

Cradley Parish Council :

Lengthsman & Parish Path Partnership [P3] Schemes

Monthly Report : June 2016

Dear Councillors ,

With the passing of the end of the month of June , the first quarter [Q1] of the second year for the Lengthsman / P3 Scheme has passed . No Lengthsman is yet in place .

The new contract between CPC and HCC / B-B has now been signed and the grant funding [as previously advised] is now in place .

Recently , B-B have advised PC's that no further supplies of P3 Materials can be supplied by HCC / B-B . [No funds available] PC's must now source and pay for P3 materials . PC's are also reminded of the closure of the schemes commencing April 2017 .

In Q1 , no Lengthsman was in place and the essential repairwork to the road network has been carried out by B-B under the instructions of our Locality Steward .

All PC property , formerly held by Mr Lambert , has been removed from his property and is now held in escrow at Chapel Court .

- Lengthsman Recruitment :

Following the preparation of Parish Maps ; Job Description ; Application Form : Risk – Hazard Assessment protocol , etc the post of Lengthsman to CPC has been extensively advertised throughout the villages of Cradley and Storrige for the month of June . [ie Parish Noticeboards , CPC Website and by Councillors word of mouth] . Closing date was 30th June . The response from the community has been abysmal . no interest !

As I write this , I can report that I have received expressions of interest . Two of which have failed to submit their application forms . One of these failed to show for an initial walk round the parish to see the nature of our work and the second did show up , looked around and then just disappeared .

So , at present I have one very keen applicant , well qualified , from Hereford with whom I intend to carry out a full interview with , in due course , with the help of fellow councillor , Anne Carver ..Going forward , it is unlikely that work can recommence until late July time [Guesstimate only].

- Footpaths and Lengthsman Chores

I am only too aware that the very wet period recently has created excess overgrowth of paths , grips , verges , etc . A small but valiant effort was recently made by community volunteers , to carry out strimming work in the Brookside / Poundbridge area . Sincere thanks for the support .

As PFO I have continued to look after the PROW network and JW and I have reccied paths to the North of A4103 . A long , long list of R&M is piling up .

A Trade Account with Bromyard Timber Ltd is now in place . An early job is to source materials and carry out R & M work needed at the Buryfields Recreational Area .

- Some of the Problems addressed in last few weeks :

- (1) Lumbridge Hill Woods pathway disruptions
- (2) CD-10 reinstatement of gateways , path at Quarry Cottages , Ridgeway Cross .
- (3) Bridge collapse at CD-78 .
- (4) Reccied several PROWs in need of attention
- (5) Poundbridge matters
- (6) Crumpton Hill : Drainage
- (7) Kingsbridge ; Drainage

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