

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CREDENHILL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE YOUTH AND RESOURCE CENTRE ON 17 FEB 10 AT 7.30 PM**



Present:

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

In Attendance

Mrs Dee White	Red Cross
Mr Matthews	District Councillor
Mr C Lippett BEM (Clk)	Parish Clerk
3 members of the public	

Item 1 Apologies/Disclosure of Interests

a. Apologies West Mercia Police (WMP)

Item 2 Visiting Speakers

a. Mrs Dee White (Red Cross) Outlined the arrangements for the recruitment and selection of a Parish Warden for Credenhill. Closing dates for applications is 12 Mar 10 and it is hoped that a person will be available to commence work in Apr 10., a parish council member will be on the selection panel (likely to be the Chairman) The initial contract will for 12 months which will be funded by the Red Cross, thereafter, possible funding sources will be from Parish Council precept and Herefordshire Council. (Situation to be reviewed after warden has been in post for 9 months) JB asked questions about the salary for the warden and the proportion of the total annual outlay which the Red Cross will receive – Mrs White indicated that this is in the region of 30%. It was agreed that a copy of the recruitment notice would be placed in the CCN. **Clks Note:** Completed by CL.

b. Councillor Matthews. Reported on the following:

1. Showed a plan for the proposed traffic arrangements for the new cattle market. The Parish Council expressed some doubt at the proposed layout; whilst the reduction in speed limit was of some concern the council generally agreed that this measure was justified.
2. Stressed that it is most important to have a good parish representation at the meeting in Stretton Sugwas village hall on Friday 5 Mar 10 to discuss the Place Shaping Paper Consultation 2026. During the meeting, the matter of the proposed relief road and additional housing in Hereford will be discussed.
3. Amey reported that the road surface in Mill Lane will need complete resurfacing, this will be completed in the next financial year, and the red 30 mph strips on Station Road will be repaired during Apr 10.
4. Following a complaint made by parishioners, Councillor Matthews contacted Herefordshire Council to complain about the bus service to Credenhill (either late or not turning up at all). A response had been received offering some explanation which acknowledged the complaint. Councillor Matthews suggested that we invite a representative from Herefordshire Council to a Parish Meeting to answer questions about the inadequacies of the bus service. **Clks Note.** A representative (Mr Davidson) will attend the April Parish Council Meeting .
5. Planning work on the footpath/cycle path from Credenhill to Stretton Sugwas was progressing.

c. West Mercia Police Although there was no West Mercia Representative they had sent the following report which was read out by the Clk:

25th January - Burglary reported at the Snail Farm. Damage to windows and gas bottle stolen.

25th January - Fence damaged in Ecroyd Park. Enquiries are ongoing and arrests of 3 local youths imminent.

28th January - 10 rare breed chickens stolen from property on the outskirts of the village.

30th January - Report of noisy party at a property in Waterside. It was thought that those responsible were intoxicated. Officers attended and a teenage resident had some friends visiting and playing music too loud. No alcohol was involved. Housing association informed .

31st January - Report of youths climbing on the phone box in Station Road and acting in Anti Social manner. Officers attended within 8 minutes of youths being reported and no youths in area.

3rd February - A park bench was removed from the communal garden in Waterside. Dean located the bench in Roman Park and returned to Waterside, 4 local youths have been given stern warnings and issued with Anti Social Warning letters

In general, the number of Anti Social Behaviour incidents have decreased and we are taking positive action with any youths who are identified as causing a nuisance. We are sending out a very clear message to them all in that we will not tolerate any kind of behaviour that has a detrimental affect on any resident's quality of life.

Item 3 Public Questions

a. Mr Rose expressed concern about the short notice for the meeting at Stretton Sugwas on 5 Mar 10 to discuss the future development of Hereford. His concern was noted, the Clk explained that the Herefordshire Council had not made any arrangements for the Credenhill parishioners to have their say at a suitable venue; it was only the intervention of Councillor Matthews that ensured that the meeting on 5 Mar was convened.

b. Mr Chant asked if the Yazor Brook north of the railway bridge can be cleared out as it would appear to be causing flooding which could possibly reach the Roman Park. The Clk explained that this is not Parish business, clearance of the brook is the responsibility of the land owner, notice to landowners to clear the brook must be undertaken by Herefordshire Council. The Clk undertook to inform the Herefordshire Council about the problem. **Clks Note** Done 18 Feb 10; also referred to Bishopstone parish council as this part of the brook is outside our parish boundary.

Item 4 Minutes of Previous Minutes

Following a proposal by DP seconded by DD, it was **resolved** that the minutes for the meeting on 13 Jan 10 are accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Item 5 Matters arising from Previous Minutes.

