

CRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Cradley Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday 12th August at Cradley Village Hall, and here are some of the issues that were discussed:

New Parish Councillors

In July and August the Parish Council has co-opted two new members and Councillors David Pye and Kevin Welford have attended their first meetings – we are now up to our expected strength of 15!

Police Liaison

It was reported to Council that a very useful meeting between the Police, housing associations, and representatives from the Parish Council has been held recently. There are now clear lines of communication for any matters to do with crime and anti-social behaviour in place (please see the Police notice printed on page ???). As an aside to this, Councillor Pye informed the meeting that his Catalytic Converter had been stolen from his drive recently, and he urged residents of the area to guard against this crime by putting cars away in a garage if possible.

‘Heart of the Village’ Proposals

Notes from the public meeting at Cradley Church on 4th August were tabled for councillors and you may see the results of the straw poll taken at the end of this meeting on page ??? of this Newsletter. Councillor Alan Eldridge, who is leading the working party researching this idea/concept, reported that there was a substantial majority of the nearly 200 people present at the meeting who supported the general idea. Clearly there is much more detailed work to be done on costs and viability of any café/shop etc., and how the field kindly donated by Heather Morgan could be planned and managed in the long-term. Also, other landowners in the Kingsbridge area may well be putting forward suggestions for consideration to help realise the Heart of the Village concept. Councillor Tanya Lloyd Jones pointed out that the ‘strategic gap’ enshrined in the current Parish Plan would need revising if these possibilities around Kingsbridge were to be realised. The working group was urged to report back to Council with much more specific costings and ideas for sources of funding at future meetings.

Welcome Pack for New Councillors

Councillor Tracey Iwanczuc’s kind offer to put together a pack was greeted most favourably.

Overgrown Hedges

Councillor Anne Carver raised this issue, particularly in relation to Chockbury Lane, but there are many other examples. It was hoped that all relevant landowners in the parish would act on their responsibilities as soon as possible, to improve the safety of all road users.

Chapel Lane Drainage

The problems with standing water and potholes at the top of Chapel Lane were highlighted by Councillor Geoff Fielding, and a strongly worded letter will be sent to Herefordshire Highways urging them to attend to the surface water drainage issues here.

Change of Date

The next parish council meeting will be held on 2nd September – PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS THE **FIRST TUESDAY** OF THE MONTH, NOT THE USUAL SECOND.

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