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**MINUTES** of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 in Cradley Village Hall at 7.30pm following a meeting of the Planning Committee.

**PRESENT** – Councillors D. Creed-Newton (DCN) in the Chair, M. Allfrey (MA) K. Nason (KN) F. Beard (FB) C. Lowder (CL) K. Turnbull (KT) E. Mikata (EM) A. Eldridge (AE) and J. Tudor (JT). Also attending were Cllr. Rees Mills and four members of the public.

**APOLOGIES for absence** were received from R.Diamond, and approval given for absence due to managing a rehearsal for the Cradley Community Play.

**PERSONAL declarations of interest** - the following were received –

- KN – Buryfields Lease.
- CL – Village Clock.
- MA – Flooding problems.

**PREJUDICIAL declarations of interest** – None received.

**THE MINUTES** of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman on a proposal by FC, seconded by CL and carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** received –

Letter – Mrs. Poppy Stanley wishing to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** – On a proposal by EM, seconded by CL and carried Poppy Stanley was co-opted as a member of Cradley Parish Council and signed by Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk.

Letter – Herefordshire Council – flooding in Cradley/Storrige area.

**The Chairman closed the Meeting at this point to allow public participation**

Attending the meeting were Mrs. Hilary Cockcroft and Mrs. Bladen from 1 & 2 Brook Cottages on the Hereford Road, both of whom had been affected by floods during the recent heavy rain storms. Mrs. Bladen reported Gerry Haynes from Herefordshire Council had visited her this week and advised he intended to rod the drains to see if there were any blockages, and dependent upon the result, may modify the system. It was also reported that most of the grips are blocked in Birchwood which adds to the problem. Mrs. Bladen said she had been flooded five times and her Insurance Co. are no longer prepared to insure her.

**RESOLVED** - On a proposal by DCN, seconded by FB and carried, Clerk was to write Herefordshire Council requesting a fundamental redesign of the drainage system for the Storrige valley from Batchcombe Lane diverting water across the road to where there are no properties.

**The Chairman closed the open session at this point**

Letter - Herefordshire Council regarding the bus stop at top of Buryfields.

Letter (copy) from N. Bayston to Herefordshire Council and the Police regarding the road junction of the A4103/B4220 at Ridgeway Cross and the approach from the East.

**Clerk to write Herefordshire Council and the Police that the Parish Council fully support the comments in Mr. Bayston's letter.**

Letter – to Chris Lowder from Chris Harper supporting comments made in Hugh Bond's letter regarding HGVs.

**Clerk to send copy of Mr. Harper's letter to both Herefordshire Council and Worcestershire County Council, seeking their assistance with sat-nav systems.**

Letter – Herefordshire Council regarding Herefordshire Core Strategy Development plan.

Invitation to the AGM of the CAB on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007 in Lyttelton Rooms, Malvern.

E-mail from Mrs. Tipping to Ken Nason, for the attention of the Chairman.

**KN advised he had visited Mrs. Tipping and discussed the points raised in her e-mail.**

Notice from HAIC that AGM of East Herefordshire Committee would take place on 19/07/07.

**Progress report on -**

**Buryfields Lease to NCRA** -- KN advised nothing further to report at this time.



**Speed Indicator Displays** – Nothing further heard from Colwall Parish Council. DCN would raise the matter with the new North Area Manager, Rachel Rice.

MA offered to raise matter at East Herefordshire meeting if he attended.

**Sewerage Management** – Draft letter handed to Clerk for submission to Environmental Health & Trading Standards at Hereford, with copy to Environment Agency at Tewkesbury.

**Village Clock Insurance** – Clerk advised on correspondence which had taken place and advised that we now await comments from Cradley PCC to confirm whether the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group would cover the clock. This would then enable the Parish Council to decide how to proceed regarding the cost involved.

**Standing area for bus at Buryfields** – Letter received from Herefordshire Council that they would inspect and advise what, if any, improvements can be made.

**Chapel Lane painting** – KN advised he had been unable to meet Mr. Beech, but hoped that this could take place on his return from holiday.

**Co-option of additional members** – Confirmed there were no more nominations at present.

#### **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION** –

**Change of date of August Meeting** – the Clerk advised that this would not now be necessary. Meeting to take place, as usual, on second Tuesday in month, 14<sup>th</sup> August.

**Highway issues** – Clerk to send further letter to Ron Cottam regarding flooding at Halesend. CL agreed to arrange a meeting with Gerry Hayes, if possible, to discuss problems at Kingsbridge which now required major repair work rather than the high pressure jet.

Clerk to ask for a report from Herefordshire Council following their offer to inspect at Bearswood Lane.

**FINANCE** – On proposal by RG seconded by FB, and carried the following account was approved for payment –

- Clerk expenses/allowances £114.68.

**Annual Return to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007** – Copy Return had been sent to all Councillors.

**RESOLVED** – On a proposal by MA, seconded by CL and carried, the Annual Return was accepted as presented by our Internal Auditor, and was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

**Planning** – RG reported on planning applications dealt with at the earlier Planning meeting, advising that the application for the Sports facilities at the school had been received. We had drawn their attention to the possible TPO on an oak tree which is shown as being felled, requested full drawing to include levels for the whole site to enable the PC to advise on the need for screening and also on the drainage problems known to exist on the field. The PC had also requested formal consultation by the Developers with the residents of Buryfields.

**Playing Fields** – KN advised he had met with Geoff Thomas, former Chairman of the Planning Committee and was collecting all the information from him.

**Editorial Group** – Latest edition has been printed – distribution may be difficult. Ken was to obtain the distribution list, but sought additional assistance as there had been so many changes on the Parish Council.

**Parish Plan Group** – DCN and JE agreed to look at the Parish plan and consider any necessary revisions.

**HALC** – Chairman advised another review of subscriptions was to take place, along with consideration about services provided in comparison with subscriptions paid to other County Associations.

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**Literature received** –

The Clerk magazine for May and July.

Local Council Review.

Clerks & Councils Direct and Local Councils Update.

NALC – Cracking the Code training on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007.

Malvern Hills Partnership – Sustainable Development Fund – Malvern Hills AONB.

Herefordshire Council – Post Office closure update, pride of Herefordshire Awards Notice,

Hereford Cathedral festival of flowers in September and funding update for parishes seeking funds for projects.

**Newsletter Items** – Welcome Poppy Stanley as co-opted member of the Council; standing area for bus at Buryfields, sewerage problems, highway issues and sat-nav system which may be cause of HGVs using local lanes.

**Urgent items and matters for discussion at next Meeting** –

Clerk to write land owners on the Bromyard Road asking if they would kindly give the overgrown hedges a major cut back.

Clerk to write Highways regarding hedges/trees overhanging on A4103 from Storridge to Leigh Sinton.

Vinesend Lane surface is breaking up – Clerk to deal.

**Next meeting** to take place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2007 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman.

Dated.....15 August 2007