

MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th June 2012 in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT – C. Lowder (CL – in the Chair) T.Lloyd-Jones (TLJ) K. Nason (KN) A. Eldridge (AE) W. Harries (WH) A. Symondson (AS) B. Gordon (BG) and F. Beard (FB). Also in attendance were County Councillor T. Johnson, Mike Haines and J. Gwilliam.

APOLOGIES for inability to attend the meeting were received and approved from M. Allfrey, C. Smith, S. Davies and M. Brooksbank.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda –

- KN & CL Personal interest in Cradley Village Hall.
- EM Personal interest in Cradley Nursery.

No Prejudicial declarations were received.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the Annual meeting held on 15th May 2012 were taken as read, approved subject to the inclusion of W. Harries' membership of the Environmental & Footpath working party, and signed by the Chairman.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT –

TJ advised that following approval he would be contacting residents in Chapel Orchard in an attempt to overcome the problem regarding access to the rear of Bourne Villa from the Chapel Orchard site. The Chairman advised he was quite happy to take part in the discussion/arrangements.

Draft Plan under submission for transforming Social Services cost of care in the community in an attempt to keep people remaining in their own home and out of Hospital where possible and advised that 40% of the Council budget is for Social care. He suggested that Parish Councillors should become involved by offering help regarding transportation etc. and TJ was advised that Cradley residents do benefit from Eileen Vockins' services which were greatly appreciated in the Parish. TJ will keep us informed. ***and then left the meeting.***

Parish Plan Report – TLJ advised on meeting of the Environmental & Footpath Working Party last month but nothing in particular had been discussed or decided upon.

Jubilee Festivities – Great success all round in events in the Parish and letter of thanks received from Elizabeth & John Gilbert . It was proposed to present the Bryan family with a gift of flowers and wine for the use of their field for the Beacon and fireworks.

UPDATE REPORTS –

Donation to Nursery School – item deferred until July meeting.

Parking at Bourne Villa – E-mail from TJ circulated to all. TJ will be meeting with residents of Chapel Orchard to endeavour to reach a mutual agreement with his recommendations.

Verge at Storridge – Following correspondence between David Armitage, Assistant Manager at AONB Partnership Manager and Chris Hardy from Woodside, Storridge, it had been agreed that the AONB would seek an alternative roadside verge to improve the management of flora and fauna and a verge in Colwall had been agreed upon.

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External Auditors – The Clerk advised that Grant Thornton had been appointed as external auditors for Parish Councils in the area from 2012/13, and from the scale of charges provided, it would appear that the Council would benefit from a reduction in audit fees.

Parking outside Village School – Concerns had been raised over haphazard parking outside the school at opening and closing times, and the Chairman was meeting with the Headmaster at the school and would also discuss with him at the same time the entrance to the sports field adjacent to the school should the planning for this be approved in the future.

Affordable Housing – The Clerk had circulated a letter from Trea Connon, job share person with Tina Wood of the Housing Needs and Development Team at Herefordshire Council concerning their request for a meeting to discuss the possibility of affordable housing in the Parish. Councillors were reminded that this had been discussed previously and a decision had been made not to proceed with the Scheme as it was felt that there was insufficient need for this type of development in the Parish. However, as requested, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Planning Committee agreed to meet with their representative and report back to full Council in due course. ***The Chairman declared a personal interest in this item. See Page 22A.***

New Regime under Localism Act 2011 – For information the Clerk had circulated all Councillors with a copy of a letter from Chris Chapman, Assistant Director of Law Governance & Resilience at Herefordshire Council together with a copy of the Local Government “Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 ” and would obviously advise on further information as and when received.

Litter Posters – It was again agreed to display these on Notice Boards once received from the local School.

Fencing at Buryfields – A Quote had been received from 4 Seasons Ground Care for repairs to fence in playing field and supplying and erecting approx 15mtrs of chain fence and straining wire at Buryfields for the sum of £325. plus VAT. AE said he would endeavour to obtain an additional quote from Jim Harrington so that both Quotes could be discussed and decided upon at the next meeting on 10th July 2012.

Donations to local Organisations – Following receipt of a letter from Ledbury Community Voluntary Action AE advised that he had met with Terry Osborn, the Interim Chief Executive concerning their request for donations which had been sent to all local Parish Councils. Councillors were advised that Colwall donate to the CVA and it was agreed that in the first instance, an approach should be made to Eileen Vockins to ascertain whether she would accept any financial support from the Parish Council for her services within the Parish.

Public Question Time – attending the meeting was Mike Haines who has carried out investigations concerning the status of Rectory Lane. ***See Report from M. Haines reference June 2012/22A attached. See Page 22B.***

RESOLVED – (1) PC to continue to gather and review the information to date and co-ordinate the submission to Amey to comply with the 2006 Act, and (2) to decide and advise/negotiate with Amey on how the Lane should be surfaced, taking specific care not to prejudice the status of the lane and the continued use by vehicles and pedestrians. Deadline date for the information by the end of July 2012.

FINANCE – The following Accounts have been received for payment –

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| • Inland Revenue, PAYE | £119.20. |
| • ICO Registration fee | £35.00. |
| • Ian Dampney, Jubilee Insurance donation | £258.80. |
| • AJ Products, waste bin for Chapel Lane | £94.80. |
| • Clerk's expenses and allowances | £167.15. |
| • D. Marshall, Jubilee fireworks | £1,500.00. |

RESOLVED – On a proposal by TLJ seconded by EM and carried the above Accounts were approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly.

FB took the Chair and on a proposal by EM seconded by TLJ and carried the Account for copying from Cradley Village Hall totalling £84.90. was also approved for payment and cheque signed accordingly.

REPORTS –

Planning - The Planning Chairman advised that two planning applications had been considered prior to the full Council meeting (1) proposed removal of Condition 2 of Planning Permission MH974/77 for removal of agricultural tie at Lychcroft, Tanhouse Lane to which no objections were raised and (2) a garage/workshop building at Hidelow, Acton Green to which no objections were raised although it should be noted that this was in fact a retrospective application.

Churchyards – The Chairman advised nothing to report.

Playing Field – The Chairman reported on e-mail correspondence from F. Hare worried about what was going on at Chapel Lane and advised that his concerns had now been dealt with and work was progressing at the site.

Editorial Group – KN advised nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- E-mail - resignation from Simon Adam.
- Report regarding Bourne Villa from Cllr. Tony Johnson (copied to all).
- Letter, Herefordshire Council regarding Affordable Housing (copied to all).
- Letter, Chris Chapman, new Standard Regime under Localism Act (copied to all).
- Letter, Airbank regarding high speed broadband for Herefordshire.
- Letter, Audit Commission advising change of External Auditors for 2012/13.
- Letter, Storridge V/Hall M/Committee regarding new access arrangements to hall.
- Quotation – 4 Seasons Ground Care for fencing work.
- E-mail – Frank Hare regarding Chapel Lane playing field.
- E-mails – Anthony Bush regarding Funding Opportunities.
- Letter of thanks from E & J Gilbert regarding Jubilee celebrations.
- E-mail – HALC update from M. Allfrey

LITERATURE – Local Council Review Summer Brochure and Newline brochure.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS – Appointment of Tanya Lloyd-Jones as Chairman of the Planning Committee, Jubilee evening, School parking, Affordable Housing (meeting with Representative from Herefordshire Council) Quote for new fencing at Buryfields and Report from M. Haimes regarding Rectory Lane.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS – AE reported on new Notice Board and advised that he had requested a copy of the map to be inserted in the Board and it was unanimously agreed by Councillors to opt for the better quality board at a cost of £895. in view of the fact that a Grant had been applied for towards the cost of the board under the "Awards for all " scheme.

AS reported that Poppy Stanley had fallen on the footpath at Cow Hill and the Clerk was asked to write to Brian Harrison asking if he could arrange for some work to be carried out on the path following the death of Colin Bruton who had previously maintained the footpath.

WH advised that during recent heavy rainfall, it appeared the drainage problem at Sandy Lane had not been solved.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Next Meeting to take place on Tuesday 10th July 2012 in Cradley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Signed..... C. Lowder Dated..... 10th July 2012

Chairman.