

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CREDENHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE YOUTH AND RESOURCE CENTRE ON 16 NOVEMBER 2011



Credenhill Parish Council

Present: Mr A Round (AR) (Chairman), Mrs D Daw, (vice chairman)

Mr J Beavan (JB), Mrs D Pullen (DP), Mr A Slater (AS), Jeremy Daw (JD) Mrs S Gummery (SG) Mr J Spreckley (JS) Mr R Rose (RR) Mr R Shutt (RS), (Parish Councillors)

In Attendance

Inspector Nick Semper and Sgt. Neil Whitchurch
Geoff Hughes - Director of Regeneration (Herefordshire Council)
Mr B Matthews District councillor
Mrs J Everall (clk) Parish clerk
3 members of public

Item 1 Apologies/Disclosure of Interests

- a. Apologies Mrs E Moore (EM) (Parish Councillor)
- b. Disclosures of interest Mr Rose (Grass cutting)

Item 2 Visiting Speakers

1. Inspector Nick Semper and Sgt. Neil Whitchurch

Inspector Nick Semper gave a brief report that since his attendance at last month's meeting there had been a 50% drop in incident. He then went on to read out CSO Dean Wall's report which included the following:

On the 29th October 2011 just after midnight a small window was smashed on the Herefordshire Headway building.

I have spoken with several of the carers parking vehicles on the Mill lane T-junction. We have received no more calls but I will continue to pay passing attention.

Another moped has been seized from an adult driving in a careless manner in Credenhill, also another Section 59 warning notice has been issued to a local youth for the same action.

WMP conducted a face to face survey with residents in Trenchard and 100% said 'police are doing a good job'

BM asked Ins. Semper how Credenhill compares to other villages of a comparable size with antisocial behaviour; Ins. Semper replied that antisocial behaviour is on the decrease but did not have a village to compare Credenhill to.

Sgt. Whitchurch added that he would compare Credenhill to Morton on Lugg with the same mix of housing.

BM raised his concerns over Kington police force covering Credenhill as part of the realignments rather than Hereford force. Ins. Semper then went on to explain project Ethos uses the nearest resource available to respond, that emergency police will continue to cover Credenhill and that the area of Credenhill will be included in the locality of Weobley which will be covered by Kington police force Inspector Martin Taylor and Colin Smith. Local support will continue however WPC Pam Epton is not on active duty CSO Dean Wall will continue to cover her role as far as he can.

2. Mr. Hughes - Director of Regeneration (Herefordshire Council)

BM raised his concerns over the new proposed boundaries. Mr. Hughes gave an outline of the changes stating that a common approach to localities has been developed through Herefordshire partnership. Nine Locality areas have been identified to help structure service delivery closer to communities and to better address local needs. The boundaries have been based on high school catchment areas so Credenhill falls into Weobleys area. BM went on to report that Credenhill ward is down to be included with Hereford city south and represented by Jesse Norman. JB added that he could not see the sense in linking Credenhill with Weobley as most of our services are reached in Hereford city. Mr. Hughes reiterated the high school catchment areas. JB also queried if the information regarding this matter was sent to the PC as the PC are not members of HALC. Mr. Hughes confirmed all PC's received the information sent.

3 District Councillor Bob Matthews

Reported the footpath from Stretton Sugwas to the camp is still ongoing. The footpath by East Cottage is still being considered. That ward changes will include a drop of possibly 6 councillors from the current 58. Bm will continue to update on these changes. BM also reported on the Western route, Herefordshire council are now looking at an eastern route, however the western route is still the preferred option. Cathedral school are now using a drop off system to collect pupils to help reduce congestion within the city. He said that it was imperative that Hereford have a second river crossing for the safety of people living on the other side of the bridge and emergency vehicles gaining access. He backed plans for small villages to have housing developments of houses numbering approximately 25 to help keep schools and other local services thriving.

AS asked if the planning application for Magna Castra farm had been passed. BM confirmed it had but with conditions and that Welsh water, the PC and environment agency had all supported the application. JB said the photographs included with the application were misleading.

