

SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council held in the Betteridge Room at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Thursday 14th July 2011 at 7.15pm.

Present Cllr's Mrs M Pratt [Chairman], Mr J De Paris and Mr A Stow.

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Cllr R Kirke (District), Mr M Parker and CSO S Williams.

Cllr A Stow signed the Declaration of Office.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr R Hunt and Cllr Eyre (County).

2. To Co Opt Councillors.

As they were no applicants the council agreed to co opt at the next meeting, the Chairman to put up further notices.

3. Declaration Of Interests.

None received.

4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Thursday 12th May 2011.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Mr Parker presented to the council the plans for the new parish magazine, the 'Sedgeberrow Post' including the inception, volunteers, how it would work and funding. The magazine will be linked to the SeSaMe website.

With reference to Mr Parker's previous question re solar panels for the school, he reported that Worcs County Council had been approached and they with the school and SeSaMe were exploring the possibility.

The meeting was resumed.

5. Police.

In the period 14.4.2011 -14.7.2011, there had been 7 reported crimes; 3 x theft, 1 x damage, 2 x vehicle and one burglary of dwelling. This was one more than in the same period last year. The mobile police station will visit on the 11th August at 1.00pm. Simon is investigating parking issues on the zig zag lines outside the school.

Illegal fishing had been reported and anyone observing hand fishing should report at once to the Environment Agency 0800 807060.

The council reported irresponsible parking in Main Street of which Simon will investigate. The council agreed to write to Inspector Kent to ask when P C Sheppard will be returning.

Cllr Hunt had attended the recent PACT meeting where broken glass was reported on Glebe Meadow, it had been discovered that the perpetrators were two young children that were left there until their parents returned from work - Simon to follow up.

The dwelling burglary was the result of a distraction burglary, some one posing as a MEB representative. Residents are advised to be careful.

6. County Councillor.

Report had been circulated to all councillors.

7. District Councillor.

Cllr R Kirke introduced herself and urged Cllrs to contact her if the need arose.

- The SWDP – has been approved for Public Consultation which starts on the 26th September for eight weeks.
- There will be cuts in Youth Services in the district, however not in the youth bus.
- Evesham Bridge - ongoing process to obtain funding for the repairs.

8. To Appoint Representatives To The Following.

a) Village Hall.

Deferred.

9. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Report circulated,

b) Main Street Play Area.

On the 26th May the working group had met to complete the Grant Application Form with the new design and quote, the total cost would be £16,000.00, £9,000.00 to come from the parish council, £660.00 from funds raised and the remainder of £6,500.00 was applied for. A Wychavon Officer contacted the Chairman and as a result a further grant of £5,000.00 was applied for to put in disabled access from Main Street. Subject to a letter of Confirmation the grant has been approved, £6,500.0 for the play area and £5,000.00 in a separate claim for the access. The Chairman proposed, Cllr De Paris seconded and it was agreed by all, to proceed with the work in September.

c) Litter Pick.

The Flood Group and Sesame will undertake the litter pick, Cllr Hunt to organise.

d) Risk Assessment.

The remainder of the risk assessment had been carried out and the completed report will be circulated.

The council agreed to refurbish the bus shelter.

10. Correspondence.

Cllr Pratt will attend the New Homes Bonus Event on the 18th July.

The council appointed Mr Parker to attend the Local Community Energy Event, on behalf of the council.

Mr N Potter, Housing Enabler had requested an invitation to address the council regarding Affordable Housing, as the council is not at full strength it was agreed to wait until the council has 7 members.

Mr G Mackason (Husband Of Anna) would like to place a memorial bench in the parish, the council agreed that the preferred place would be on the crest of Sedgeberrow Hill, the chairman to inform Mr Mackison.

Community Based First Aid Poster will be placed on the notice board.

Home Composting Poster displayed.

11. Highway Matters.

The missing bin in the laybay on the B4078 had been reported to Wychavon, the council on discovering that the parish would have to pay for a new bin, decided as it is not within Sedgeberrow Parish, it would not be considered at this meeting. Clerk to inform Worcs Highways and Hinton Parish Council.

The footway enhancement scheme, the chairman had informed Cllr Eyre of various footways that need attention.

The VAS will be situated in Sedgeberrow in October.

The residents of Bridewell Drive have approached Highways to take over the maintenance of the verge.

The clerk to contact Highways to ask if cycle symbols could be placed on the cycle path between Evesham and Sedgeberrow.

Clerk to report overgrown footpath by the school.

12. To Discuss Telephone Kiosk.

Clerk to investigate original quote for repainting.

The parish to be canvassed as to the use of the decommissioned kiosk.

13. Finance.

a) To Receive Bank Reconciliation As At 31st March 2011.

Accounts where presented.

b) To Receive Accounts To Date 30th June 2011.

Accounts where presented.

c) To Approve Payments.

The following payments were approved Ian Selkirk £85.00, New Farm £57.60 and £288.00, Clerks expenses £106.50 and HMRC £113.60.

The council agreed for the payment for the Wychavon Games to be made before the next meeting.

d) Grant application for parish magazine.

The council agreed to donate £100.00 to the new parish magazine.

14. Planning.

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

None received.

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

None received.

15. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

The Chairman had attended the recent Area CALC meeting.

The entry form had been returned for the Wychavon Games.

A village walk had taken place to Hinton on the 29th June and a further walk to Dumbleton and Wormington will take place on the 23rd July.

Flood Group Report – Agreed to support the 'Sedgeberrow Post', still looking for a place to install the siren and a further piece of electronic kit which monitors the river. Insurance ongoing.

16. Date Of Next Meeting.

Thursday 8th September 2011.

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