

CRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

CRADLEY and STORRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Things are moving ahead with our important development plan, and we are now at the stage of holding a 'Planning for Real' session on

THURSDAY 19th JUNE

(2pm – 7.30pm)

at

BRITISH LEGION CLUB, BOSBURY ROAD

Please come and give us your views and discuss all the important issues with others present, and of course enjoy the hospitality available at The Legion!

There will be a similar meeting at
STORRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

on

3rd JULY 2.30-7.00

It was the Parish Council Annual Meeting on Tuesday 13th May at Cradley Village Hall, and here are some of the issues that were discussed:

Election of Officers and Committees for 2014/15:

Chairman – Chris Lowder

Vice-Chairman – Ken Nason

Planning Committee – Tanya Lloyd-Jones (chair), Fred Beard, Ann Carver, Alan Eldridge, Geoff Fielding, Wynne Harries, Tracey Iwanczuk, Ken Nason, Cheryl Lambert, Chris Lowder

Finance Working Group – Chair and Vice-Chair, Alan Eldridge, Geoff Fielding,

Environment and Footpaths Working Party – Wynne Harries (chair), Tracey Iwanczuk, Tanya Lloyd-Jones, Chair, and co-optees include Jeff White (Parish Footpaths Officer)

Churchyards Committee – Chair and Vice-Chair, Fred Beard, Cheryl Lambert, Alison Symondson

Recreation Area Working Group – Chair and Vice-Chair, Simon Davies, Sarah Herriot

Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group – Tanya Lloyd-Jones (chair), Alan Eldridge, Geoff Fielding, Chair

Localism Forum (group of parishes) Representative – Ann Carver

Cradley Village Hall Management Committee – Chair and Vice-Chair

Storrige Village Hall Management Committee – Fred Beard

Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) Representative – Chair

Charities of Richard Hill and others – Fred Beard and Sarah Herriot

Staffing/Employment Group – Chair and Vice-Chair, Fred Beard

Editorial Group – Ken Nason, Wynne Harries

Newsletter Reporter – Wynne Harries

Accounts for 2013/14

These were approved, and it was agreed that the council's finances were in robust good health.

Rectory Lane

The parish council has not yet heard back from County Councillor Tony Johnson, who was to pursue why the issue was still "sitting" with the county legal department.

Parish Notice Boards

Good progress is being made with the replacement and renovation of the various boards around the parish.

Feedback on Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 16th April

This is an opportunity for the parish council to report back to parishioners on the last year, and a small (but select!) group enjoyed the various reports from Chris Lowder and others, followed by an excellent and fascinating talk given by **Roman Iwanczuk** on "**Broadband in Rural Areas**", geared very much to our situation in this area. Many of us felt much more informed about downloading and uploading speeds etc., these being of vital importance to the economic strength of businesses trying to operate in sometimes less than ideal conditions. Roman covered the various options that could be investigated to improve our broadband speeds, and other related issues. If you weren't there, you really did miss a treat, so I would recommend that this event be slotted into your diary in future, as there is always a good speaker as part of the proceedings.

Feedback from Parishioners

Please note that the parish council warmly and genuinely welcomes opinions, queries, constructive criticism (and praise perhaps if merited!) from named parishioners, but, as with all similar organisations, we would not respond to anonymous communications.

The next parish council meeting will be held on 3rd June at 7.30 pm in Cradley Village Hall. Eagle-eyed readers will notice that, for once, we are using the first Tuesday of the month, not the usual second.

WYNNE HARRIES