

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CREDENHILL PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE YOUTH AND RESOURCE CENTRE ON 19 JAN 11**



**Present:**

Mr A Round (AR) (Chairman), Mrs D Daw (DD) (Vice Chairman)  
Mr J Beavan (JB), Mr J Daw (JD), Mrs C Lloyd (CL), Mrs D Pullen (DP), Mr R Shutt (RS), Mr A Slater (AS), Mr J Spreckley (JS) Mrs I Thomson (IT) (Parish Councillors)

**In Attendance**

Mr B Matthews District Councillor  
2 Members of the Public  
Mr C Lippett BEM (Clk) Parish Clerk

Prior to the Meeting the Chairman introduced the following to those present:

Mrs Jenni Everall - who will be taking over the role of the Clerk on 1 Apr 2011  
Mrs Ellen Moore - volunteer who was co-opted as a Parish Councillor (Clk to complete necessary declaration forms)

**Item 1 Apologies/Disclosure of Interests** None

**Item 2 Visiting Speakers**

a. District Councillor Matthews Raised the following points.

1. Explained that the scheduled LDF Task Group for meeting for 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 11 has now been postponed and is likely to be rescheduled for early March.
2. With regards his stance on progress in the county Mr Matthews sated that he supported the principle of reasonable and sustainable growth that would in any way improve job opportunities and secure employment for Herefordians generally, and in particular for our many talented young people. However, he felt that numbers that are being proposed in the LDF are excessive in the extreme'
3. Suggested the parish council write to Herefordshire Council to confirm that the published start and completion dates for the foot/cycle path to Stretton Sugwas will be met. **Clks Note.** Email sent 20 Jan 10

b. West Mercia Police Although no West Mercia Police representative was available, the following police report was forwarded to the Clk:

11/2010. A beacon was stolen off a vehicle parked up in Trenchard Avenue.

12/11/2010. A vehicle parked in Oak Road has had its front windscreen smashed.

20/11/2010. The rear door of an address in Oak Road has been smashed; unknown offenders appear to have chucked a brick at the door.

13/12/2010. Copper piping has been stolen from a vehicle in Centurion Way; the piping was taken from plastic tubing secured on top of the vehicle.

19/12/2010. A Christmas tree was stolen from the front garden of an address along Station Road.

**Item 3 Public Questions**

a. Mr Rose asked if a request had been submitted to Amey for the village roads to be swept. The Clk replied that road sweeping is undertaken every 6 months (June and Jan) and that he had sent a request to Amey on 13 Jan 11.

b. Mr Chant asked if some action could be taken to clear and make safe the pathway from the Magna Farm to Stretton Sugwas. The Chairman replied that this was outside our parish boundaries. Mr Matthews undertook to make some enquiries,. **Clks Note** Mr Matthews has ascertained that the pathway is the responsibility of highways department at Herefordshire council who have been tasked to undertake some work on the path.

#### Item 4 Minutes of Previous Minutes

Following a proposal by CL seconded by DP it was **resolved** that the minutes for the meeting on 16 Dec 10 are accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

#### Item 5 Matters arising from Previous Minutes. None

#### Item 6 - Financial Report

The Clk reported the following:

a. Payment

Sunderland and Thompson LLP £ 907.61 (this is all VAT which we can claim back)

Credenhill Community Hall £ 401.00

C Lippett (Clk) £ 272.11

T Baldwin (Repair Roman Park) £2100.00 (Following an observation made by JB, DD was to ask the contractor to make good – when the weather was suitable - the deep tyre marks incurred during the work and the soil surrounds, JB also commented that the surface area looked to be slightly smaller than the previous arrangement)

Following a proposal by CL seconded by DP was **resolved** that the above payments are paid from parish funds

b. Income (Since last meeting)

Rent from Playschool £1080

Payment from ESG £870 (This covers legal costs incurred and time completed by Clk on project).

CCN Adverts £24

JB enquired about income from the hire of the football field, the Chairman stated that invoices had now been raised for all teams using the field and this would be reflected in next month's income.

c. Balance of Parish fund £10,081,82

#### Item 7 Business arising from correspondence received since last meeting.

a. Election 2011. The Clk reported that he had received a letter from Herefordshire Council outlining the arrangements for the Parish Council Elections in May 2011. He (and the Clk Designate) would ensure that all requirements are fully met.

b. Adoption of Sewers in Persimmon An email had been received from Persimmon management indicating that all faults identified by Welsh Water were being rectified, when complete, a CCTV survey of drains would be undertaken and if satisfied, Welsh Water would then start the process of adopting the sewers.

