

CRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Your parish needs **YOU** (imagine a picture of Lord Kitchener with pointed finger!), especially if you are a carpenter who could quote to refurbish and adapt the parish notice boards - please contact Ken Nason on 01886 880952 for a detailed specification of exactly what is required. Actually, **YOU** could also help the community by putting your name forward to Mary Barnett, the Parish Clerk, on 01531 635103, as we currently have a vacancy for a parish councillor – a very warm welcome awaits a willing parishioner, so do please consider it and contact Mary as soon as possible.

You will not be surprised to learn that the situation of the closed Post Office and Stores was discussed again at our September meeting, and, although substantive discussion is awaiting a decision of the planning department at Herefordshire Council on the change of use application (at the time of writing this report), we nevertheless feel that every pressure should be put on the Post Office to reinstate some sort of service to the parish as soon as possible. We are also going to facilitate looking into the concept of a community shop, in case the current or future owners are unwilling to run a shop on a commercial basis.

The safety matting under the play equipment at the Chapel Lane playing field has been replaced, and the old matting is available on site if anyone would like it. Be warned that they are heavy to lift, but please ring Ken Nason (01886 880 952) as we would like to dispose of them to a good home.

Lastly, the group working on the really important Neighbourhood Development Plan is aiming to consult all the residents of the parish later this autumn, so please look out for that. Also, there is now a website up and running (<http://www.cradleynp.com>) that you can access via a link on the Parish Council website to enable you to keep up with progress.

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