



CRADLEY & STORRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 3.00pm in the Cradley Village Hall.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Richard James - (Parish Clerk). Ellie Clowns (Ward Member). 2 x Members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Judith Aldridge
- 2. Declarations of Interest** was declared by Cllr W Harries regarding planning application P222106/J. Due to the fact he is a neighbour.
- 3. The Minutes** of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on the 28th June 2022.

Resolved – *The minutes were adopted as a true record subject to some amendments, which were then signed & dated by the Chairman.*

4. Open Public Session.

Cllr Ellie Chowns (Ward Member) addressed the meeting about what the Herefordshire Council were doing across the County.

- Resurfacing of the B4219 and its effect on local businesses
- The moving of the Hereford Library to the Maylord centre
- The revamping of the Hereford Museum
- The Phosphate credit scheme to allow some building in North Herefordshire.

There were the following questions from members of the public.

Q1. Ridgeway Junction. The signage was not very prominent coming from Hereford and some signs were not visible due to overgrowth.

Q2. Poor carriageway markings on the uphill section of the carriageway and in the member of public option speed red marking on the carriageway would help.

A1. Cllr Ellie Chowns answered both questions and said she would bring it up with the Highways officers at the Hereford Council.

Q3. Cllr R Hunt said the potholes on the B4420 had been marked for repair and was there a timescale for these works to be completed.

A2. Cllr Ellie Chowns said that once the potholes had been marked for repair, Belfour Beatty had so many days to complete the works.

5. Planning Applications.

P222106/J - The Acorns, 3 Oaklands, Cradley, Herefordshire. WR13 5LA.

Proposed works to Oak Tree Dead branches to be removed

Resolved – *The Cradley & Storrige Parish Council supported this application.*

P221430/FH - P221431/L - The Glen, Grittlesend, Cradley, Malvern, WR13 5NR.

Proposed single storey side extension to existing dwelling. Replacement of existing sheds (already demolished) with log store/ home office/garden storage buildings

Resolved – *The Cradley & Storrige Parish Council can now support this application as the published amendments clarify the height of the garden room and have made significant improvements to the extension itself. This now fulfils the requirements of CNDP9 (Design). We endorse all the suggestions from the Conservation Officer. We also wonder if a detailed landscape plan to incorporate the garden office/store harmoniously into the curtilage of the listed building would be beneficial*

P222164/XA2 – New Broom Farm, off B4220 Cradley, Herefordshire, WR13 5JP.

Proposed discharge to condition 4 (Materials wall & roof)

Resolved – *The Cradley & Storrige Parish Council supported this application.*

6. Financial Matters.

- 6.1 - Monthly Budget Report
- 6.2 - Bank Reconciliation
- 6.3 - Unity Bank Statement
- 6.4 – Regular Payments Schedule
- 6.5 – Revised Banking Arrangements

Resolved – *The Cradley & Storrige Parish Council adopted The Monthly Budget report and Bank Reconciliation which were signed by the chair. The Regular Payment Schedule which will allow payment of regular invoices e.g., Clerks wages, monthly grass cutting, annual insurance and the Revised Banking arrangements where the clerk was made the administrator, Sarah Thomas was removed, and Cllr T Robshaw was made a signatory were all approved. The Bank statement was noted by the councillors.*

7. To Approve Payments.

Payment	Net	Vat	Total
Pricepoint Garden Services Ltd – Invoice 17504	420.00	84.00	504.00
Clerks – Expenses	59.40	0.00	59.40
OMG Trading Ltd – Basketball Net – Inv No 21628	24.17	4.83	29.00

Medisave – 1 st Responder Stethoscope – Inv No 2936558	43.48	8.70	52.18
Philip Striplin – Council Mobile Phone	6.67	1.33	8.00

Resolved – All the invoices were approved for payment.

8. Council Website.

The Clerk outlined that the council website was still on the old version of the software and the HALC website person recommended that it should be upgraded to the newer version at a cost of £100. The upgrade would make the website safer and easier to upload content. .

Resolved – It was agreed to update the website following additional information.

