

**MINUTES** of a meeting of **Cradley Parish Council** held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in Storridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT** – Councillors D.Creed-Newton (DCN - in the Chair), C. Lowder (CL) K.Nason (KN) F. Beard (FB) M. Alfrey (MA) A. Eldridge (AE) M. Sheriff (MS) J. Edgar (JE) P. Stanley (PS) M. Brooksbank (MB) and R. Gill (RG).

**APOLOGIES for absence** were received and duly approved from

- R. Diamond & P Diamond for family reasons.
- J. Tudor and E. Mikata due to business commitments.

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

- DCN,KN,CL & JE - Cradley Village Hall.
- MA in Whitmans Hill Project.
- CL- Cradley Glebe land.

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

**MINUTES** –The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**DONATION to Cradley Village Hall Management Committee** – ***DCN,CL,KN & JE left the room.***

MA took the Chair and on a proposal from MS seconded by PS and carried a donation in the sum of £2,242.35. was agreed and approved. The Chairman explained the set up with regard to the Management Committee for the benefit of new Council members.

***DCN,CL,KN & JE rejoined the meeting.***

**Progress report on –**

**Dog Fouling Signs** – CL advised no further progress and that he had been unable to contact the dog warden. CL & MB plan to burr the bolts on to the signs which remain in place; the two signs which have been rescued will be reinstated and similarly treated.

**Rectory Lane Wall**– The Clerk read an e-mail from John Stagg, Herefordshire Council which advised that the owner had a right to apply for retrospective planning permission, and had been given until the 20<sup>th</sup> November to apply. In reply to the Council's query regarding the involvement of the highways authority, we had been advised that the owner had consulted highways prior to knocking the hole through the wall. Clerk to pursue matter.

**Rectory Lane** - KN read through a further letter which he had sent to Herefordshire Council regarding their denial that any assessment was carried out prior to the election and that neither the highways department nor the Council had carried out any works on the lane prior to the election.

KN to pursue matter, as work had been carried out by Herefordshire Council.

**Post Office closure** –Attempts had failed requesting Post Office Ltd. to reconsider their decision on the future of Cradley Post Office. The Chairman advised that David and Sue Mayor were determined to ensure the business continued for the benefit of the Parish and the Parish Council wished them all the best for the future.

**Compliance with Planning Permissions granted** - Clerk to obtain further figures from Herefordshire Council regarding retrospective planning applications and also to enquire from them what happened to the applications which they state "were either withdrawn or not determined".

**Bus stop at Buryfields** – KN advised he had met with Les Darrell, the land owner, who was not particularly happy with the hedge being chopped back. However, he had agreed to contact Highways himself and make suggestions to them which could accommodate his wishes.

**Tanhouse Lane** - The Clerk advised that Fiona Miles from Herefordshire Council had visited Tanhouse Lane and had agreed to a sign being erected that the lane was "unsuitable for HGVs".

**Items for consideration** –

**Earth Heritage Trust** – It was agreed to invite a member to attend our meeting in February to give a presentation to the Parish Council.

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**Parish Initiative Scheme** – Clerk to ask Herefordshire Council what work was completed, and also what jobs remained unattended to during their recent visit to the Parish under this scheme, and also ask that they should report back to us giving this information after every visit, to enable the Parish Council to be fully informed regarding work in hand.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS –**

**Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008** - These had been circulated to all Councillors prior to meeting.

- **RESOLVED** – On a proposal by MS, seconded by JE and carried, these were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Precept for 2009/10** – The Finance Committee's recommendations had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

- **RESOLVED** – On a proposal by RG, seconded by MS and carried, a precept was approved in the sum of £21,000. for the year 2009/10.

**Accounts for payment – DCN, CL, KN & JE left the room –**

RG took the Chair - On a proposal by MS seconded by FB and carried, it was agreed to pay the Account to Cradley Village Hall Management Committee in the sum of £249.59. for photocopying and printing.

