

Cradley Parish Council Meeting 8th July 2014

Cradley Village Hall

The Chair opened the meeting slightly late due to an over run by the planning committee and apologised to Councillors.

At last Rectory Lane seems to be resolved. After much badgering by Councillor Ken Nason Balfour Beattie have at last confirmed that Herefordshire Council has accepted that the Lane is to be maintained at public expense. The formality of map alterations and legal registration will continue but does not now stand in the way of getting the Council to take up their legal obligation to maintain Rectory Lane.

Your Council has requested a meeting with the contractors (BB) to discuss the needs and scope of the work. Is that a light we see at the end of the tunnel?

More good news in that we have managed to appoint a new grass cutting contractor for the playing fields and look forward to his bringing the recreation areas up to scratch by the end of the season. Chapel Lane area was assaulted by Councillors and volunteers on 6th July where they toiled in the sun to get the landscaped area under control. The cleared unruly grass and removed weeds and planted young trees and shrubs to adorn the banks. The remaining logs will be put in place to finish what is becoming a great adventure area for the children to play in.

Even more good news! It appears that the pot hole question is being tackled with a concerted effort by Hereford to get them filled. Crews have been out filling and making good but I am sure they will still miss a few so keep your eyes open and report the ones they miss.

The local Parish Council cluster Group met at Cradley Village Hall where several of the smaller Parish Councils announced their desire to leave the group. Cradley has voted to remain in the group as we see that it is a useful method of getting problems that affect Parish Councils to the Attention of the decision makers.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan group have just completed their Planning for Real exercise where Parishioners were invited to turn their wishes for the future of the Parish into a visible map related representation. A great deal of useful information was gathered to enable the group to put forward a plan to be presented in a referendum for the Parish.

The Parish Council gave their backing to investigations into the development of a "heart of the Village" for Cradley. Look out for some exciting developments over the coming months

Meeting closed at 21:40

Next meeting 12th August 2014 Ken Nason

