

CRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

By the time you read this, if you haven't already disappeared off to the beaches of Cornwall or the Mediterranean, the British summer may have arrived – some hope! I also fondly imagine that you have been waiting with eager anticipation for this article but, I know, you have better things to do at this time of year, so I'll try to be brief:

Cradley Parish Council met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday 12th July in Cradley Village Hall. Here are some of the issues that were discussed:

New Lengthsman

I am pleased to let you know that Jeremy Phillips is due to take up his responsibilities at the end of July. Please support him and continue to let Councillor Geoff Fielding know of any matters that need attention.

Defibrillator

All systems go for this facility now at the 'telephone' box near the old post office – even the paint has arrived, so Councillor Bruce Herriot informed us.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The responses you all sent in are now on the Parish Council website along with the amended Plan resulting from the consideration of the feedback from yourselves and the various statutory bodies. At Council there was discussion of the need to make it fit with national Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty policies and our local AONB management plan. The NDP has been sent to Herefordshire Council for consideration again, and then, when finally agreed by the Parish Council, it will again be put out for formal public consultation for 6 weeks under what is called Regulation 16. As ever, please check the website for more up to date information.

Dog Mess – Is it You?

Why, oh why is this still a problem in our beautiful parish? A few irresponsible people are giving all dog owners a bad name. Well, the Parish Council has now decided to remove some of the lame excuses anyway and install some **dog bins** at both Cradley and Storridge. They will be emptied regularly.

Chapel Lane Recreation Area

Council is to look into erecting fence netting to prevent footballs entering nearby gardens.

Standing Orders and Code of Conduct

With regulations and the Law affecting parish councils changing at an alarming pace these days, our Council has set up a small Policies and Procedures group to keep a watching brief on all our procedures (I must learn how to say 'no'!!). The co-option procedures will be one of the first things to be examined.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at Cradley Village Hall on **9th August** 7.30 p.m., with the Planning Committee beforehand at 7 p.m. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE ON 20th SEPTEMBER, not the usual 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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