9. Sensory Garden.

Resolved – Due to the absence of the Working Group lead, it was agreed this item should be deferred for a future meeting.

10. Working Group Reports.

1. Recreation Grounds & Environment

It was noted the play equipment at Buryfields needed repair and the WG had received a quotation from PlayQuest for £900.00 + vat. Wicksteed said they would also quote but no quotation had been received to date. Council thought, the matter was urgent on safety grounds and the works should be carried out by PlayQuest the equipment supplier. Plus waiting for further quotes would not be practical in this instance.

Resolved – The quotation was agreed on safety grounds and no further quotation would be required.

It was mentioned that the picnic table & Pergola at Buryfields were also in needs of repair.

Resolved – That local trades should be asked for quotes to repair the furniture up to the value of £500.00 with permission to proceed using the Clerk devolved authority.

The old goal posts at the Chapel Lane recreation ground should be cut down and reinstalled for the junior children to use.

Resolved – It was agreed that council would get quotes for the work to the goal posts including their reinstatement.

The metal guards for the feet of the play equipment at Buryfields, was highlighted by the play equipment inspector who had concerns about installing them as they could be a cut hazard.

Resolved – The metal guards should be cancelled.

2. Task & Finish Group
 - 2.1. Dog Waste Bins
 - 2.2. Lengthsman

An informative report on the Dog Waste Bins was given; the Working Group had distributed 350 leaflets around the parish, to raise awareness, seek views on dog bins and to seek volunteers. Sadly, they only received 2 formal replies.

A debate took place about the Dog Waste Bins and about paying volunteers for emptying them. Whether the dog waste bin opposite the village shop (Pixiefield) should be reopened after it had been abused in the past. Concerns were shown that the Dog Waste Bin was sited near to a bench where people eat food.

The Herefordshire Council did not have a set policy on Dog Waste Bins but said it encouraged dog owners to take the dog waste home and deposit in their household bin.

Resolved – *That the Dog Waste Bin at Pixiefields should be reinstated for a 2-week period to monitor on whether it gets used properly or abused again. This motion went to the vote and was agreed by a majority of 4 to 3.*

Discussion took place about the possibility of paying volunteers.

Resolved – *That the payment of volunteer's was not a route the council wished to go down for a number of reasons, so, this idea was rejected.*

An update report was given about the possible reinstatement of a Lengthsman within the parish; consideration should be given to the job title becoming Lengthsman/handyman and an advert was on the council website and local press seeking tenders. The council were informed there were interests expressed by several individuals or businesses and would report back to council with the preferred tender.

There were important jobs needed around the parish and due to the fact, there was no official Lengthsman in post yet, a contractor should be asked to do these works up to the amount of £1500.00.

Resolved – *That the clerk should have the authority to place orders up to the value of £1500.00.*

3. Resignations and Appointments.

Cllr R Hunt said he was resigning off the highways working group and the communication working group with immediate effect. However, he would be willing to join the Planning Working Group.

Resolved – *That Cllr R Hunt become a member of the Planning Working Group.*

Cllr C Merker said he would be willing fill the vacancy on the Highways Working Group and Cllr T Robshaw said he would be willing fill the vacancy on the Communications Working Group.

Resolved – *That Cllr C Merker become a member of the highways Working Group and the Cllr T Robshaw become a member of the Communications Working Group.*

11. Clerk information Sheet.

A verbal report was given outlining several emails the council had received and response given. There had been a question about the process of applying for a council grant. A request from a dog waste bin volunteer requesting more bags, the clerk had purchased some. The 1st responder equipment was now going to be ordered from the West Midlands Ambulance service.

The Clerks information sheet was noted.

12. Articles for the Press.

Council agreed it would be a good idea for an article on the Dog Waste Bins to be sent to the press.

Resolved – *That the clerk would write an item for the press.*

13. Future Agenda Items.

1. Sensory Garden
2. Bus Shelters
3. Parish Notice Boards
4. S106 projects
5. Police / PCSO
6. Volunteers Policy
7. Press officers' policy
8. Recording or meetings policy

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm

Signed: Date: