

# SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council meeting held at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.15pm.

Present Cllr's Mrs M Pratt [Chairman], Mrs S Tebbutt, Mr J De Paris, Mr S Morris, Mr A Stow, Mr R Hunt and Mr J Barclay.

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk) and Mr M Parker.

## **1. Apologies:**

No apologies were received.

## **2. Declaration Of Interests.**

Cllrs were reminded to up date their declaration of interests

## **3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011.**

The minutes having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed.

The meeting was closed.

*Mr Parker informed the council that he was attending the Bus meeting to be held in Evesham on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Enquired if the lights were left on around the school for security reasons, which they are.*

The meeting was re opened.

## **4. Police.**

No report.

## **5. County Councillor.**

No report.

## **6. District Councillor.**

No report.

## **7. To Discuss the Councils response to the Proposed Reduction in Subsidy to the Bus service.**

The council, having taken into consideration parishioners comments, are very concerned at the proposed reduction in subsidy to the 540 bus servicing Sedgeberrow. The clerk will respond as suggested by the council. The Chairman had attended meetings held in Broadway hosted by Cllr Eyre. Questionnaires have to be returned by the 1<sup>st</sup> April, conclusions will be assessed by the County Council before tenders go out to service providers in July. The effects will not take place until September.

Many parishioners have been confused by some of the questions in the questionnaire and are concerned that it is not designed to facilitate those in rural areas where the bus is their only form of transport.

The chairman will display the notice of the meeting to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March in Evesham.

The concessionary bus scheme is to be run by the county council from 1st April 2011 and may only be used after 9.30am, this may cause problems for many rural users, for example the only bus for Cheltenham leaves Sedgeberrow at 9.13am, however once the chairman highlighted this to the county council, they agreed that Sedgeberrow residents could use their pass on the 9.13am service.

## **8. Progress Reports For Information.**

a) Clerk.

Report circulated.

b) Main Street Play Area.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting with the district councillor had not taken place; a date for a meeting of the Cllrs was made to discuss the way forward. Cllr De Paris suggested contacting charities for the disabled for grant information regarding the building off a disabled ramp.

## **9. Correspondence Not Dealt With Elsewhere.**

## **10. To Discuss Items Raised At The Annual Parish Assembly.**

The main issue is the bus service.

## **11.Highways.**

a) Lengthsman.

The council agreed for the continuation of the Lengthsman scheme, Cllr Morris commented that the council should utilise the whole amount. Clerk to send new contract to the Lengthsman and report the drains by the Mill.

## **12. Finance**

a) To receive bank reconciliation as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

Bank reconciliation presented.

b) To receive accounts to date.

Remittance: County Council (Lengthsman) £60.00.

There is to date £782.42 left from the flood grant, Cllr Hunt and De Paris have a few more items to complete.

c) To approve payments.

The council agreed to pay the following:- Clerks expenses £45.41, Lengthsman £60.00, Village Hall £54.00.

The bank mandate for the clerks increase was signed.

d) To consider a donation towards the Grass cutting of the Churchyard.

Cllr Pratt proposed, Cllr Barclay seconded and it was agreed to donate £1,000.00 to Sedgeberrow PCC for grass cutting.

Cllr Stow proposed, Cllr Barclay seconded and it was agreed to donate £1,000.00 to Sedgeberrow Village Hall Committee for cutting the grass at Glebe Meadow.

e) To Appoint Internal Auditor.

The council agreed to appoint Mr Iain Selkirk as the Internal Auditor, for a fee of £85.00

## **13.Planning.**

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

AB/11/00161/AB - Land off, Barn Lane, Sedgeberrow. Erection of an agricultural building extension. No objection.

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

### Approved by Wychavon

(I) W/10/02811/PP - 14 Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow. Proposed single storey rear extension.

(II) AB/11/00161/AB - Land off, Barn Lane, Sedgeberrow. Erection of an agricultural building extension.

## **14.Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.**

The Chairman had attended The Worcs Area CALC meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March where the Worcestershire Agreement, replacing the Worcestershire Charter, was explained, it was hoped to have this up and running by July, however with the elections in May it was suggested that the date be revised to accommodate new councillors.

The Chairman had attended the debriefing meeting of the Wychavon Parish Games, due to lack of competitors, the Games had run at a loss of £270.87, the organisers were actively trying to encourage more parishes to enter but the cost of entry would not be increased for this year.

Cllr Hunt had attended the recent PACT meeting and the Mobile Police Station would be in Sedgeberrow on 19<sup>th</sup> May 10.00-1.00 and 11<sup>th</sup> August 1.00-3.00pm. A recent questionnaire had highlighted the problem of parking outside the school; the police would be looking into this.

The flood group had approached households that had been flooded regarding their experience of insurance claims and re insuring properties, three require help with insurance. The group will compile information on the best insurers.

Cllrs Barclay and Tebbutt announced their intention not to stand for re-election in May, the Chairman thanked them for their contribution to the council.

## **15.Date Of Next Meeting.**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011