

Sedgeberrow Parish Council

The minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council meeting held at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Thursday 9th September 2010 at 7.15pm.

Present Cllr Maureen Pratt [Chairman], Cllr John De Paris, Cllr Shaun Morris, Cllr Sally Tebbutt and Cllr Richard Hunt.
In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk).

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Jonathan Barclay, Cllr Alan Stow, PC Sheppard, CSO Williams and District Cllr A Mackison.

2. Declaration Of Interests.

Cllrs were reminded to up date their declaration of interests, Cllr Hunt grass cutting.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On the 15th July 2010.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th July 2010, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed.

4. Police.

Sedgeberrow Parish 01/06-01/09/10:

Burglary - No crimes recorded in the period.

Assaults - No crimes recorded.

Vehicle Crime - No crimes recorded.

Criminal Damage - No crimes recorded.

Theft - One crime recorded.

Anti Social Behaviour- No incidents recorded.

Other (including traffic offences etc) - Two crimes recorded both of which have been detected.

Sedgeberrow Parish 01/06-01/09/09

Burglary - One burglary recorded which was detected.

Assaults - One crime recorded which was detected.

Vehicle Crime - No crimes recorded.

Criminal damage - No crimes recorded.

Theft - No crimes recorded.

Anti Social Behaviour - One incident reported which was detected.

Other (including traffic offences etc) - Two crimes recorded which have been detected.

As you can see we have had slightly less crimes for the recent period in comparison to last year.

5. County Councillor.

No report.

6. District Councillor.

Changes In Health Provision:

The new White paper called Liberating the NHS was published in July 2010, its aims are to –

- Put patients and the public first – which is all about shared decision making or '*no decision about me without me*'
- Improving healthcare outcomes – this is about getting rid of top-down targets, particularly those that provide no clinical benefits.
- Autonomy, accountability and democratic legitimacy – this is about giving responsibility for commissioning and budgets to groups of GP practices; and freeing providers from government control to shape their services around the needs and choices of patients.
- Cutting bureaucracy and improving efficiency – this is about getting rid of years of build up of unnecessary layers of admin and other top down costs and putting the money at the front line services where it is needed.

All this provoked a series of Stakeholder events around the county run by the Acute Trust and Mental Health Care Trust to put forward their ideas for a workable option. I went to one of these events to see what I could report back to my constituents.

Unfortunately, I have to say that there was only 1 preferred option on the table where the Acute Trust had cherry picked the services they want to run and there was no business case showing costs, savings, patient benefits etc. The great and the good were on the top table giving all sorts of motherhood and apple pie about their option, but it was clear that they had not properly consulted with the local GP's, palliative care providers or certain other areas of health care provision, including private health providers who are very experienced and efficient. It seems a decision has to be made by 15th Sept in order to have it up and running by next April.

Wychavon are particularly concerned about the future of the community hospitals in this district and the ability for GPs and clinicians to use the beds in those hospitals for their patients particularly for convalescent provision. I am concerned about a statement made by the trust that patient's choice of hospitals could be reduced, particularly when many people in the south of the district prefer to go to Cheltenham General. I was also concerned that the Mental Health Trust would be given things that they have no experience of running. We therefore had a special Council meeting to debate this one item and it was agreed that we would put our views/concerns forward to the NHS Trust. From a personal perspective I feel this should be a more bottom up approach with the GP's and clinicians being able to determine first the areas of the service that they feel is best situated locally for the benefit of their patients, e.g. some GP practices believe the District Nursing service would be better placed with the Mental Health Care area. Also, they need to be able to choose the best local care for the specific needs of their patients. For me and other members, this major reorganisation should have had the benefit of a business plan showing the costs and savings, which areas of administration would be abolished/altered plus a project plan. Also, a more wide ranging, innovative look at providing the necessary services would have made it seem far less rushed and more comprehensively considered.

7. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Reported to Highways

- Incident ID: 3276421 Footpath - Adj School – Letter written to householder.
- Incident ID: 3276431 School Pothole - Repaired.

