

CREDENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CREDENHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE YOUTH AND RESOURCE CENTRE ON 17 SEP 08 AT 7.30 PM

	Name	Appointment
Present	Mr A Round (AR)	Chairman of the Parish Council
	Mrs D Daw (DD)	Vice Chairman of the Parish Council
	Mr J Daw (JD)]
	Mr J Beavan (JB)]
	Mr Tony Boston Davies (TB)]
	Mrs C Lloyd (CL)]
	Mrs D Pullen (DP)] Parish Councillors
	Mr R Shutt (RS)]
	Mrs I Thomson (IT)]
	Mr A Slater (AS)]
In attendance	Mr B Matthews	District Councillor
	PC Pam Epton	West Mercia Police
	Mr C Lippett (Clk)	Parish Clk
	2 Members of the Public	
Apologies	Mr A Button (AB)	Parish Councillor

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1 Disclosure of Interests	No disclosures of interests were recorded.	
2 Visiting Speakers	<p>a. Cllr Matthews (District Councillor) provided information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of Cycle path/footpath to Roman Road from Military base gates. (Clks note: Letter will be sent to local MP outlining the need for such a facility, from the parish point of view. • Much effort being made to retain learner swimming pool in Hereford. • The case to support the retention of the post office in Credenhill strongly supported. Cllr Matthews has expressed his support (in writing) to Post Office management. • After presentation given by PC Epton, Cllr Matthews explained that he now has frequent meetings with West Mercia Police to monitor and discuss police activities in Credenhill. <p>b. PC Pam Epton (West Mercia Police) reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In an 8 week period (since last Parish Council Meeting) we had 18 incidents of Anti Social Behaviour reported. These ranged from youths being reported for playing football in the street to youths being rowdy and using foul language. One youth identified as being involved in one incident and has been issued with a Second Warning for Anti Social Behaviour. Unfortunately, no other offenders have been identified. • With reference to ongoing enquiries – two local youths have been charged with offences of criminal damage and harassment and will appear before the court in October. A third youth will also be charged with similar offences, and in respect of two of these youths, an application will be made to the court for Criminal Anti Social Behaviour Orders. • Parish Crime – Theft from Garden shed on the 26th August. <p>The Chairman thanked WMP for their efforts during the school holiday period where little trouble was experienced in the village (particularly Roman Park) compared to previous years. Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Lloyd complained about youths recently gathering outside the Post Office and village shops. PC Epton said that all incidents of this nature must be reported to police if remedial action is to be taken.</p>	Clk

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3 Public questions	Mrs. Patrick asked about the progress on the planning application for the use of the old baker shop as a chip shop. She was advised that the original application was withdrawn; a further planning application is expected but has not been submitted yet.	
4 Minutes of previous meeting	Following a proposal by RS seconded by DP it was resolved that the minutes for the meeting on 16 Jul 08 are accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.	
Explanatory Note <i>Agenda item 5 (Matters arising) covers all the outstanding actions from previous minutes, they will continue to be included until the required action is completed.</i>		
5 Matters Arising	<p><u>Item 4c. (First raised during meeting 23 Jan 08) Community Hall Lease</u> Lease now with our solicitors, should be completed within 10 to 14 days. Action closed</p> <p><u>Item 6e (20 Feb 08) Website</u> Progress being made, CL asked if it was OK for the names of councilors to be included in website information. No objections, but contact details (other than Chairman and Clk) were not to be recorded. Report at next meeting.</p> <p><u>Item 7 (16 Apr 08) Footpaths</u> JD gave a very comprehensive brief on the arrangements for footpaths in the parish. No further update action required. Action closed</p> <p><u>Item 10 a (14 May 08) Phase 2 Roman Park Play Equipment</u> In future this will be included in the "reports" element of the agenda. Update required at next meeting. Action closed</p> <p><u>Item 7 Correspondence received (18 Jun 08) Archaeology and Developing Planning Document.</u> No significant action required by Credenhill Parish Council. Action closed.</p> <p><u>Item 11 (18 Jun 080) Weight and Speed restrictions</u> JD had completed considerable research into this requirement and produced a very comprehensive update (Attachment 1 to these minutes). It would appear that the council will not entertain the introduction of speed restrictions on Station Road unless there is concrete evidence to indicate there is a problem, that evidence is not available at the moment. Therefore, following a proposal by JD and seconded by DD it was resolved that Hereford council should be requested to place data gathering devices on Station Road so that speeds and times can be recorded. JD will undertake this action and report back at the next meeting. Clks Note The Chairman was very impressed with the amount of effort JD had put into this research. Well done.</p> <p><u>Item 10 Rospa Inspection Report (18 Jul 08)</u> Clk reported that he is trying to obtain the services of a contractor to undertake the necessary repairs, not many of great consequence are required. Report at next meeting</p> <p><u>Item 12a Water on Tillington Road. (18 Jul 08)</u> Clk to investigate and if necessary write to Hereford Council to highlight continuing problems. Completed – Action closed.</p> <p><u>Item 12e Oil at Bus Stop (18 Jul 08)</u> In connection with an enquiry made by DP to Cllr Matthews the Clk offered to send a letter to bus companies – regarding oil spillage from buses at Riverside bus stop. Completed Action closed</p> <p><u>Item 12g Eckroyd Park Triangle (18 Jul 08)</u> Complaints made about a triangle of land in Eckroyd park which is considered to be an eyesore. Clk to investigate and if necessary write to Hereford County Council. Completed Action closed</p> <p><u>Item 12h Shop area (18 Jul 08)</u> AR was not happy with the general appearance of the area around the village shops (litter, uncut hedges etc) and suggested that we build up a portfolio of dated photographic evidence which could be used in the future. In hand , report at next meeting</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>JD</p> <p>Clk</p> <p>AR/TB</p>