JB voiced his concern over the recent cuts to the bus service to Credenhill. BM replied that many areas have seen their services cut due to budget cuts incurred by Hereford council. BM suggested he liaise with a guest speaker to attend the next meeting to discuss further.

RR asked about the possibility to have a painted boxed area in front of the playing fields across to the pavement to ensure pedestrians safety. BM advised the best course of action to write to the highways agency. Clk note: Send letter

DP asked if anything has been done with regard to the hole in the shops car park, the chairman explained that each shop is responsible for maintaining this area. Clk note: Prepare letter and forward to DP to deliver.

Item 3 Public Questions

Mrs G. Hind asked the PC if they are willing to support a library within the village. Mrs Hind has looked at some possible locations but will report back at a later meeting. BM suggested the PC ask the library service to attend the meeting in January to discuss further. CLK Note: Add to January's agenda.

Mrs Hind also asked the PC permission to deliver with the CCN a map supplied by the woodland trust for Credenhill Woods. The PC agreed that this was acceptable.

Mrs Hind also asked for confirmation of the PC holding an event for the Queen's Jubilee. The PC fully intend to mark the occasion within the village, details are yet to be confirmed. CLK Note: Include in CCN report.

The bridle path on the edge of the village has been reported as particularly poor at the moment. BM said he would discuss this with Kenchester PC.

Item 4 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Following a proposal by DD seconded by DP it was **resolved** that the minutes for the meeting on 19 October 11 are accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

Item 5 Matters arising from Previous Minutes

None

Item 6 Financial Report

The clerk reported the following:

a. Authorisation of payments from parish funds

Pip printers	296.00	Nov Issue
Polyportables	1,146.00	£191 vat to be reclaimed
C Powell	334.00	litter collection Oct - Nov
R Rose	315.00	Grass cutting Oct
J Overall	318.75	Clerk Oct - Nov
R Shutt	28.00	litter collection Sept - Oct
Poppy appeal	22.00	Wreath for Remembrance
Total:	2,459.95	

Receipts

Preschool	1,140.00	Payment for September
Football fee's	75.20	Various
Preschool	1,200.00	Payment for October (Minus deduction for bank hol in Aug)
Total:	2,415.20	

Bank balance (16/11/11) - : £17,333.27

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

Item 7 Determination of Precept

DD reported that following a meeting with the financial working group they have recommended the precept remain at £16,800.

CLK note: Return form to HC. Done 12/12/11

RR raised other points discussed during the precept budget meeting. The social club should ask all parties involved (Club, Hall, Preschool) to pay one third of the standing charges, along with their water bill every 3 months. A cheque was raised for £300 for the period upto and including 10/10/11 the meter reading was 273. The payment was authorised during September 21 under item 9. Cheque sent 16/11/11

JB asked if he could see a copy of the electric bill from the social club DD was happy to forward this information.

The Electric supplies are needing further investigations.

RR asked the clk to contact British Gas to arrange for new meter to be installed for the car park street lights The meter is located at the rear of the social club in a large meter box, if possible the PC are to obtain a night and day meter. This supply will be independent, at no cost, all future bills are to be sent to the PC. CLK Note: Contact BG. Done 22/11/11

RR queried the supply of Sulo bins to the preschool the Chairman stated that this bin would need to stay in place for the preschool, Hall and litter collector to use. He asked the clk to obtain a quote from Wye valley and Viola for emptying the sulo bin.

CLK note- Obtain quotes.

RS enquired whether the PC has made any provisions for the Village Warden in the precept. The Chairman stated the PC have decided previously not to fund the village warden at this point. The figures would need to be submitted for future Consideration.

Item 8 – CCTV (chairman to lead)

AR reported this issue was ongoing and would inform PC at next meeting on progress.

Item 9 – Bus timetable (JB to lead)

Issue covered in Item 2 Visiting speakers- Bob Matthews

Item 10 White lines quote (JB to lead)

JB reported to the PC the details of 3 quotes received. JB had visited a site to inspect recent work and agreed it was a High standard. AS proposed the PC accept a quote of £1,295.00 + vat from Avon road Mark. This was seconded by JD. The quote covers 80 bays with 2 disabled bays, a meter wide paint marked path for access into the community hall, road junction marked, boxed area by the social club, zebra crossing and highlighted ramps.

