

Cradley Parish Council :

Lengthsman & Parish Path Partnership [P3] Schemes

Monthly Report : May 2017

Dear Councillors ,

Mother nature kicked in this month . A combination of warm and wet weather has resulted in the spring flush of vegetation growth creating plenty of work for our lengthsman . Footways , verges , visibility splays and public footpaths all needed strimming and general maintenance work .

Pothole repairs were high on the list and some progress made around Cradley village .

I am pleased to report that after his first year contract review , our lengthsman Jeremy Phillips has signed a new contract for 2017 -2018 with CPC .

Ongoing Risk Assessments are carried out on a regular basis and the team is fully aware of the Health and Safety issues relating to the work being carried out . No additional changes required as at the start of the new contract year .

The two recreation grounds are looking much better and children are increasingly using the Chapel Lane facilities . New signage to warn BMX riders to wear helmets ,and of the dangers has been created by Councillors Davies & Fielding and erected by your Lengthsman team .

The Mole catcher has been successful in removing the mole problems .

On the Lengthsman front :

- Chapel Lane Recreation Ground : Roadside hedge , verges and the adventure play area all strimmed . , Erected new BMX noticeboard . Cleared litter bins .
- Kingsbridge Area : Roadside verges strimmed , bridge swept , signage cleared , road swept of debris , grips sided out .
- Brookside Area : Road sweeping , verge cutting , pothole repairs . Preparation of bank at Poundbridge for start of B-B bank reconstruction .
- C1162 around the Rectory Lane area : Pothole repairs plus potholes filled with road plainings at Glebe CP [by agreement with R Rowberry]

PROW work :

- CD-28 . Relocate PROW signage as directed by landowner
- CD-34 Strim section of PROW twixt Chapel Lane and U65620 incl visibility splays
- CD-32A Cut / strimmed full length of Cow Hill PROW .
- CD-31A Cut / strim both sides of Buryfields recreation Area [PROW]

Currently , the vegetation is growing faster than we can cut it back . The work of grass / hedge cutting and strimming will continue with the aim of devoting a couple of weeks activity to dealing with those areas in greatest need during the month of June .

Geoff Fielding

Scheme Administrator