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MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday, 11th March 2008 in Storridge Village Hall at 7.30pm following a meeting of the Planning Committee.

PRESENT – Councillors D.Creed-Newton (in the Chair), M. Allfrey (MA) C. Lowder (CL) E. Mikata (EM) J. Edgar (JE) P. Stanley (PS) R. Diamond (RD) J. Tudor (JT) K.Nason (KN) M. Sheriff (MS), A. Eldridge (AE), R. Gill (RG), F. Beard (FB) and Cllr. Rees Mills (RM).

AN APOLOGY for absence was received from M. Brooksbank and approval was given due to a business appointment.

PERSONAL declarations of interest - the following were received –

- MA – Storridge PCC and Storridge Village Hall donation.

PREJUDICIAL declarations of interest – None received.

MINUTES –The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2008 were taken as read, approved subject to a couple of minor amendments and signed by the Chairman.

Progress report on –

Parish Talk Grant – Completion form for the Grant relating to the Newsletter has been submitted to HALC, together with a completed application for an additional Parish Talk Grant relating to the proposed Cradley Guide. No news to date whether we had been successful with second application. The Chairman thanked CL, KN & the Clerk for a combined effort in getting paperwork to HALC within revised time scale.

Parish Meeting – CL has not yet contacted the Blacksmith to see if he would attend as Speaker. Only one speaker agreed at the moment. JT,PS & EM kindly offered to attend to the refreshments for the meeting.

ROSPA inspection at Chapel Lane – CL & KN had met with Wicksteed representative for site inspection. Nothing seriously wrong found and he was quite happy with the bearings on the roundabout. Couple of medium risks found for which a Quotation had been sent, but nothing actually requiring urgent attention at the moment. The matting had been pressure washed.

Polling Station – MA advised only Polling Stations for under 200 voters should have been recommended for closure, so both Storridge and Mathon would remain as polling stations in the future.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Co-option of new member – Two applications received for co-option – Anne Carver and Peter Diamond.

Rosemary Diamond left the room

A Poll took place - Peter Diamond received the greater number of votes. He will be co-opted onto the Council at the next meeting in March 2008.

Rosemary Diamond re-joined the meeting

Purchase of pressure washer – KN advised price of good quality 4 stroke petrol pressure washer at £209.99. plus hose pipe , delivery etc. making total purchase price of £241.18.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by RG seconded by MS and carried, it was agreed to purchase pressure washer, subject to water supply and storage availability. KN agreed to look into storage and water supply and report back. MA kindly offered storage facility if necessary. It was unanimously agreed that no one else should use the pressure washer unless they were competent to use it, and were covered by their own risk assessment certificate.

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FINANCE – On a proposal by CL, seconded by FB and carried, the following accounts were approved for payment -

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| • Wicksteed, inspection fee | £75.00. plus vat. |
| • Storridge PCC, donation | £595.00. |
| • Cradley Chapel, donation | £140.70. |
| • Storridge Village Hall, donation | £566.00. |
| • Ridgeway Cleaning Service | £270.00. |
| • Clerks and Councils Direct | £9.50. |
| • Clerk expenses/allowances | £293.65. |

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Planning – The Planning Committee Chairman reported that two applications had been dealt with prior to the Council meeting -

(1) Fell one conifer tree at Sundown Lodge, Upper Churchfields and

(2) Convert existing garage into dining/kitchen and build one single garage at Plot 6 Old School Close - No objections had been raised to either application.

Following damage to grass verge opposite the entrance to the Old School site, Rectory Lane and Cow Hill, on a proposal by RG, seconded by EM and carried, the Clerk was asked to write to Herefordshire Council requesting them to contact the Developer to make good the damage sustained from vehicles attending the site. The Clerk was also requested to ask the Council for a drainage plan for the site, and also to ask them to remove the “Herefordshire Council private land” sign.

The Chairman also advised on items granted, refused or withdrawn, as notified by Herefordshire Council.

Churchyard Committee – To be dealt with in closed session.

Playing Fields – KN advised weekly inspection now taking place, new forms in circulation, rota up and running. Each Councillor will inspect site about four times a year.

Clerk to ask Den Home to cut the hedge as a matter of some urgency – £50. budget agreed.

Editorial Group – Distribution date of next Newsletter early April. Volunteers still needed for distribution.

Parish Plan Group/Conservation Area – JE advised copy of County Flood Plan now received – cost involved £15. JE will advise PC at May meeting what items he considers should be included in the flood plan for our area.

On a proposal by DCN, seconded by EM and carried, it was agreed RD should send in her letter (draft had been circulated) arguing case for all the conservation area to be retained.

HALC MA advised he had attended East Herefordshire Meeting. Also attending was a Planning Enforcement Officer who had been cross examined about polytunnels etc., particularly with regard to the S & A Davies enterprise at Leominster.

Correspondence received –

Letter – Herefordshire Council with regard to flooding in Cradley & Storridge.

E-mail – Phil Lambert, Cradley PCC regarding condition of Rectory Lane.

E-mail – Phil Lambert, regarding contribution towards churchyard maintenance.

E-mail – Karen Davies, Clerk to Colwall P/Council regarding training session for Councillors.

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Literature received –

Northern Area Planning sub-Committee Agenda.

Local Council review magazine.

Ledbury & District News – CVA Spring 2008.

HALC – Information Corner.

Herefordshire Council including February funding opportunities.

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

Newsletter Items – Bid for funds from Parish Talk Grant, new Council member, possible purchase of pressure washer, payments made with regard to maintenance of churchyards, Parish Plan (flood areas) and letter regarding conservation area.

Urgent items and any matters for discussion at next Meeting –

KN advised he had spoken to Developer with regard to the problem at top of Buryfields.

RD advised of complaint regarding sewage coming out of wall at The Coach House. Dye has been put down the sewage pipe to see if it leaked into the pond.

New leader appointed for Cradley Youth Group.

Clerk to report pot-hole opposite new school.

MA advised Bearswood drainage has been attended to and requested Clerk to report water pouring out of drain/ditch by Reafields.

Following inconvenience incurred when ditches were cleared at Kingsbridge, Clerk to write asking if the Council could notify residents as a matter of courtesy when they were planning to work in the area.

Clerk to request Herefordshire Council to clear rubbish under bridge at Kingsbridge, and at the same time, remove the oil drum left there.

Next meeting to take place on 8th April 2008 in Cradley Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.....
Chairman.

Dated..... 8 April 2008