

MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on
Tuesday, 9th August 2016 in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

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Present - Cllrs. C.Lowder (in the chair - chair), D. Scully (DS) C. Lambert (CL) W. Harries (WH) A. Carver (AC) S. Roffe (SR) A. Eldridge (AE) G. Fielding (GF) B. Herriot (BH) and G. Thomas (GT). It was noted that T. Lloyd-Jones would be arriving a little late. Approximately 15 members of the public were also in attendance.

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting had been received, and were approved from S. Davies, F. Beard, K. Nason and A. Scarsbrook.

Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda - none received.

Minutes - The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2016 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman. AE advised he would be recording the meeting.

County Councillor Report - not in attendance.

Planning - The Chairman advised that the following planning applications had been discussed at a planning meeting prior to full Council meeting -

- No. 162087 - The Elms Bungalow, Rectory Lane - proposed replacement dwelling - ***No objections raised but the Parish Council hope the old trees and hedgerow would be retained on the eastern boundary to act as screening and that the Parish Council would support any comments made by the Ecological Officer. It was also hoped a bat survey would be carried out.***
- No. 162111 -Stone House, Bromyard Road - proposed detached dwelling and vehicle access - ***it was noted that this application had been refused on two or three occasions and the Parish Council again objected to the proposal as it considered it to be too much development into the Countryside and was outside the Parish boundary.***
- No. 162148 - 12 Pixiefields, Cradley - reduce oak tree crown by 25% - ***we raise no objection to this work but would ask that the line of oak trees along this site must be retained for the future.***
- No. 162155 - Land at Church Stile Farm, Vinesend Lane - outline planning for development of up to 29 dwellings, village shop/community facility, village greens, orchard, biodiversity enhancement and other ancillary works ***“the parish council object to this application in that it is outside the historic settlement boundary and that it is in an inappropriate area as defined by the PC’s landscape assessment. It is also in direct contravention of the Parish Neighbourhood Planning policies now approaching Regulation 16. Incursion into the AONB will be considerable and we have concerns about the access into the site off this country road”.***

The Chairman closed the Council meeting at this time to allow public participation regarding the Church Stile Farm, including Richard Stoddard who answered queries raised by both Councillors and other members of the public. He advised that he had received much support for this project. Other residents agreed that whilst it was necessary to support the AONB they felt there is a need for this type of project adding that if there are exceptional circumstances, then it is clearly possible to build inside the AONB. The need was expressed regarding the proposed Affordable Housing on site. Having sought individual Councillor comments from around the table and on a vote of eight against the proposal, two in favour and one abstention, it was agreed the above reply should be forwarded to the Planning Department at Hereford Council. The Chairman commented on the remarks made by Roland Close the Planning Officer. **The Council meeting was re-opened.**

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Update on outstanding matters -

- a) Defibrillator/phone kiosk - BH advised a slight delay due to a nine week consultation taking place by Payphones with the Planning Department, but advised the purchase of the defibrillator was well in hand.
- b) Pound Bridge - GF advised nothing further to report.
- c) Policy & Procedures Group - meeting on 16th August to look into Terms of Reference with a report back to full Council at September meeting.
- d) Supply of Sandbags - Order form handed to CL who agreed to look into this, now that they were no longer supplied free of charge to Parish Councils.
- e) Purchase of dog bins - GF advised on restrictions he had received regarding the fixing of a dog bin on the A4103 at Storridge. The overall cost of the six bins was reported to be £719. excluding VAT with a cost of £240. for the Lengthsman to do the work and he proposed that the Council go ahead with this project. This was seconded by BH with seven Councillors in favour, two against and one abstention.

Financial matters - The Clerk advised the following Accounts had been received for payment -

• Inland Revenue, PAYE	£150.00.
• Storridge Village Hall, hire fees - small donation Group	£14.00.
• Local Council Review subscription	£17.00.
• Herefordshire Council, play area inspections	£97.20.
• County Building Supplies, hedge trimmer	£465.00.
• Jeremy Phillips, lengthsman	£187.50.

On a proposal by AC seconded by TLJ and carried the above Accounts were approved for payment and cheques signed accordingly.

Reports from Committees and working parties -

- Footpaths Wildlife & Environment - GF had circulated report on meeting and advised that the group was now up and running. Following a query regarding allotments, AE advised there were three private allotments in the Parish.
- Recreation Group - Chair commented that it was hoped the strimming of the nettles would take place next week. Approval for purchase of netting at Chapel Lane football pitch was sought and approved and it was agreed Simon Davies will look into the purchase.
- Churchyards Committee - The Chairman advised nothing further to report.
- NDP - TLJ had circulated update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan prior to the meeting and advised it was hoped the Group would be in a position to have a revised draft ready for approval for presentation to the Parish Council towards the end of August at an Extraordinary meeting. Rather than hold an Extraordinary meeting AE proposed the September meeting be brought forward to the 31st August. This was seconded by BH and carried.
- Small Donation Group - DS advised all paperwork supplied to the Councillors and sought support for the Group to move forward. This was unanimously agreed.
- Resilience Group - SR advised Group progressing with actual plans in the event of a real emergency. British Legion would like to be an informal rest centre and the group were waiting to hear from the School whether they were able to offer this facility. Some funding may be necessary from the Parish Council. Anne Scarsbrook had attended a "Good Neighbourhood Initiative" and found the information very beneficial. Possibility of a defibrillator at the Doctor's Surgery was being looked into.

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- Lengthsman/P3 - GF advised work had commenced with the newly appointed Lengthsman and considerable pothole work had taken place at Kingsbridge, with more needed to be done. He advised Lumbridge wood had been tidied up to a satisfactory condition.
- Mowing at War Memorial - Chair advised that since Nigel Jones had given up this work, his wife had been doing the work free of charge. However, it was reported that Vince, a local gardener had now volunteered to share this work with Mrs. Lowder, again free of charge, and this was approved unanimously.
- Policies & Procedures Group - see report above.

Literature & Correspondence received -

- E-mail, Fran White advising that Hereford Council are discontinuing the playground inspection due to lack of resources. However, she will be retiring and she will continue to provide the inspections at a similar cost.
- E-mail Seonaid Barber concerning illegal removal of an ivy covered fence post and the pollarding of two ivy covered sycamore trees. She has contacted the police and County Councillor about the action.
- Complaint regarding the resident who seemed to be turning his field into a builders yard - subsequent enquiries proved that this was not actually the case.
- Sandbag request form - handed to CL.
- Advice from HALC regarding the site inspections for planning applications.
- Hereford Council budget consultation advice.
- Letter from Historic England, copied to all, via Roland Close concerning planning application at Church Stile Farm.
- Advice note received from Richard Stoddard copied to all regarding his planning application.
- E-mail from John Medlock that he felt the work at Lumbridge Wood had been carried out at an inappropriate time.
- E-mail from PCSO Joe Barson advising her availability for a meeting with Housing Association Representatives and the Parish Council.

Items for Newsletter to include

- ❖ Planning applications discussed (see website)
- ❖ NDP comments back from Karla Johnson supporting the document.
- ❖ Alteration to date of September meeting.
- ❖ Small Donations Group formulated.
- ❖ War Memorial - offer by local gardener "Vince" to help to carry out the work FOC.
- ❖ Resilience Group liaising with the police.
- ❖ Work done by Lengthsman.
- ❖ Lumbridge Wood work now completed.

Councillor Reports and items for next meeting - Broadband.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Next meeting to take place on 31st August 2016 in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

K. Nason

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

Vice Chairman

