Herefordshire Council. He also reported on the redundancies which will required in view of the huge cuts in the Council budget the precise details of which will not be decided until after the summer. It was also reported that it was not yet known who the successful applicant will be for the Amey contract, three quotes being considered, one of whom is from Amey. He also advised that changes in the Parish will occur before the next Election and that both he and T. Johnson will put forward any items for consideration to the Cluster Group.

Guest Speaker – Mike Willmont, Head of Planning at Herefordshire Council was attending to advise the Parish Council how the NPPF is being interpreted by Herefordshire Council and to indicate what the PC should be aware of when we make our responses to planning applications within the Parish, and also to help us further understand the role of our Neighbourhood Plan in this process. He advised that he had been employed since 1972 in the Planning Dept and advised that the NPPF was not only about new development, but also about protecting the environment. He advised that the UD Plan was a legal planning document, and also that the Core Strategy is a new planning document and although this is not yet up and running, the Council will in due course advise their preferred Policy which would not however come up before July 2015. He advised that the Planning department never ignore Parish Council comments made on planning applications but that they do not always agree with them. He gave some indication of what are and are not material comments in planning responses for our reference and also advised that it was possible to see on the web-site the comments made to Planning Committee and also see the individual planning officer's report. With regard to a NDP, he advised that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was different to Section 106 monies and that the money would go direct to Parish Councils, and when drawing up the NDP, he recommended that the Parish Council use the whole of the Parish boundary.

A question and answer session followed which included retrospective planning applications, extensions, and the changes the Council will shortly make regarding the publicity process in respect of planning applications received.

It was confirmed to Mr. Willmont that the Parish Council had decided to enter into a NDP and that the relevant form would be returned to Herefordshire Council following this meeting.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Willmont for attending the meeting which Councillors had found extremely useful.

Update Reports -

- 1) Affordable Housing – representatives will be attending our meeting in August to discuss the results of their recent Consultation regarding the need for this type of accommodation in the Parish.
- 2) Cluster Group – AGM taking place in Wellington Heath Memorial Hall on .....
- 3) Rectory Lane – KN advised timescale for completion of application for the Lane to be added to the List of Streets was around September/November 2013 and that the matter is now in the hands of Herefordshire Council/Amey. On a proposal by KN seconded by SD and carried (with two abstentions) it was agreed the Parish Council do not comment on the letter recently submitted by the PCC pressing for the work to be put in hand ASAP as we

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prefer to wait until the lane is on the official List of Streets.

Items for consideration –

- 1) Parking outside School – Letter and drawing forwarded to all from Friends of Cradley School (FOCS) regarding parking problems outside school at certain times of the day. The matter was discussed and it was generally agreed that FOCS need to accurately identify land ownership outside the school and on a proposal by Chair seconded by FB and carried (with one against and two abstentions) it was agreed that whilst the Parish Council is sympathetic to the dilemma, it does not feel that this problem is within the remit of the Parish Council.
- 2) (a) Recreation Areas – It was agreed to look into the possibility of having a lockable cabinet in both play areas in which to display the Byelaws and also a sign that the Parish Council cannot be held responsible for the use of the play equipment in as regular yearly inspections under ROSPA are carried out and paid for by the Parish Council thus covering their liability. It was also agreed to enquire the cost of general refurbishment of all existing notice boards. The new swing had been installed recently on the Buryfields site.

(b) Chair had circulated a letter from MCB regarding damage incurred to their mower whilst cutting the area at Chapel Lane the damage arising from stones in the grass. MCB had indicated that the cost of repairs totalled £590.07. The matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that a letter should be forwarded to MCB advising that whilst we have received and noted their report, that as Contractors they should have their own insurance to cover the cost of the repair, and it was also generally felt that they should carry out a cursory inspection of the ground before commencing work.

(c) It was agreed MCB should be advised that they had failed to cut back the foliage around the entrance to the Buryfields site. Further, on a proposal by Chair seconded by EM and carried, it was also agreed to utilise up to approximately £80. from PC funds to fence off the area known as “the mountain” on Chapel Lane play area until all the work had been completed on the site.

Finance – the following Accounts had been received for payment –

- MCB Landscapes, grass cutting £336.00.
- Storridge Village Hall, hire fees £21.00.
- ICO, register of data controllers for year £35.00.
- Marion Griffiths, payroll 2012/2013 £55.00.
- Inland Revenue, PAYE £157.55.

On a proposal by KN seconded by EM and carried, the above Accounts were approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly.

Reports from various Committees –

Planning – The Planning Chairman advised that the following applications had been received for consideration –

Application No. 131269/E – Building adjacent to Vinesyard Farm, Cradley – conversion of rural building to one dwelling and associated works – ***if this genuinely is not going to have agricultural use, we support that it is turned into residential in accordance with the draft Core Strategy and we recommend that the design is in accordance with the objectives of the MHDC AONB consultation document.***

Application No. 131108/L The Nupend, Cradley – amendment to approved application N111585/L to include internal layout and alterations and reconfigured window arrangement – ***no comment.***

Application No. 13227/K – 1 Kings Orchard, Upper Churchfields – removal of cupressus leylandii, work to tree in conservation area – ***no objections.***

Application No. 131148/FH – Redbrook, Bosbury Road, Cradley – proposed rear conservatory and minor internal alterations – ***no objections.***

Appeal regarding Barratts Orchard – ***it was agreed to strongly recommend that there is a site visit taken by the Inspector given the sensitivity of the local community.***

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Environment & Footpaths – Chair agreed to speak to Geoff White regarding the trees which had fallen down across a footpath and GW agreed to let the Clerk know the name of the house which is undergoing a large extension to enable the Clerk to ascertain whether a planning application had been received for this work, and if not, to report the matter to the Enforcement Officer at Herefordshire Council.

Churchyards Committee – Nothing to report.

Recreation Area Committee – Meeting agreed for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

Editorial Group – KN advised he was behind schedule with the production of the next Reporter.

Correspondence – E-mail from Internal Auditor regarding “depreciation” of assets and acknowledgement of order from Wicksteed for unaccompanied visit to Chapel Lane and Buryfields play areas.

Newsletter items –

- Report from Cllr. Attwood and confirmation of change of boundaries before next election.
- Report from M. Willmont regarding planning and ND Plan.
- Affordable housing officers attending PC meeting in August with invitation to parishioners to attend.
- School parking remains a problem.
- AONB officer attending meeting in July, and
- Report on Chapel Lane.

Report and items for next meeting – renovation of notice boards and request update on Kingsbridge sewerage problem.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Next meeting to take place in Cradley Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 commencing at 7.30pm.

Signed..... C. Lowder ..... Dated..... 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013. ....