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Minutes of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Wednesday 31st August 2016 in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present - Cllrs. K. Nason (in the Chair - KN) D.Scully (DS) A. Scarsbrook (AS) G.Fielding (GF) T.Lloyd Jones (TLJ) G.Thomas (GT) B.Herriot (BH) A.Eldridge (AE) S.Davies (SD), C.Lambert (CL) W.Harries (WH) and F.Bear (FB). Councillor AE advised he would be recording the meeting.

Also in attendance were several members of the public and the Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting had been received and were approved from Cllrs. A. Carver, S. Roffe and C. Lowder.

Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda were received from KN with reference to the payment to Cradley Village Hall and he signed the Declarations of Interest register.

Minutes - The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th August 2016 were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor Report - The Clerk confirmed that Cllr. P. Morgan had been invited to attend the meeting.

Planning - The Clerk advised that the following planning applications had been received for consideration and had been discussed by the Planning Committee prior to the full Council meeting, as follows –

- Application No. 162304 – 15 Buryfields, Cradley – uPVC conservatory to the rear elevation – **no objection raised.**
- Application No. 162041 – land at Coombe Farm, Cradley – proposed new dwelling - discussed around the table with various comments being raised both in favour and against the proposal and it was proposed by AE we comment as follows - **“we would welcome this application if Hereford Council decide that it meets the criteria for Para 55 but the Parish Council do not feel qualified to make this decision”**. This response was seconded and put to the vote with six votes in favour, six against. The Chairman then cast a second vote in favour of the proposal as permitted under the Local Government Act 1972. During the meeting the Chairman had closed the Council meeting to allow public participation and input from the both the applicants and other members of the public in attendance concerning this planning application.
- Application No. 162252 – Longdon, Cradley – proposed rear single storey extension – **No objections.**
- Application No. 162581 – Old Rectory, Cradley – fell Holly tree – **no objections.**

Update on outstanding matters – Defibrillator – BH advised the defibrillator had been delivered and that he was now awaiting final confirmation from Planning before the item could be installed.

Item for consideration - Donation to Storridge Village Hall – The Clerk reported receipt of request from Storridge Village Hall for donation in the sum of £1,095 and on a proposal by KN seconded by GF and carried, this was approved for payment at the meeting in October.

Financial – the Clerk advised the following accounts had been received for payment –

- HMRC – PAYE £150.00.
- Viking Direct - £268.87 inc vat.
- Cradley Village Hall, hire fees £33.00.
- Jeremy Phillips, Lengthsman £525.00.
- Clerk, expenses (3 months) £129.24.
- HALC – Charles Arnold Baker book) £92.00.
- Escourt Planning (NDP Grant) £750.00.

FB took the Chair and on a proposal by WH seconded by DS and carried the above Accounts were all approved for payment and it was noted that the payment to Escourt Planning was approved out of the Grant which had been received towards the NDP expenses.

The Chair thanked FB and resumed the Chair.

Neighbourhood Development Plan - to consider the final draft of NDP, draft consultation statement and basic conditions statement for Reg 16 -

All the relevant documents had been circulated to all Councillors in the week prior to the meeting to enable adequate time for full consideration of these important documents prior to the meeting. The Chairman then sought comments from each individual Councillor around the table resulting in nine Councillors voting in favour of the documents, two against and with one abstention it was agreed that ***“the Parish Council adopts these three documents, subject to formatting, proof reading etc. for passing on to Hereford Council for Reg 16.*”**

FB proposed a vote of congratulations to the NDP Group who have done such an excellent job in preparing these documents.

Public Question Time –

Malcolm Brown queried Cllr. Alan Eldridge on various planning issues and the Chairman proposed that these be put in writing to the Clerk to enable her to forward them to AE to respond to the queries in writing.

Dr. Ivan Smart also raised various issues with Cllr. Eldridge.

Dr. Ivan Smart also queried whether Councillors signed up to the “Nolan principles”.

The Chairman again requested that these queries be put in writing to the Clerk to enable Councillor Eldridge to reply fully to the queries raised of him and if necessary for the full Council to carry out investigations into the questions raised.

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Correspondence/Literature received –

- E-mail, Fran White, giving details of her new private contract regarding play area inspections now that Hereford Council are no longer be carrying out this task due to Council cutbacks and the Clerk confirmed she had sought insurance details from her to enable the Parish Council to consider the matter for the future important inspections of their play areas..
- E-mail from Enforcement Officer to Seonaid Barber following his site visit to her property in Crumpton Hill (copies handed to all Councillors).
- Letter – Hereford Council that they require Precept details by 31st December 2016 (Clerk had sought extension of time).
- Senior Management changes from Balfour Beatty.
- Letter, - HSBC advising of reduced interest rate on funds in Business Money Manager Account.
- E-mails from John Medlock concerning Lumbridge Wood and road closures, and the various Council responses.
- Letter – Storrige Village Hall seeking donation (see above).

Newsletter items –

- Planning applications received.
- NDP passed to go forward to Reg 16.
- Lumbridge Wood.
- Road closures – directing members of the public to the website

Councillor reports and items for future Agendas – Broadband/fastershire.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9pm.

Next meeting will take place in Storrige Village Hall on 11th October 2016 commencing at 7.30pm following a meeting of the planning committee if any planning applications were received for consideration.

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

Chairman.