

MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday, 9th October 2007 in Storridge Village Hall at 7.40pm following a meeting of the Planning Committee.

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

APOLOGIES for absence were received from K. Turnbull and R. Diamond.

Approval was given on a proposal by RG seconded by PS and carried for absences due respectively to business commitment and family holiday.

PERSONAL declarations of interest - the following were received –

- KN – Buryfields Lease.
- CL – Glebe land.
- RG – Drainage issues.

PREJUDICIAL declarations of interest – None received.

MINUTES –The Minutes of the Meeting held in September 2007 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman on a proposal by FB, seconded by CL and carried.

Progress report on -

Buryfields Lease to NCRA – KN advised the Chairman of the NCRA had not made contact with him regarding a meeting to discuss the terms of the proposed Lease – Clerk to chase.

Extension to bus standing area at Buryfields – Clerk reported she had not received any replies to her e-mails on this subject – Clerk to chase again.

Chapel Lane painting – Would be dealt with in closed Session.

Play-area at Old School Site – Would be dealt with in closed session.

Cradley's Conservation Area – JE advised nothing further to report..

Sewerage Management – RG confirmed letter had been sent to Severn Trent outlining our concerns and asking them to attend the November meeting of the PC and provide us with information about sewage outfall. RG proposed sending a letter to OFWAT and Environment Agency also asking for these details and where readings had been taken.

RESOLVED – On proposal by RG, seconded by JE and carried it was agreed PC write to Ofwat & the Environmental Agency requesting information about raw effluent discharging into Cradley brook, where readings have been taken and full detailed results.

Drainage issues – in relation to land drainage at Captains Cottage, RG advised of meeting with Brian Lee and Brian Hall who are responsible for drainage and highways respectively at Herefordshire Council when it was agreed in principle that a land drain could be provided when funds permitted.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by DCN seconded by CL and carried, it was agreed that the Parish Council write supporting this action so that the two residents affected are not subjected to regular flooding.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION –

Road closure on C1162 – Confirmation received from Herefordshire Council that road closure would come into force on the 18th October, with provision to continue for eighteen months, if necessary, to enable services to be connected to the new development at the old School site. DCN advised of telephone conversation with Representative from Balfour Beatty who had confirmed that the road will be done in two phases to ensure that access will be available with work taking place 20th to 28th October inclusive during half term school week. RG unhappy about lack of interest and information provided by Herefordshire Council who were in a position to impose conditions on the road closure and proposed the PC write to them notifying them of our disappointment and enquire whether they had powers to limit the closure to a shorter period of time.

DCN

RESOLVED – On a proposal by MA seconded by RG and carried, it was agreed the Chairman (with assistance from Cllr. R. Mills) be appointed to meet with the appropriate authorities to ensure that the road closure was done with minimum inconvenience, and was not allowed to continue beyond the agreed date of 28th October, and whether penalty clauses could be imposed.

Parish Talk Grant – Following advice from MA, it was confirmed that a second Parish Talk grant was available. An application form had been received, advice from HALC stating that preference would be given to updating PC IT equipment. Clerk to enquire whether a grant could be approved retrospectively.

Planning Committee – AE had expressed an interest in joining the Planning Committee

RESOLVED – On a proposal by DCN, seconded by RG and carried, it was agreed AE join the Planning Committee of the Parish Council.

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

- MCB – grass cutting £82.25.
- Clerk expenses/allowances £123.85.

The Clerk advised that the second half of the precept had been received from Herefordshire Council.

Meeting of the Finance Committee to take place on Monday 15th October 2007 at 2pm to discuss Budget for next year and proposed Precept for presentation to full Council at November meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Planning – The Planning Committee chairman reported on items discussed at the planning meeting held prior to the Parish Council meeting.

Playing Fields – KN advised no meetings scheduled at the present time. Clerk to arrange for hedge to be cut at Chapel Lane. Complaints received about slippery surface under play equipment which needs to be cleaned, and KN agreed to arrange for this to be attended to.

Editorial Group – KN now has list of people to distribute Reporter. Draft for the next issue should be ready for approval at next meeting for distribution in November.

Parish Plan Group – JE advised when RD back from holiday a meeting will be arranged, hopefully early-mid November.

HALC – MA confirmed he had advised Clerk another Grant was available. Efforts being made to obtain more help for Lynda so that the HALC office is manned on a regular basis.

The Chairman closed the meeting to enable public participation

No questions raised.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting

Correspondence received –

E-mail – Averil Clothier, HALC, regarding existing Parish Talk grant and application form for another grant.

E-mail – Frank Hare regarding Chapel Lane and stream from Brookside to Cradley Brook. Also querying position regarding aerial flyer which was to be refurbished by JE

Letter – G. Beech regarding painting at Chapel Lane play area.

E-mail – Donna Richards regarding speed signs on C1162 and the dangerous bend sign near to new house under construction.

Literature received –

HALC Information Corner.

Shaping our Place 2026 – core strategy questionnaire.

Standards Board for England “Town and Parish Standard”.

Community Voluntary Action – Autumn 2007.

Defra, ways to tackle climate change.



Newsletter Items – Sewerage/drainage and road closure.


Urgent items and any matters for discussion at next Meeting –

Tanhouse Lane.

Accidents on the Hereford/Worcester Road.

On a proposal by DCN seconded by RG and carried, it was agreed the Parish Council go into closed session.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed.....
Chairman.

Dated.....13/11/2007.....