

## CRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Rectory Lane** – through public question time at the January meeting, Mike Hames expressed concern about the lack of action concerning the formal adoption of the lane by Herefordshire Council. The parish council has contacted Herefordshire repeatedly, both directly and through our county councillors, on this matter. Members of the council are as frustrated as all parishioners must feel, on this matter, which is of such importance to the community. After all, the lane leads to two of our key community facilities, the village hall and the church. There will be further contact with the council, and consideration will be given as to whether more formal legal action would be appropriate.

**Cluster Meeting** – Councillor Brian Gordon reported that a meeting of the Ledbury area group of Parish Councils had been held recently. It would seem that some of the traffic/speed issues raised as a group were beginning to have action on the ground in the area (*although more action in Cradley Parish would certainly be appreciated!*). Reassurance was given that Ledbury Police Station was not closing, despite some rumours to that effect, and, in fact, there is some investment happening in the building anyway. Police Inspector Paul Crumpton, based in Ross-on-Wye, is very interested to receive views on road safety issues in the area it seems. There was a general feeling around the parishes that the transfer of the contract for Highways etc from Amey to Balfour Beatty had gone reasonably smoothly. (*We in Cradley however remain sceptical until something definite happens about Rectory Lane and other matters!*).

**Grit Bins** – Herefordshire Council has apparently no money for purchasing anymore grit bins, and therefore it was decided to use some parish council funds to purchase four for use on some potentially dangerous stretches of road, currently without this facility. We are assured that Herefordshire Council will still supply grit to these.

**Cradley Nursery** – the Nursery is independent of the schools' system, but, as it fulfils such a useful community function, it was decided to support it with a one-off donation of needed equipment.

**Parish Precept** – due to judicious financial planning, it is proposed to keep the precept for 2014/15 the same as 2013/14 (£25,000), so you can't blame Cradley Parish Council for any rise in Council Tax!

**Councillor Ed Moseley** – it was unanimously agreed to table a very big thank you to Ed for all that he has done in serving the community through his membership of the Council, following his recently received resignation as parish councillor. His practical approach and enthusiasm at meetings will be sorely missed. There is therefore a vacancy – please contact our Parish Clerk, Mary Barnett, if you would like to be considered for co-option.

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