Parish logo Alternative designs to the logo had been received, these would be investigated by JD and reported at the next meeting. (Noted as an agenda item)

Item 6 Financial Report

a. Authorisation of following payments from Parish Funds:

C Lippett Clk	£303.43
Amey (Sign for Ecroyd Park)	£ 68.15
PIP Printing (CCN)	£273.30
RG Morgan (Plumber)	£ 52.88
C Stanton (Village handyman)	£213.46 (Includes for clearance of Ecroyd triangle)
C Stanton (Roof repair)	£105.00

Following a proposal by CL seconded by RS it was **resolved** that the above payments are paid from Parish Funds

b. Income since last meeting.
£83 Payment from Social club for repairs to sewage system
£40 Payment for adverts in CCN

c. Balance of Parish Fund £16, 424.55

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

a. Letter from Herefordshire Council concerning 20 mph speed limit in Dovecote Lane. The Parish Council welcomed the proposed change and once AS had canvassed local residents about the installation of speed bumps, the Clk was to inform Herefordshire Council about the councils decision. **Clks Note** Herefordshire Council informed that 20 mph speed limit is supported by the parish council and that speed bumps are also considered, the reply indicated that it is against Herefordshire Council policy to install speed bumps because of noise and vehicle damage.

b. Place Shaping Paper consultation 2026. This was a large 143 page document containing information on the future development of Hereford County, amongst other things it indicated that Credenhill could be selected as a location for additional affordable housing. A meeting (See item 2b2 above) in Stretton Sugwas on 5 Mar 10 has been arranged to give parishioners the opportunity to have their say. Notice of the meeting had been placed on the parish website, notice boards, the Hereford Times and the CCN. DD was given ownership of the document and tasked, (in conjunction with the Clk) to complete the questionnaire in the document to represent the Parish Council View) **Clks Note**. Completed

c. Letter from Herefordshire Council re- Impact of Winter weather and response to it. No criticism or suggestions to improve the services provided by the council. **Clks Note** email response conveying the Parish view sent on 18 Feb 10

Item 8 Street Lighting – Kemble Housing

CL reported that a streetlight on the approach road to Oak and Elm Road requires repair. **Clks Note.** Reported to Kemble Housing on 18 Feb 10.

Item 9 Working Group Reports.

a. Roman Park The following matters arose:

1. JB asked that the trees are pruned and leaves collected. AR tasked to obtain quote from Mr Tyler. **Action on AR**
2. The Clk reported that a quote had been received for £200 to install the newly acquired play equipment (it also included for the removal of old equipment and the installation of a sign in the “Ecroyd triangle”). Following a proposal by IT seconded by DP it was **resolved** that this quote is accepted and the contractor notified to undertake the work. **Clks Note:** Done.
3. JB reported that the ground on the inside of the newly installed length of fencing requires more work. **Clks Note;** Notified Dudley Fencing who agreed to send a man to complete the work, asked that someone is present to explain exactly what is required. (Mr Rose was in attendance when contractors undertook the work).
4. AR informed the meeting about the use of the football playing area for next season, he explained that 2 senior teams wished to use our facilities (involving payment to the parish Council) and negotiations were underway to enable junior football teams to use the facility. AR mentioned the possibility of a new permanent changing room facility and indicated that he and the Clk would make arrangements to see representatives of the Herefordshire Football Association to talk about possible funding opportunities.

b. Footpaths Nothing to report

c. Lease. The Clk reported that with the lack of response to emails to the Community Hall about the lease, he had spoken to our solicitor this week who agreed to chase up the processing of the new lease for the community hill (including the deed of variation which affects the Social Club lease).

d. Planning AS reported that there were no objections to the Planning Application submitted for improvements (replacement windows and external painting – listed building) to Cross Farmhouse. **Clks Note.** Herefordshire Council informed. 18 Feb 10

e. ESG The Clk explained that the Parish Council had received a compulsory purchase order from Herefordshire Council seeking the right “to enter and use with or without vehicles for all purposes to construct, inspect, repair, maintain, improve, renew and replace flood water relief works including a culvert and any associated works including the storage of equipment, plant and machinery as part of the Yazor Brook flood alleviation scheme”. The Clk further explained that the ESG working group considered that it is on the interests of the Council to raise objections at this stage and read out the reasons for objection. After a discussion and following a proposal by IT seconded CL it was **resolved** that a suitable letter is drafted for approval by the ESG working group and signature by the Chairman. **Clks Note** Letter completed, signed by chairman and posted on 23 Feb 10 – acknowledgement received.

f. Website and CCN CL reported that the website was “growing” and in view of the meeting in Stretton Sugwas on 5 Mar 10 stated that it is essential that the next edition of the CCN is **delivered by no later than 1 Mar 10**, CL undertook to inform all the distributors.

g. Community Hall IT reported that internal painting of the hall was now complete. A Barn Dance will be held on 13 Mar 10.

Item 10 Agenda items for next meeting

- a. Parish Logo (JD to lead)
- b. Community Hall (AR to lead)
- c. Playschool improvements. (DD to lead)

Item 11- Any other business

a. JB reported that the question of Alcohol free areas and dog fouling had been raised. Response from Herefordshire Council expected at the next meeting.

b. DD stated that she has now resigned from the Community Hall Committee and the Playgroup. She also informed the council that she is organising a fund raising on 10 Apr 10 for “Help the Heroes”.

c. CL asked that the litter bin in the small play area in Ecroyd Park is emptied. The Clk explained that the bin belongs to the Parish Council and tends to be used as a receptacle for dog waste. It was decided that the litter bin would be removed from the area. **Clks Note** Handyman tasked 18 Feb 10

Item 12 Date of Next Meeting

17 Mar 10

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

Original signed

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Chairman

17 Mar 10

Distribution: All councillors, Cllr Matthews. Cllk (for Minute folder), Parish Website