

Cradley Parish Council :

Lengthsman & Parish Path Partnership [ P3] Schemes

Monthly Report : February 2017

Dear Councillors ,

The very variable weather during February resulted in a constantly changing work programme . We had hoped to get a start on the pothole work but low temperatures and wet conditions meant that cold-lay repair work would have to wait until better conditions over the March period .  
In February we concentrated upon footway and highway cleaning / sweeping and gulley emptying , etc .with PROW work fitted in as appropriate .

On the Lengthsman front :

- C1162 : Footway and Highway debris /soil clearances in the Buryfields area including a litter clearance and litter bin emptying at the Buryfields Play ground Area [ Badly neglected ]
- Huntingdon : A major effort carried out over two weekends to provide residents with their annual footway ,highway and gulley emptying service including cutting back overhang veg as necessary . Also repairs to wire fence and stump control [ Ash stools ] along the bottom passage to U65620 .
- Chapel Lane Recreation Site : In the absence of any effort to give the roadside hedge at the site its annual cut [ residents have been complaining since last Oct ! ] your Lengthsman team have done the job , including siding out , verge strimming and molehill levelling to the children's play areas .

PROW work :

- CD-41 Work continued to clear this key Bridleway . A very big job ... probably 5-6 days work involved so we just keep hacking away and one day we will top out with a view from the ridgeway looking down over West Malvern and the college , etc . The local landowner has expressed his delight at the work .
- CD- 43 New Bridleway signage and entrance have been done at the point where the bridle way leaves Upper Vinesend Land .[ this path ends at the bottom of Crumpton Hill having circumnavigated Whitman Hill [ still to be reccie ] . Any offers of help would be appreciated .

The B-B / HCC financial year will close on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 . after which time new contracts / grants etc will need to be arranged , old year activity logs , accounts etc signed off . Despite this very busy time for your Scheme Administrator , the pressing work for March will be the Pothole work . I have organised material supplies to be in our store prior to year end so that we can crack on when a wx window opens .

A CPC credit a/c is now up and running with Speedy Ltd [ Plant Hire in Hereford ] and we have secured brilliant low rates for w/e plant hire when required .

CD-78 Bridge materials are in our yard awaiting construction when ground conditions improve to cross O'Boyle's land .

[ *nb see Highway Officer report for more highway matters* ] .

Geoff Fielding [ Scheme Administrator ]