

MINUTES of an ExtraOrdinary meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st December 2015 in Storridge Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs. K. Nason (in the Chair – KN) G. Fielding (GF) A. Carver (AC) A. Scarsbrook (AS) G. Thomas (GT) F. Beard (FB) T.Lloyd-Jones (TLJ) D. Scully (DS) C. Lambert (CL) W. Harries (WH) A. Eldridge (AE who arrived at 7.45pm) and David Croft.

Also attending were several members of the public including S. Herriot and Mr. & Mrs. R. Iwanczuk.

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting had been received and were approved from C. Lowder and S. Davies.

The Chairman advised that this was a ExtraOrdinary meeting to reach agreement on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan prior to submission to Herefordshire Council - a copy of which had been sent to all Councillors prior to the meeting and also to agree the Budget/Precept levels again for submission to Herefordshire Council by 31st December 2015. He advised that on this occasion there was no opportunity for public consultation.

Agenda items –

- 1) The Chairman welcomed Anne Scarsbrook as a new member of the Parish Council who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk and joined the meeting.
- 2) Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda – none received.
- 3) Acceptance of Neighbourhood Development Plan – the Chairman advised on the procedure and the evidence leading up to the second draft plan which had been circulated to all Councillors. The Chairman sought comments and personal opinions from members around the table. The majority of Councillors agreed the draft Plan was an excellent document. However some members felt that the document should not be adopted pending the meeting scheduled with Hereford on 2nd December by the NDP Group. KN pointed out that the NDP group felt it advantageous to present an accepted document at their meeting on 2nd December 2015.

There followed a question and answer time between David Croft and Councillors and clear guidance was given by David with regard to the flood criteria as set out in both the recently adopted local Core Strategy and the Government guidance on flooding.

RESOLVED – KN proposed that the Parish Council accept the second draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan as drawn by David Croft to allow the NDP Group to proceed to the next stage for the pre submission consultation with Herefordshire Council. This proposal was seconded by TLJ and carried with nine votes in favour, one against and one member abstained.

- 4) Acceptance of Parish Precept for 2016/17 – Prior to the meeting all Councillors had received both the Parish Council precept calculations and the proposed Council Precept in the sum of **£32,500**. The Chairman advised that the excellent service provided by both the Lengthsman and the Administrator had resulted, in part, in the increased level of Precept and also that to date, the NDP had been funded solely by the Council although he advised that County Councillor Patricia Morgan had agreed to look into the fact that no funding had been received from Herefordshire Council towards the NDP project.

There followed a question and answer time following which it was agreed that a Precept of £32,500 be applied for **on a proposal** by GF seconded by FB and carried with one Councillor abstaining.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed – K.J. Nason, Vice Chairman.

Dated – 12th January 2016.