

Minutes of an Extra Ordinary meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Thursday 26th January 2017 in Cradley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present - Cllrs. K. Nason (in the Chair - KN) G. Fielding (GF) D. Scully (DS) W. Harries (WH) F. Beard (FB) A. Eldridge (AE) T. Lloyd Jones (TLJ) and the Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting has been received and were approved from C. Lowder, S. Davies, B. Herriot, C. Lambert, G. Thomas, A. Scarsbrook and A. Carver.

Agenda items - as follows

- 1) To consider and approve the appointment of an Examiner for the Cradley NDP as recommended by the Neighbourhood Development Plan working party on the Council following their meeting to consider the candidates on 24th January 2017.
- 2) To approve and repay to Groundwork UK the sum of £2,157.50 as the Parish Council have not spent all the Grant received and immediate repayment of the balance as requested by them.

Appointment of Examiner - The Clerk had circulated the CVs for the three examiners to all Councillors prior to the meeting, all of whom were well qualified and appeared to have done many NDPs. TLJ reported that the NDP Group had considered the names put forward and had decided to suggest the appointment of Chris Collison to act on behalf of Cradley Parish Council. She explained the reasons for this recommendation. It was felt by the NDP group that as he had more experience with NDP's in Herefordshire and had carried out examinations in Parishes with similar challenges as Cradley, this experience would be invaluable adding that his having been a Parish Councillor could only be a positive. *It was confirmed that Chris Collison was not known personally to any of Cradley Parish Council Councillors in attendance at the meeting. It was noted that Mr. Collison had already made a declaration to that effect in his application.*

Resolved - On a proposal by KN seconded by GF and carried, it was agreed the Clerk advise Karla Johnson at Herefordshire Council that our preferred choice for appointment was Chris Collison as our Examiner, but should he not be available, we would be happy for Herefordshire Council to appoint one on our behalf out of the other two named Examiners put forward by them.

Repayment to Groundwork UK - TLJ advised the Loan from Groundwork UK was allocated for promotion of the Referendum and consultancy costs and as all the funds had not been spent, it was necessary to repay the outstanding amount prior to us applying for more monies for the next six monthly batch if required. All Councillors had been forwarded a copy of Groundwork UK demand for repayment of the sum of £2,157.50.

Resolved - On a proposal by KN that we repay these funds in accordance with their request , this was seconded by TLJ and carried, and a cheque was signed for the sum of £2,157.50.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

C. Lowder

Signed..... Dated - 14th February 2017.

Chairman.