#### Item 8 – Re-introduction of Youth Club

Nothing to report since last meeting. DD stated she is attempting to contact youth workers to discuss the way ahead. It was also agreed that the new steward in the Social Club is approached to see if youth activities in the club is still viable. DD to pursue.

#### Item 9 Working Group Reports.

a. Roman Park Quote from Complete Weed Control (Central Wales) for treatment of weeds in Roman Park read out by Clk. In view of the costs involved, Following a suggestion by JB it was agreed we obtain a further quote from another firm before any decision is made. **Clks Note.** Arrangements made for Highground Maintenance to visit Roman park on Mon 24 Jan to discuss our requirements..

b. Footpaths Nothing to report .

c. Planning Nothing to report

d. ESG (Hereford Futures) The Clk reported that the CPO has now been formally agreed but that it will not affect our agreement with Hereford Futures. After discussion, It was agreed that the Chairman continues to arrange to meet the landowner of the access strip at front of the Roman Park to attempt to negotiate an agreement to feed utilities under the access strip. If agreement is not forthcoming a meeting would be convened of the ESG Working Group (AR, JD, JB and JS) to discuss the way ahead. JB also requested that we enquire if our agent (Andrew Lyke) is still available to represent us (should the requirement arise) and that we appoint an engineering consultant to protect our interests during the construction phase. **Clks Note.** Email posing these questions sent to Andrew Lyke on 20 Jan 11 – reply received indicating that he could do this and could find an engineer to represent us but was unsure about who would be liable to pay the fees for such services. **Clks Note** – Clk has emailed Hereford Futures to enquire about the payment of agents fees during the construction phase. JS also requested that we obtain copies of Plans 1 and 2 from the original conveyance document for the Roman Park showing the various boundaries in colour. **Clks Notes** Copies obtained from solicitors on 20 Jan 11 and distributed to team members.

e. CCN/Website. CL reported that she was making small improvements to the website, it was also suggested that parish councillors make an effort to add to the content of the website..

f. Community Hall Nothing to report

g. Emergency Planning JD has sent a copy of his emergency plan to Hereford Council, response awaited.

#### **Item 10 Agenda items for next meeting**

a. Quotes for Roman Park (follow up to item 9a)

b. Village Fete

#### **11 Any other business**

a. Having seen a vehicle apparently clearing out blocked sewers in Waterside, JB asked if there were any known long term plans to get the sewers in Credenhill adopted by Welsh Water. The Clk explained that a survey of the village had taken place in the last 6 months and that there were only 19 responses complaining about the inadequacy of the sewers, the findings of the survey were forwarded to the Herefordshire Council who are examining the possibility of all sewers in the County being adopted by a water company, understandably, this is not a simple task and will take some time. Mr Matthews offered to contact Hereford Housing to enquire about the situation in Waterside. **Clks Note** Mr Matthews spoke to Hereford Housing on 20 Jan 11, they advised that they can only look after council properties in the street, the maintenance of sewers in privately owned homes in the responsibility of the owners.

b. JB asked if the "Pothole hotline" is up and running, he also complained about a large pothole by the "Hafod." Mr Matthews confirmed that the hotline is open and stated that with the recent bad weather there is considerable backlog of repair work being undertaken in the county. **Clks Note** Mr Mathews had reported the pothole outside the "Hafod" on 20 Jan 11 and asked that urgent action is taken to repair it. .

c. CL reported that, following interviews, a new Parish Warden had been selected. Details will be published when the necessary checks have been made on the successful applicant.

d. RS asked if the parish council had thought about organising an event to celebrate the forthcoming royal marriage. After discussion It was generally agreed that council did not wish to organise such an event.

e. JD asked if the County Dog Warden could be approached to undertake some sort of surveillance in the village. Clk to make enquiry . **Clks Note** Herefordshire County Dog warden (Dave Goulding) contacted 7 Feb and was asked to visit the village on an opportunity basis to assess the problem, show that they council are interested and if possible fine offenders.

f. JD stated that he had reported tractors which in his opinion, were breaking the speed limit in Station Road to the police who had stopped these vehicles and issued warnings.

g. The Chairman stated that he had now joined the Social club committee and will keep the council informed of any significant developments which could impact on the parish council;

h. The Clk suggested that it might be more economical to purchase a new printer because of the high cost on ink refills for our existing printer, to report at next meeting. **Clks Note** Put on hold for the time being, other sources of obtaining ink refills being explored.

#### **Item 12- Date of Next Meeting**

16 Feb 11

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9 pm

***Original signed***

**A ROUND**  
Chairman  
16 Feb 11

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