**DCN, CL, KN & JE rejoined the meeting.**

The following accounts had been received for payment -

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| • DJ Hornc, hedge cut at Chapel Lane        | £47.00.  |
| • Bearings & Motors Ltd, aerial flyer parts | £268.65. |
| • J. Edgar, Parish plan expenses            | £337.02. |
| • Clerk, allowances and expenses            | £139.15. |

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

**Planning** – The Planning Committee Chairman reported an application for a post and rail fence at The Cottage, Westfields, to which no objections had been raised.

The Chairman advised that following previous advice to the contrary, Herefordshire Council now advised that the proposed farm track at Church Stile Farm, Cradley did require planning permission.

Attention had been drawn to the caravan recently situated in the garden at Buryfields Cottage and it was agreed to monitor this in the future.

**Churchyard Committee** - CL advised that the Committee had met on the 5<sup>th</sup> November to discuss future donations to Storridge and Cradley PCC and also Cradley Chapel.

**MA declared a personal interest and did not take part in the votere Storridge PCC donation.**

- **RESOLVED** – On a proposal by CL, seconded by PS and carried, it was agreed to make a donation to Storridge PCC during 2009/10 in the sum of £595.

**Cradley PCC** – Clerk to write the Treasurer, Phil Lambert, asking him to make a projection of expenditure for the year 2009/10.

**Playing Fields** – KN advised MCB would clear paths at Chapel Lane on the 12<sup>th</sup> November and that he will be meeting with them to discuss a more detailed schedule for grass cutting for next year. He was still trying to find a suitable bin for the site, regular inspections going well and it was agreed he should obtain quotations for painting of the equipment, providing a full specification of exactly what work was required.

Jet washing will be carried out shortly, the basket ball kit has arrived, MA agreed to look at the fallen tree and KN agreed to keep Frank Hare fully informed.

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**Editorial Group** – KN advised next edition due for publication before Christmas. MS has supplied an item for publication on being a new Councilor. It was agreed to publish details of half yearly accounts and amount of precept being claimed for 2009/10.

**Parish Plan Group/Conservation Area** – JE read report received from Peter Diamond. Work proceeding well, a meeting with Chairman of Governors at the school had taken place and a school curriculum project had been agreed. Planning for real also under discussion, no dates or schedule yet agreed but it was hoped to print a report in the next Newsletter.

It was agreed an interim report would be available to the Parish Council for the February 2009 meeting and the Chairman asked the Chairman of the Steering group to let the Parish Council know if they required any assistance.

**HALC** – MA advised next meeting taking place at Yarkhill when a Senior Police Officer would be attending. Clerk to circulate Councilors about meetings in the future.

**Correspondence received –**

Letter, Herefordshire Council giving date of November meeting for Ledbury PACT.

Letter - Herefordshire Council with November funding opportunities update, guidance notes on the placing of advertising signs on the highway or outside retail premises, no information yet regarding responses sent on the telephone box consultation and new bus/train timetable.

Letter –Smiths of Derby advising on routing annual service on the St. James clock.

Letter – Post Office regarding future services available from the partner service at the local post office.

Letter – Wildlife Trust advising new project in the area for the Woolhope Dome to Malvern Hills landscape link which aims to benefit people and wildlife by developing a broad wildlife corridor between the Wye Valley and Malvern Hills AONB allowing priority species to move and spread. Comments sought by 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**Literature received** – Upper Bridge enterprises regarding community Website; HALC Information corner; Local Council review magazine; Communities & Local Government regarding Code of Conduct for local authority members and employees consultation; Wicksteed play magazine, Clerks and Councils Direct magazine and The Clerk magazine.

**Newsletter Items** – Post Office details, Tanhouse Lane sign agreed, visit by Earth Heritage Trust (Whitmans Hill Project), Parish Initiative scheme, Precept for 2009/10 and Parish Plan project.

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

Clerk to report pot holes for whole length of Vinesend and also in Vinesend Lane.

Accident reported near Pontic Cottage.

KN advised new business group in the Village with an exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday.

**Next meeting** – January 2009 in Storridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman.

Dated.....13 January 2009.....