



CRADLEY & STORRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 20th October 2022 at 4.00pm in the Cradley Village Hall.

Present:

Councillors: Terry Robshaw (Chair), Paul Aitken, Ian Edgar, Janita Goodwin, Wynne Harries & Colin Merker.

In Attendance:

Richard James - (Parish Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillors: Judith Aldridge & Richard Hunt.
2. **Declaration of Interest** – There were No declarations of interest.

Exclusion of the members of the Public and Press for discussion of a confidential item.

3. Approve the appointment of the Lengthsman / Handyman

*The Parish Council had received a letter of interest from a Mr Andrew Graham of Cradley in respect to the advert of the Lengthsman / Handyman contract. The hourly rate and Mr Graham's request for possible support with additional training to successfully undertake the role was discussed in detail along with his qualifications to fulfil all the duties required in the contract of Lengthsman / Handyman. The council **voted unanimously** to offer Mr Andrew Graham the contract, subject to having the correct insurances and licences in place before any works could start.*

Once these had been supplied to the Parish Council Clerk the contract would become active, it was agreed that it should run from the 1st November 2022 through until the 31st March 2025 when it would be retendered. The contract would be subject to a successful annual review.

*The draft contract was reviewed by the Councillors, and it was agreed to allow the new Lengthsman / Handyman the use of the following Parish Council tools of the Leaf Blower, Hedge Trimmer & Strimmer within the clause of **"use at own risk"**, but the Parish Council would pay for the annual servicing of its equipment. It was agreed that the **Council's commitment to biodiversity** section of the contract would be deleted.*

The meeting was closed at 4.30pm.

Signed: Dated: 8th November 2022

Chair of the Parish Council