Written to;

- Mr R Fullee and Liz Eyre regarding speeding in Cheltenham and Winchcombe Road. Worcestershire County Council and Wychavon District Council, The District and County Cllrs and PC Sheppard of the change of clerk.
- Asked WCC Web team for access to administer 'My Parish' Website for Sedgeberrow
- Written to residents as requested by the council.
- Set up Parish Council e mail address Sedgeberrowpc@hotmail.co.uk.

b) Main Street Play Area.

- The new design and costs (£28,800.00) had been received from Mr Redmond.
- Cllr Hunt has applied for a Grant from Wychavon.

c) Litter Pick.

- The Flood Group and Village Hall Committee will be undertaking the litter pick on the 25th September.
- Cllr Hunt to organise.
- Cllr Morris will carry out the inspection.
- Cllr Pratt had prepared all the relevant paperwork.

8. To Discuss The Capping Of The Parish Precept.

Cllr Hunt proposed, Cllr de Paris seconded and it was agreed for the clerk to respond to the consultation in line with the comments of the council.

9. Correspondence Not Dealt With Elsewhere.

10.To Discuss the Website.

The council agreed to pay for the Web Hosting of the Parish Council Website. Cllr Hunt will discuss with Mr Trewick the possibility of all the groups in Sedgeberrow sharing one site. The clerk will continue to update the Wychavon run site.

11.Highways.

a) Speeding.

- The speeding information requested from Cllr Eyres had not been received, Clerk to follow up.
 - Cllr Hunt on behalf of the speeding group provided data, clerk to circulate.
- b) Lengthsman.
- Clerk to supply Cllr Pratt with details of work carried out by Lengthsman in other parishes.
 - Clerk to contact highways regarding overhanging shrubs in Bridewell Drive and to ask for a larger drainage grate in Cheltenham Road opposite no 7.

12. Finance

- a) To receive bank reconciliation as at 30th August 2010.
- b) To receive accounts to date.
- c) To approve payments.

The council agreed the payment of the following;- Technical Metal £2,100.98, Sedgeberrow Village Hall £41.00, Wychavon Sports £54.00, Fasthomes £6.45, Clerks Salary £361.78, Clerks expenses £61.30, HMRC £90.20, Sedgeberrow Flood Group £250.00, Grass Cutting £165.00, Acting Clerks expenses £49.21 and £100.00 Donation 'To My Life In Sedgeberrow'

The council signed a change of address form for HSBC and a Standing Order for the Clerk's salary.

- d) Annual Return.

The Annual Return had been returned as there was a discrepancy between the figures supplied. Council to investigate.

13. Planning.

- a) To consider applications since last meeting.
- (I) PP/10/01767. Green Gables, Sandfield Lane, Sedgeberrow. Proposed two storey extension to provide annex accommodation. No objections.
- (II) PP/10/01038. 8 Churchill Road, Sedgeberrow. Erection of single storey rear extension in place of Utility room which has been previously converted into the house Kitchen. Extension to include Kitchen/Dining room, downstairs Toilet, Laundry and Store room area. No objection.
- (III) WCC/ 000072/Reg3. Sedgeberrow C of E First School, Main Street, Sedgeberrow. Proposed replacement of double classroom mobile. No Objection.
- (IV) PP/10/01627/AB. Ash Farm, Sandfield Lane. Proposed agricultural building for storage of fodder and straw. No Objection.
- (V) W/10?01784/PP 15 Main Street Sedgeberrow. Single storey extension. No Objection
- b) To report decisions since last meeting.

Approved by Wychavon.

- (I) W/10/01235/HET Hall Farm, Main Street Sedgeberrow. Extension of permission W/07/01042/AC.
- (II) W/10/01628/PP Sandy Acres, Sandfield lane, Sedgeberrow. Bathroom Kitchen and garage extension.
- (III) PP/10/01627/AB. Ash Farm, Sandfield Lane. Proposed agricultural building for storage of fodder and straw.

14. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

- Cllr Pratt had attended the recent Area CALC meeting, draft minutes were circulated.
- The Council were not represented at the 4th Parish Conference; Annette Dawson (Sedgeberrow Flood Group) had given an excellent talk on flooding and had been very well received.
- The Parish Games had started and Sedgeberrow had done well in the Cross Country.
- Cllr Hunt will be attending the Pilot Flood Scheme Exercise on the 9th October. November Agenda – Precept.

15. Date Of Next Meeting.

Monday 15th November 2010.