

## CRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 2011/16.

MINUTES of a meeting of Cradley Parish Council held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in Cradley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT** – D. Creed Newton (in the Chair – DCN) M. Allfrey (MA) R. Diamond (RD) K. Nason (KN) R. Gill (RG) A. Eldridge (AE) T. Lloyd-Jones (TLJ) F. Beard (FB) J. Edgar (JE) C. Lowder (CL) P. Diamond (PD) and S. Adam (SA). Also attending were four members of the public.

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was received and approved from C. Dawkins for family reasons. Apologies were also received from P. Stanley and M. Brooksbank.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** received –

- Personal - KN, CL, JE & DCN in Cradley Village Hall.
  - KN in account due for payment regarding Web site.
  - RG & SA in Finchers Corner and drainage issues.
- Prejudicial- None received.

**MINUTES** – The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**PARISH PLAN** reports – None received.

**PROGRESS REPORTS** –

Rectory Lane – The Chairman advised that attempts were still being made to set up a site meeting with Amey Herefordshire and that the retiring Parish Councillors were willing to carry on negotiations with Amey if the Parish Council wished this to happen.

**RESOLVED** – On a proposal by MA seconded by KN and carried it was agreed to recommend to the new Council that they use the officers of the existing team including Mike Hames to continue negotiations with Amey after the May elections.

Finchers Corner – In reply to a query the Chairman advised that the wall being built close to the road was a feature stone faced wall and that the hedge would be planted on the inside of the wall.

Breach of Planning consent at Chapel Orchard – The Clerk was requested to advise the Enforcement Officer at Herefordshire Council that a condition, imposed by them, on the planning permission included provision for a rear access to Bourne Villa and that this had not been provided.

Drainage Issues including responses from Severn Trent and surface water drainage from Finchers Corner Nos. 1/7 – Following work to clear a blocked drain

it had been discovered that the pipe had become broken possibly when Contractors were installing safety barriers. The Developer had spoken with Amey who replied that they did not consider the repair of the drain to be their responsibility.

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RESOLVED – On a proposal by RG seconded by MA and carried the Clerk was to write to Martin Jackson enquiring who they did consider was responsible for that drain, and at the same time, request a reply within twenty-one days regarding the drainage problems at Captains Corner and also to request Severn Trent to supply the plan of all the drainage in Cradley as promised at the site meeting at Captains Cottage.

#### **ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION –**

Parish Meeting final arrangements – Notices/Agendas for the meeting had been placed on the various notice boards around the Parish and all arrangements were well in hand. RD kindly agreed to give a vote of thanks at the meeting.

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS –**

PAYE Regulations – A letter was signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman requesting the Bank to reduce the Clerk's salary by 20% with effect from April to comply with the new PAYE & NI regulations imposed by HMR&C.

Accounts – The following Accounts had been received for payment

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| • HALC Subscription                        | £332.83. |
| • Clerks & Councils Direct Subscription    | £11.00.  |
| • Cradley Village Hall hire fees           | £27.55.  |
| • Cradley Village Hall copying & hire fees | £91.20.  |
| • Clerks expenses and allowances           | £161.74. |

RESOLVED – On a proposal by RG seconded by RD and carried the above accounts were approved for payment, cheques signed and Invoices initialled.

KN left the room

RESOLVED – On a proposal by RG seconded by JE and carried the Invoice from KN for web server space amounting to £100. was approved for payment, the cheque was signed and the Invoice initialled.

KN rejoined the meeting.

Discussion followed regarding future cheque signatories following the election changes and on a proposal by RG, seconded by MA and carried it was agreed to add TLJ as signatory to the Bank cheque account.

## **REPORTS** from various Sub Committees and Working Parties –

Planning – The Planning Chairman reported that the following applications had been considered at a previous Planning Committee meeting

Halesend House – Minor alterations to house including replacement of defective and inappropriate windows within existing openings, replacement of a defective lantern roof light and refurbishment of summerhouse and loggia including a new sliding glazed screen and small extension to conservatory roof – **No objections**

Tudor Cottage, The Old Hop Barn, Stiffords Bridge – conversion of outbuilding for use as additional accommodation incidental to the use of The Old Hop Barn

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as a single dwellinghouse – ***It was agreed to reiterate the objections as set out in the Minutes for February 2011, Page 2011/07.***

Copley Farm, Acton Beauchamp – proposed general storage building – ***no objections.***

Dragon Wyck, Bosbury Road – demolition of existing property and construction of five new dwellings – ***The information provided is wholly inadequate for the making of any recommendation concerning the awarding of planning permission for the proposed development. Amongst other issues which require further detailed consideration are “fuller environmental consideration including the details required to meet at least Code Level 4, methods statement, review of proposed materials against the Village Design Statement for style and appropriateness, drainage issues specific to the locations and detailed assessment of traffic impact on a road which is known to suffer from problems of excess speed”***

Churchfields House, Cradley – Reduce canopy on drive side of 1xSorbus by 33% by thinning and reducing crown, reduce canopy of 1xYew to give 2m clearance from end gable wall and lightly prune lower branches, fell 1xcypress, 1xsweet

chestnut, 3x small conifers, 1x cherry, 3x larch trees and 1x pine – ***no objections.***

The Chairman also reported on applications which had been approved, refused or withdrawn.

Churchyards – CL advised nothing to report.

Playing fields – The Chairman advised that NCRA were active and representatives had attended the last meeting of the playing fields committee who were now looking for a resolution for both sites which will now consist of a half-half split of the monies in hand amounting to £17,000. Concerns had been raised over provision of allotments and it had been agreed to circulate flyers enquiring who would be interested if these were provided. The Chairman also reported that the existing members would be happy to facilitate any decisions that may be required if the new Parish Council wished to take up the offer.

RESOLVED – On a proposal by MA seconded by JE and carried, it was agreed to recommend to the new Council that they use the officers of the existing team in finalising the arrangement for play equipment for both Chapel Lane and the Buryfields site.

Editorial Group – KN reported that users of the Web site was increasing monthly.

HALC - MA reported that the next meeting of HALC was due to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

**The Chairman closed the meeting to allow public participation but no questions were raised from the floor.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE –**

Letter, WCC waste core strategy development plan document consultation.

Letter, Wicksteed - acknowledgement of inspection for Chapel Lane play area.

Letter, Cradley Chapel thanking the PC for their donation.

Letter, WCC "resolving workplace disputes – government consultation".

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Letter. Mrs. Joyce Emmerson regarding proposed allotments at Chapel Lane.

E-mail, Martin Jackson, that position is unchanged at Sandy Lane.

E-mail, Derek Marise regarding development at Finchers Corner.

#### **LITERATURE –**

Local Council Review.

MHDC AONB advices.

Booklets "all about Local Councils" and "it takes all sorts".

Information Corner from HALC.

Newsletter report – Rectory Lane, Drainage issues, and forthcoming elections.

**FUTURE AGENDA** items – Usual updates and prospect of PC going fully electronic.

As this was his last meeting, the Chairman thanked all members for their support and wished them all the best for the future.

RD proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his dedicated service over his term of office.

**NEXT MEETING** will be the Parish Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 followed by the Annual meeting of the Parish Council on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

C. Lowder

11.5.2011

Signed.....

Dated.....

Chairman