

Minutes of meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th August 2017 in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present - Cllrs. G.Fielding (in the Chair - GF) D. Scully (DS) T.Lloyd Jones (TLJ) G. Thomas (GT) A. Scarsbrook (AS) W. Harries (WH) A. Eldridge (AE) S. Davies (SD) F. Beard (FB) C. Lambert (CL) and B. Herriot (BH).

An apology for inability to attend the meeting had been received and was approved from Cllr. A. Carver.

Also attending were Cllr. Patricia Morgan, the Clerk and many local residents.

Declarations of Interest - Cllrs. A. Eldridge, B. Herriot and W. Harries all declared non pecuniary interests in the amended planning application by Mrs. Sarah Herriot for land at Kings Orchard on behalf of the Heart of the Village (HOV) Cradley Ltd and signed the Register. **All three Councillors advised that they would leave the room when the planning application was considered by full Council.**

Minutes - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11th July 2017 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman, there were no amendments.

Open Session - **the Chairman closed the Council meeting to allow public participation -**

- 1) County Councillor P. Morgan advised that she had no update on road works at Stoney Cross and also informed everyone that she was standing down as County Councillor and Deputy Leader of Herefordshire Council.
- 2) Local Residents on planning and other parish matters - attending the meeting were many local residents including the applicant Sarah Herriot regarding land at Kings Orchard for the HOV. She reported on the latest situation regarding the planning application and the position regarding the strategic gap following the successful Neighbourhood Development Plan and the amendments which had been put in place to accommodate the proposal for "change of use from agricultural to community use, creation of community orchard children's play area, footpath and parking for church and village events and construction of community cafe and shop". Several of the other members of the public in attendance also spoke fully in support of the planning application and urged the Parish Councillors to give their support to the amended application.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for attending the meeting and advised that their comments would be taken into account when Councillors discussed the latest application **and he then re-opened the Council meeting.**

Planning - consider applications and agree comments on the following applications -

- a) No. 172079 - Netherley Hall, Mathon - proposed two bed log cabin for farm worker accommodation - no objections raised subject to checking whether it should have an agricultural covenant on it, planning officer should check the "business" need for this cabin and that a hedge should be planted to shield the view from the adjacent public right of way.
- b) No. 171658 - land at Russet House - amended plans for site for erection of one dwelling - it was agreed to repeat the Council's comments on the previous application and comment that a full application would enable the Council to give its full and considered opinion and that as an outline application, the Council is therefore unable to recommend refusal or approval at this stage.

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- c) No. 160601 - Kings Orchard, Cradley - amended plans for proposed change of use from agricultural to community use, creation of community orchard, children's play area, footpaths and parking for church and village events and construction of community cafe and shop (*it should be noted that Cllrs. Herriot, Eldridge and Harries left the room during discussion*) - the Chairman sought comments from around the table and with a unanimous vote by those who voted (seven against the application with one abstention) the Council again object to this proposal (see detailed objections attached).
Cllrs Herriot, Eldridge and Harries rejoined the meeting.

Matters for consideration -

- Specification for future CPC website communication - this had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting - it was discussed and unanimously approved as drawn and agreed that the Council would obtain Quotations from interested parties for consideration. It was suggested and approved that Ken Nason would be invited to Quote for the revised website requirements, and that in the meantime, he had kindly agreed to continue with the work which he does on behalf of the Council.
- Risk Management Schedule - an up to date schedule had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the Schedule as drawn which would be monitored as appropriate and also reviewed on an annual basis as the end of the Council's financial year.

Financial - The Clerk advised the following accounts had been received for payment -

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| • Cradley Village Hall, hire fees | £84.00. |
| • Speedy Asset Services, Lengthsman materials | £80.00. ex vat. |
| • Lengthsman/P3 for July | £1,108.88. |
| • Local Council Review, yearly subscription | £17.00. |

The Vice Chairman checked the Invoices and on a proposal by TLJ seconded by FB and carried the above items were approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly.

Reports from committees and working parties -

- 1) Footpaths, wildlife & environment - Chairman advised nothing to report.
- 2) Lengthsman/P3 - report circulated by Chairman prior to meeting followed by brief update.
- 3) Highway issues - Chairman advised nothing to report.
- 4) Risk Management Group - see item 2 under matters for consideration.
- 5) Recreation Group - brief update on work at Chapel Lane by Chairman and GT.
- 6) NDP - TLJ reported on referendum which had resulted in a total number of votes representing 553 of the electorate giving an above average turn out resulting in a "yes vote" of 86.8% to adopt the NDP.
- 7) SDG - DS reported on neighbourhood dispute at Crumpton Hill over the tree which had been purchased under this group and it was agreed Mr. Penter could simply pay back the monies to the Council thereby taking ownership of the tree.
- 8) Resilience Group - BH advised nothing further to report but agreed to produce most of the required Matrix for the next meeting in September.
- 9) Cradley Village Hall - Report by Cllr. Carver had been circulated to all, and it was agreed to progress the possibility of a notice board adjacent to the bench and dog disposal bin opposite the Butchers shop.
- 10) Graveyards - nothing to report.

Newsletter items to include lively discussion about HOV by public and Councillors, website specification to be sent to interested parties risk management addressed, update on Lengthsman work and drainage project at Chapel Lane which would mean the mini football pitch being closed off during the winter months.

Correspondence/Literature received -

- ❖ E-mail from Enforcement Officer regarding Mirrorbrook site - sent to all.
- ❖ E-mail complaint from Mrs. Parker regarding work to tree carried out at 7 Old School Close, stating that the tree was actually on her property - e-mail reply sent advising that Parish Councils do not have statutory powers to either approve or refuse applications, Herefordshire Council planning alone have that authorisation and that as a consultee Cradley PC had responded with comments about the tree size reduction and if she was aggrieved she was advised she should attempt to resolve the matter with the relevant HCC planning officer and/or the applicant.
- ❖ Update from Cllr. Patricia Morgan regarding Pixiefield development which had been sent to all Councillors.
- ❖ E-mail from Seonaid Barber re Crumpton Hill - sent to all Councillors.
- ❖ Letter from Ledbury Town Council - statutory requirement under Reg 14 of their NDP document which can be reviewed on their website.
- ❖ Herefordshire Council - declaration of result of poll on referendum.

Councillor Reports and items for future Agendas - suggested debate on how process under public question time can be acknowledged fairly.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.38pm.

Next meeting to take place on 12th September 2017 in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Chairman.