Item 11 OAP Christmas Party

DD requested this be added to next month's agenda.

Item 12 New Equipment for children on Roman Park (DD to lead)

DD will report back to the PC with quotes. The rocking horse is still needing to be disposed of, the chairman agreed to undertake this task.

Item 13 Pavement between coal yard and Roman Park (RR to lead)

Issue covered under item 2 visiting speakers - Bob Matthews

Item 14 Village Warden funding (RS to lead)

Issue covered under item 7 precept budget.

Item 15 Business arising from correspondence received since last meeting.

Request from preschool (Boiler annual service and fence) The preschool has requested an annual service for the boiler.

Clk Note: contact Keith Harvard to arrange appointment done 10/12/11

Mrs Pritchard raised her concerns regarding the new fence not enclosing the preschool from the community hall and social club. The chairman stated the fence would be replaced as it had stood previously.

Mrs Pritchard also wrote to the PC to inform them that the preschool had undertaken some painting recently.

The planning application process- Herefordshire Council intend next year to send planning applications electronically.

JB voiced his concerns over costs involved with printing the applications. This issue is ongoing.

Adoption of sewers – Mr Nelson sent the PC an article from the 'New Civil Engineer' publications regarding the adoption of private sewers and lateral drainage.

Quotes for road sweeping The clerk read out the 2 quotes received to undertake the road sweeping from the A480 through the village to the community hall car park and then returning back through the village to the A480. Wye Valley quoted £45 Per hour and £50 disposal fee. This was proposed by JB and seconded by DD. Clk note: check when Amey are next road sweeping. Done: Sweep booked 31 March 2012

Community hall email- The community hall have had a wasps nest removed recently the invoice was addressed to the parish clerk, however JB instructed the invoice be forwarded to the community hall as the maintenance of the building is the responsibility of the community hall as stated in the terms of the lease. Clk note: inform Ellen Moore of PC decision

Post box – Nigel Parry emailed the clerk stating the PO had no intention of replacing the Post box at the top end of the village.

The chairman requested the clk contact Mr Parry to request the post box in the centre of the village is replaced with a larger box. Clk note: contact Mr Parry

Item 16 Reports (updates) concerning the working groups within the Parish council

a. Finance – (D Daw/J Beavan/A Slater/R Rose) Covered under item 7

b. Roman Park – (A Slater/D Pullen/D Daw/E Moore). The chairman suggested he act as a caretaker to the new changing facilities. The PC thanked him for this offer. JD stated the razor wire was a possibility for the top of the fence around the changing rooms. JS queried the need for razor wire as the building will be fully insured.

c. Footpaths.-(J Daw/R Shutt) nothing to report

d Planning – (A Slater) Planning application for Closed security cameras – married quarters. PC have no comments on this Application Clk note: inform Ms. Gibbons. Done 17/11/11

e. Flood Alleviation Scheme-(J Spreckley)

RR and JB raised concerns over the recent tarmacing of the car park. JS is to contact Chris Gilmartin and arrange site meeting to put right the issues raised.

e. CCN/Website. – (J Daw) update at next meeting

f. Schools- (S Gummery) Following a child safety incident last week all parents except reception have been requested to drop Children at the gate and not enter the playground in the mornings.

g Community Hall – Nothing to report

Item 17 Agenda items for next meeting

OAP xmas party

Item 18 Any other business

JB gave a brief report on the broadband for this area. The Clk is to send a response. Clk Note: obtain information from JB Sent 30/11/11

The Cleaning quote for the social club and hall outside area was confirmed at £230, however the chairman offered the PC to use his machine and time at cost of £100. This was proposed by DD and seconded by SG

RR reported the small portacabin on the car park is a temporary fixture.

DP reported there is a large pot hole in the entrance to the shops car park. The chairman stated the car park is the responsibility of all the businesses there and tasked DP with contacting each business to discuss the repair. Clk note: Prepare letter for DP. Done 20/11/11

Item 19 Date of Next Meeting (14 December 2011)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30pm

Original signed

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