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5 Matters Arising (Continued)	<p>Item 10a – Roman Park (18 Jul 08) JB explained that Mr Lowe seemed reluctant to complete the work we asked for in Apr 08 and suggested that we now consider a bigger project to replace some of the existing fences: Therefore, following a proposal by JB and seconded by seconded by AS it was resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work placed on Mr Lowe (in Apr 08) to put concrete support posts is now cancelled. (Done 18 Sep 08) • JB to obtain quotes for the complete replacement of the fences which border Eckroyd land and the damaged part of the fence alongside the coal merchants. Report at next meeting 	JB																																													
6 Financial Matters	<p>a. The Clk updated the meeting on the progress of the audit return for 06/07 and presented a statement of account for 07/08 which he had compiled from the information that was available to him; he asked that this statement is now considered by the council and accepted for submission to audit.</p> <p>Following a proposal by CL, seconded by TB it was resolved that the 07/08 account prepared by the Clk is accepted as an official record and submitted for audit at the appropriate time, and that the annual governance statement contained in the audit document is approved.</p> <p>b. The following invoices were presented at the meeting:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="360 730 1302 1272"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Service Provided</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>T Baldwin</td> <td>Doors and windows Youth Centre</td> <td>£1,766.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Rose</td> <td>Grass cutting (Jul 08)</td> <td>£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Lippett</td> <td>Parish Clk</td> <td>£367.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R E Daniels</td> <td>Grass Cutting</td> <td>£930.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R E Daniels</td> <td>Weed killing</td> <td>£404.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Broxap</td> <td>Litter bins</td> <td>£1,877.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hereford Fire Protection</td> <td>Annual check of fire extinguishers</td> <td>£32.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hereford Fire Protection</td> <td>Annual check of fire alarms/emergency lights</td> <td>£64.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Lippett</td> <td>Litter picking (17 Jul – 16 Sep)</td> <td>£182.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T Baldwin</td> <td>Installation of litter bins</td> <td>£400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Rose</td> <td>Grass cutting (Aug 08)</td> <td>£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D Lloyd</td> <td>Litter picking</td> <td>£73.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hereford Council</td> <td>CCN printing (St Mary's)</td> <td>£45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Totals</td> <td></td> <td>£6,743.57</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Following a proposal by DP seconded by JB it was resolved that the invoices listed are paid from parish Funds Cheques to be issued. Clks Note: All cheques raised and delivered/posted 18 Sep 08.</p> <p>c. <u>Income</u> The following income had been received since the last meeting: £8, 500 second installment of precept. £308 – rent from Play group for Youth Centre £66 – Advertising – CCN</p>	Payee	Service Provided	Amount	T Baldwin	Doors and windows Youth Centre	£1,766.00	R Rose	Grass cutting (Jul 08)	£300.00	C Lippett	Parish Clk	£367.52	R E Daniels	Grass Cutting	£930.60	R E Daniels	Weed killing	£404.70	Broxap	Litter bins	£1,877.42	Hereford Fire Protection	Annual check of fire extinguishers	£32.20	Hereford Fire Protection	Annual check of fire alarms/emergency lights	£64.63	C Lippett	Litter picking (17 Jul – 16 Sep)	£182.00	T Baldwin	Installation of litter bins	£400.00	R Rose	Grass cutting (Aug 08)	£300.00	D Lloyd	Litter picking	£73.50	Hereford Council	CCN printing (St Mary's)	£45.00	Totals		£6,743.57	
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7 Correspondence Received	The Clk outlined the correspondence he had received since the last meeting, most was advisory (placed in the information folder), and there was little of any significance.																																														
8 Grant for St Mary's Church	Following a proposal by AS seconded by JB it was resolved that a grant of £1000 be made for the maintenance of the church graveyard and to help meet escalating heating costs during the forthcoming winter. Clks Note. Letter and cheque sent off 18 Sep 08																																														

