

CRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

CRADLEY and STORRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Things are moving ahead with our important development plan, and this is a reminder that we are holding a 'Planning for Real' session on

THURSDAY 3rd JULY

(2.30pm – 7.00pm)

at

STORRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

Please come and give us your views and discuss all the important issues with others present.

Cradley Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday 3rd June at Cradley Village Hall, and here are some of the issues that were discussed:

County Councillor Report

Councillor Carl Attwood reported that, due to recent changes at the County Council, he was now Chair of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. As we still had not heard from the County Council about the formal adoption of **Rectory Lane**, we yet again asked him to investigate this very urgent matter, as we did with Councillor Tony Johnson at a recent meeting. Another matter in connection with the Balfour Beattie contract and its machinations was raised by the Parish Council, namely the lack of arrangements at county level for **footpaths officers**. Jeff White, our very own and hard-working footpaths officer was present, and he explained that there has been no contact with him since Balfour Beattie took over, and that his 'contract', with its attendant County insurance, runs out on 10th June, with no sign of an imminent renewal. He also has no idea who his contact person at County is, should be, or will be!

Outside Gym

A combination of an application to the National Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme and a local benefactor could possibly fund equipment in the parish. This exciting development would therefore be at minimal cost to the Parish Council and of great benefit to our health – and good fun too! This proposal will be worked up by the Recreation Committee – watch this space.

Grass-cutting in Recreational Areas

Unfortunately the firm that held the contract has ceased to trade, so we are doing our best to sort out a replacement as soon as possible, but apologies if the cutting regime isn't as we would hope, for a while.

Cluster Group

Councillor Ann Carver is now our representative on the cluster group, and she made the point that it could be a very important body for us to use to pressurise the County Council and other bodies – on some things we speak louder together rather than as individual parish councils.

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Please remember: if you wish to keep this facility, **USE IT!** (Monday morning and Thursday afternoon).

Potholes and Other 'Fixable' Physical Issues

Councillor Tracey Iwanczuk mentioned that she had used the website <http://www.fixmystreet.com> to report a pothole problem and had had a positive result. Please let us know if you have used this site and how you fared. Having had a quick look at it, it seems you just click on a map and describe the problem; couldn't be easier really.

The next parish council meeting will be held on 8th July at 7.30 pm in Cradley Village Hall, so back to the usual 2nd Tuesday pattern.

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