

CRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Cradley Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday 14th July at Cradley Village Hall. Here are some of the issues that were discussed:

County Councillor Report

Councillor Patricia Morgan reported that she is now fully informed about the history and current situation concerning the Rectory Lane issue, and is pursuing the matter with other senior councillors at Herefordshire Council. We await developments with interest – that could be the understatement of the year of course!

Neighbourhood Watch

We are being encouraged by the Police to think about bringing back a scheme or schemes within our parish. The Parish Council is very happy to help facilitate this, but it would need volunteers of course – please contact the Parish Clerk, Mary Barnett, or any parish councillor if you are interested in helping to keep our community safe. The Police tell us there is a drop in crime overall in our area, but none of us can be complacent. If you examine successful Neighbourhood Watch schemes around the country, they not only help to keep areas safe, but also encourage a greater sense of community on our streets and lanes.

Training for Parish Councillors

Sadly I was unable to attend the training on 30th June, but clearly everyone there was very impressed with the presentation and found it most useful and thought provoking.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The questionnaire on proposed projects for the parish is being finalised and the Council hopes to sign it off in the near future ready for distribution to you all. We need volunteers to help deliver it (see the advert elsewhere in this Newsletter), and, most importantly, we need to hear from you with your views via the completed questionnaire of course.

Environment, Wildlife and Footpaths Working Group

Having rested for a little while, this group is now back in action with renewed zeal under the chairmanship of Councillor Geoff Fielding. Various topics for discussion and action have been established, including a wildlife database, an accessible map of trees with Tree Preservation Orders, the dog bin issue, community orchards, allotments, and the footpath network. That should keep the group busy for a while!

Lengthsman and P3 Footpaths Schemes

Councillor Geoff Fielding was pleased to report to Council a list of work already completed since the Schemes started at the beginning of June – you will find monthly reports on work completed, on the Lengthsman section of the Parish Council website. Do please read these, and also remember that you can report any issues that you think need dealing with, directly from this section of the website. I tried this out myself regarding the state of Sandy Lane, and had an almost instant response saying that it would be attended to in the relatively near future – SO IT WORKS!

Road Safety Issues outside the Surgery and British Legion

There will shortly be a meeting with Balfour Beatty to discuss safety issues in this area – hopefully more news on this soon.

Recreation Areas

There has been a significant tidy-up at the Chapel Lane Recreation Area and everyone hopes that the football pitch will be ready for use soon, although I am sure you will understand that we mustn't risk using it too early and ruining the surface.

Next Scheduled Meeting

August 11th 2015 at Cradley Village Hall (please check the notices nearer the day for the exact starting time).

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