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<p>11 Any other Parish Business (Continued)</p>	<p>e. <u>Post office</u> CL gave an input on the future of the post office following a meeting she had attended on 16 Jul, in general terms the retention of the post office looked good but nothing had been confirmed as yet.</p> <p>f. <u>Community Hall</u> DD reported that the Community Hall had recently had a meeting and were now making attempts to improve the appearance of the building (internally and externally). They requested permission to place a skip in the parish compound for a few days – agreed. Action was in hand to replace some doors and drain pipes. Clks note It was agreed that as landlords of the building this was very encouraging news after a long period of inactivity.</p> <p>g. <u>Village Fete</u> DD reported that the village fete would be held on 12 Jul 09</p> <p>h. <u>Lights – Mill close</u> JD reported that a request had been received for the provision of street lighting in Mill Close. Survey to be undertaken. Report at next meeting.</p> <p>j. <u>Hedge opposite St Mary's School</u> AS asked that the hedge is trimmed, very untidy and a road safety hazard. . Clks Note - Letter sent to Mr Eckroyd on 17 Sep 08.</p>	<p>JD</p>
<p>12 Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting will be held on 15 Oct 08</p>	<p>All to note.</p>

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

Original Signed
A ROUND
Chairman

Date: 15 Oct 08

Attachments:

Report on Weight and Speed Restrictions Outstanding actions (Item 11 from 18 Jun 08)

Distribution:

Parish Council:
All Councillors
Parish Clk (for minute folder)

External
Cllr Matthews
Mr L Richardson

Attachment to Credenhill Parish Council Meeting Minutes of 17 Sep 08
Item 5 Outstanding Actions (Item 11 from 18 Jun 08 re Weight and Speed restrictions)

In relation to the request made to me to obtain information about the condition and current vehicle restrictions on Station road Credenhill I report the following;

- Bridge: I have spoken to the Highways dept about the weight restrictions on Station road Railway Bridge. The bridge is plated as being able to withstand the current maximum weight allowed on UK roads.
- Speed restrictions: Information from Mr Andrew Lee-Jones, highways dept: The current maximum speed limit through station road is 30 MPH and I am currently waiting information from him about reported violations of this.
 - At the moment he explained that there have not been any recent official complaints of motorists speeding through any part of the village.
 - I mentioned that the school could have a 20 MPH limit at the top of Monnington hill and he told me that the school have not approached them to request a reduction in speed. I mentioned that although many children are collected at the car park to the rear of the school there are still many children being collected at the front entrance and walking back down a very narrow footpath to the village and that this was potentially dangerous.
 - I said that if it would be helpful I could take measurements and photographs of this area and produce a document to highlight the dangers and initiate an investigation into the situation with a view to a reduction to 20 MPH at this location.
 - I mentioned the possibility of introducing traffic calming measures i.e. speed humps etc, and I mentioned the introduction of the temporary 'chicanes' that were installed about 20 years ago and he vividly remembered this. We both remembered that shortly after the 'chicanes' were put in place there was an outcry from many residents that they were dangerous and a petition finally got them removed (I never signed this as they made drivers slow down and thus achieved their objective). However a system of traffic calming was not out of the question for the future. But, unless there is sufficient weight of evidence to show that an investigation into speed violations is warranted, it is highly unlikely that any measures would be considered.
 - With regards to having a weight restriction through the village he pointed out some considerations;
 - Many HGV drivers would take little notice of this and carry on as normal. It would be difficult to police this as any offender would ideally need to be caught in the act.
 - Many heavy vehicles need access to the village anyway such as shop deliveries, domestic oil tankers, removal lorries and other large delivery vehicles such as building materials and large DIY projects. If there was a weight restriction but an exemption for access only - again this would be almost impossible to police. However it could be considered.
- As regards to existing road markings being sufficient I am investigating information about it.

I have done some research into the possibility of agricultural lorries using Credenhill as a short-cut to the proposed cattle market on Roman road from the main Brecon road.

- The distance from the Brecon road through Credenhill and on to the proposed cattle market site is 2.7 miles. This route involves negotiating very narrow back roads and sharp bends unsuitable for long vehicles.
- The distance from the same point and down to Kings Acre halt and then left to the cattle market is 2.4 miles and has no adverse driving hazards.

I personally don't believe that a Credenhill short-cut has any advantages to drivers whatsoever.

Mr Lee-Jones has had some letters from a resident from the Persimmon homes estate about introducing speed restrictions in that area. Again, evidence is needed to initiate a feasibility study into this.

Report compiled by Jeremy Daw.