

## **CRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Cradley Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at Storridge Village Hall. Here are some of the issues that were discussed:

### **Proposed Development above Pixiefields**

Three residents from Pixiefields attended and wished to inform the Parish Council that they had witnessed people digging significant holes in the proposed development field. This would be checked, but it was generally thought that this could be to do with a drainage survey. In addition, a resident had noticed that there was a “decision notice” on Herefordshire Council’s website dated 27<sup>th</sup> January and referred to “60 houses”. The Parish Council would check the status of this “notice”, but no formal planning application has yet been received for the site.

### **Parish Lengthsman and P3 Footpath Schemes**

Councillor Geoff Fielding continues to lead on the Lengthsman Scheme where the Parish will have more control over the resources for looking after many aspects of the maintenance of our ‘C’ and Unclassified (‘U’) roads and ditches etc. Many thanks are due to him for taking this on and agreeing to be in the scheme for us all. The Parish Council also voted to have a similar scheme for the footpaths (called P3). This all means that there will be an annual amount of nearly £8,000 for the Lengthsman Scheme and £3,245 for the P3 footpaths scheme. This does not absolve Herefordshire Council of all their responsibilities on these matters, as they will still be providing materials and other things, but a greater degree of influence and setting of priorities will reside here in the Parish. Pilot schemes have been very positive in other places it seems.

### **Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in Storridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

This is an opportunity for residents in the Parish to hear reports on the year’s work, both of the Council itself and of the local charities and village halls – do come along. It will not be a long meeting, and I am sure that, afterwards, many of us will repair to a local gathering place at Stifford’s Bridge to continue conversations in a more informal setting!!

### **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**

Councillor Tanya Lloyd-Jones stated that the landscape assessment survey from Carly Tinkler has now been received in draft form for parish councillors to check over for any errors etc and it will be considered by the NDP group in the near future. The survey has considered all land neighbouring the current settlement boundary in terms of its potential or otherwise for housing development.

### **Heart of the Village**

Councillor Alan Eldridge reported that all the comments raised at the 12<sup>th</sup> January workshop at Cradley Primary School are now included on the Heart of the Village website ( [www.heartofthevillage.co.uk](http://www.heartofthevillage.co.uk) ). Work was now proceeding on drafting a fully worked-up proposal to have a shop/café on Morgan’s Field as one of the main options.

### **Chapel Lane Recreation Ground**

Councillor Ken Nason reported that quotes for the proposed work are now in and the Recreation Group will consider these in the near future.

**Your Parish Council Needs YOU!**

The current 4-year cycle comes to an end soon, and elections for Parish Council will occur on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015. I hope lots of you will consider putting yourselves forward for election – come on, do your little bit for the community, and a warm welcome awaits. Nomination forms are available from 01432 260107 and need to be in by 4pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – please contact Mary Barnett, our Parish Clerk, if you have any queries on this process, and keep a look-out for official notices on the Parish notice boards.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

March 10<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Storridge Village Hall at 7 pm

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