

Minutes of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 in Storridge Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs. C.Lowder (in the Chair) D. Scully (DS) D. Pye (DP) G. Thomas (GT) W. Harries (WH) A. Carver (AC) C. Lambert (CL) T. Lloyd Jones (TLJ) F. Beard (FB) A. Eldridge (AE) G. Fielding (GF) and K. Welford(KW).

Also attending – County Councillor P. Morgan. R. Stoddard, B. Herriot and several other members of the public.

Apologies – received from K. Nason and S. Davies.

Declarations of Interest – Chairman in Cradley Village Hall. Register of interest signed.
C. Lambert in the Lengthsman scheme. Register of interests signed.

Minutes of meeting held on 8th September 2015 – approved and signed by Chairman.

County Councillor Report – Budget to be agreed in February to include Lengthsman funding issue. Core Strategy should be adopted on Friday 16th October 2015.

Planning – one application received for The Water Mill, Suckley – Council to agree with comments from Historic Building Officer. Hidelow House - removal of condition has been granted and Chockbury House - going to appeal.

Matters for consideration –

- (a) Agreement of Minutes from 8th August 2015 –secret ballot – 8 in favour, three against, one abstention approved as drawn and signed by Chairman.
- (b) Co option – two applications received
 - (i) Anne Scarsbrook, application withdrawn immediately prior to meeting.
 - (ii) Bruce Herriot – following ballot, application rejected 8 to 4.
- (c) Donation to Hereford & Localities AGE UK – No.
- (d) Date for Finance Meeting – no date agreed.
- (e) Resurfacing at Chapel Lane – Letter to be sent to Balfour Beatty requesting work put in hand.
- (f) Co-option rules – approved as drafted by WH and to be incorporated in Standing Orders.

Progress Report

- (i) Adoption of phone box – purchase agreed , use to be determined.
- (iii) Scaffolding in Chockbury Lane – letter received, will be removed.

Finance Matters – accounts presented for payment -

- Inland Revenue £150.00.
- Cradley Village Hall hire fees £24.00.
- Cradley Village Hall, copying £402.48.
- County Building Supplies £7.00.
- County Building Supplies £35.72.
- R. Lambert, P3 works £52.50.
- R. Lambert, Lengthsman £180.00.
- Storridge V/Hall donation £1,004.75.
- Project Skills training £338.00.
- Clerk, expenses £163.55.

Proposed – CL seconded by KW and carried, accounts approved for payment.

Village Hall accounts –FB took chair and on proposal by AC, seconded by GF and carried, accounts also agreed to be paid.

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Reports received –

Environment & Footpaths – GF advised meeting on 21st October 2015, full report next meeting.

Recreation Group – KN advised in his absence nothing to report.

NDP – Provisional results of questionnaire reported, full report to follow in due course.

Reduced Account received from D. Croft – Proposed TLJ seconded by DS and carried, agreed to accept revised quotation of £1,500. Clerk to advise accordingly.

Donation to CAB – Proposed TLJ in sum of £100. Carried with two abstentions.

Lengthsman & P3 Schemes – Report submitted to all Councillors prior to meeting.

Churchyard Committee- Chairman advised nothing to report.

Correspondence & Literature received – see Information Sheet circulated with Agendas & Minutes.

Public Question Time –

Chairman closed meeting

Seonaid ? – member of NDP unhappy Dr. Herriot's Co-option had been rejected and queried why.

Ronan Iwanczuk – also unhappy Dr. Herriot had been rejected and felt vote should have taken place last month.

Bruce Herriot questioned procedure for co-option.

Suzy Van Marr employed by NHS queried any unhappiness within the PC.

Another member of the public felt the Minutes should contain information.

Chairman re-opened the meeting

Newsletter items -

Co-option – One application withdrawn prior to meeting and Bruce Herriot's application had not been carried so vacancy remains.

Report by County Councillor including budget details and Core Strategy.

PC to enquire of Balfour Beatty regarding possible resurfacing of Chapel Lane.

New Co-option procedures approved.

Telephone box to be purchased.

Results of NDP Questionnaire will be published in due course.

Councillor Reports –

Outcome of HOV Questionnaire.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45.

Signed..... Dated.....

Chairman.