

The minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council meeting held at the Betteridge Room at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Thursday 12th July 2012 at 7.15pm.

Present Cllr's Mrs M Pratt [Chairman], Mr R Hunt, Mr J De Paris and Mr A Stow.
In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Cllr R Kirke (District), Cllr E Eyre (County), Ms M Butt, Mr B Stanley and Mr M Parker.

1. Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Farmer and CSO Williams.

2. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their register of interests.

Cllr J De Paris declared a prejudicial interest in the item 8, letter from school as he has been asked to quote for the gates and item 12a (i) as a neighbour.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Thursday 24th May 2012.

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

The meeting was closed.

Mr Parker informed the council that Sedgeberrow.com is ready to go! and asked for some photos of the council.

The meeting was re opened.

4. Police.

No report

5. County Councillor.

Cllr Eyre reported on the recent road closure and HGV in Sedgeberrow as circulated in report.

6. District Councillor.

Report circulated.

7. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Report previously circulated to include:-

E Mailed completed New Homes Bonus Funding Form, completed and posted VAT refund and amended Financial Regulations.

b) Main Street Play Area.

The Play area is nearly complete and will be renamed the Jubilee play area.

Clerk to return the Grant Application Form, insure equipment, apply for Right of Way and VAT refund.

The old climbing frame will be retained and hopefully placed with in the area at a later date, the Council would prefer the garage wall not painted, Chairman to notify contractor.

Clerk to contact Cllr Morris, Chairman of Wychavon District Council to ask if he will formally open the Jubilee Play Area on the 8th September.

c) Risk Assessment.

The Chairman and Cllr Hunt had inspected the Councils property.

The lengthsman will be asked to clear the vegetation by the stone seat.

The notice board needs new backing and the plaque by the church re - pointing.

Clerk to report damaged dog bins in Cheltenham Road,

d) Jubilee Commemorative Items.

A Jubilee Medal to give all the village children had been ordered by the Village Hall Committee, the commemorative marble blocks for the nine children that responded to the article in the parish magazine are to be ordered by the Chairman.

8. Correspondence.

Rooftop had written regarding the pile of soil – which will be removed by the allotment group over the next two weeks and the excess gravel which is hoped to be stored, Clerk to respond accordingly.

The PCC thanked the council for the grant.

The School asked the council for a contribution to replacing the school gates, The Parish Council are the Custodian Trustees of the Village Hall Charity and as such hold the assets of the Charity, but can only use any funds on the specific instruction of the Managing Trustees, who are the Village Hall Committee. As the Parish Council's own funds are derived from the Council Tax charge they would be unable to finance repairs to a County Council owned property.

9. To Adopt the Worcestershire County Council Model Code of Conduct.

Cllr De Paris proposed, Cllr Hunt seconded and it was agreed to adopt the Worcestershire Code of Conduct. Clerk to inform Wychavon.

Councillors were given a new Register of Interest Form to return to Wychavon by 28th July 2012.

10. Highway Matters.

Councillors were given a copy of the Lengthsman scheme as requested.

The diversion of the A46 through Sedgeberrow, without consultation had caused problems; HGV's were eventually re routed. The Chairman had asked for a 'police slow' noticed to be placed on Sedgeberrow Hill.

11. Finance.

a) To Receive Accounts To Date.

Accounts to the 12th June were presented to the Council.

b) To Approve Payments.

New Farms May £120.96 and June £120.96, Lengthsman £66.00 and Clerks Expenses £40.33. Green Landscapes £11,520.00, Village Hall £48.90 (Jubilee Medals), HMRC £113.60 and Wychavon CAB £100.00

c) To Consider the Continuation of Electricity to Phone Box.

The council agreed to disconnect the electricity to the box, Clerk to action.

d) To Purchase a New Litter Bin for the Main Street Play Area.

Cllr Stow has a bin and he will site in the area.

e) Consider a Donation to CAB.

The Council having received an apology for the tone of the previous letter, agreed to donate £100.00.

12. Planning.

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

i. W/12/01271/ PP Willowbank, 1a Winchcombe Road. Removal of cast iron railings and replacement with timber panels. The council object for the following reasons, the iron railings are traditional and have been part of the street scene for 100 years. A 2m high fence at this road junction would obstruct visibility for motorists and pedestrians. Overhanging climbing foliage could become a nuisance and cause injury to pedestrians, the council would prefer to see a lower fence behind the existing railings with controlled climbing plants or evergreen hedge.

- ii. W/12/01210/PP Milldene House, 5 Main Street, Sedgeberrow.
Extensions and alterations to form a two storey dwelling (formerly dormer/chalet bungalow.) No objection.
- b) To report decisions since last meeting.

None received.

- c) SWDP.

The Chairman had attended the recent meeting, the Council and parishioners will have the opportunity to comment between 6th August and 14th September when it goes for public consultation, there will be a road show to give parishioners an opportunity to see the plan. Two new areas have been identified for Sedgeberrow as the overall numbers for Wychavon have been increased.

- d) Neighbourhood Plan.

Deferred.

13. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

The Chairman gave a report on the following meetings that she had attended on behalf of the Council.

31st May – Flood Warning Centre. (EA)

6th June – Wychavon Area CALC Meeting.

20th June – Wychavon Standards Training.

28th June – SWDP briefing

The entries for the Wychavon games had been submitted.

Cllr Hunt had attended the Flood Warning centre on the 31st May and the Flood Group had held a meeting, the amount of water from the A46 in to the river is being assessed.

14. Date Of Next Meeting.

26th September 2012.