

# SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council meeting held at the Betteridge Room at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.15pm.

Present                                    Cllr's Mrs M Pratt [Chairman], Mr Farmer and Mr R Hunt.  
In Attendance                        Ms J Shields (Clerk), Cllr E Eyre (County) Cllr R Kirk (District), Mr  
M Parker and Ms M Rogers.

Ms M Rogers from Stangate Planning presented a plan of a proposed development off Main Street; councillors raised concerns regarding parking in Main Street and increased traffic and drainage. There will be a public consultation taking place on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Mr J De Paris and Mr A Stow and CSO Williams.

**2. Declaration Of Interests.**

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and their nature.

All councillors disclosed a DPI as they are Council Tax payers, all councillors had completed forms to apply for dispensation to enable them to participate in any discussion or vote on any matter concerning the setting of the councils budget and annual precept. The Council agreed for all councillors to take part in said discussion and that the dispensation would last until the next Election.

**3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

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

*Mr Parker informed the council of the cut off dated for submission of articles for the post – 13<sup>th</sup> January and 17<sup>th</sup> March.*

**4. Police.**

CSO Williams provided the following report.

Sedgeberrow Crime Figures 01/08/12 - 01/11/2012

Burglary - No crimes recorded

Burglary Non - No crimes recorded

Assault - No crimes recorded

Vehicle Crime - Three crimes recorded

Criminal Damage - One crime recorded

Theft - No crimes recorded

I have also had a look at the same period for the previous year which is showing seven crimes committed compared to the four shown above.

I am currently looking at the issue of parking outside Sedgeberrow School and the roads surrounding it as this has been brought up as a PACT issue.

I am hoping to get the Mobile Police Station for a few dates in December; I will contact Richard Hunt when these have been confirmed so we can promote it throughout the village.

**5. County Councillor.**

Due to constant, thoughtless parking of vehicles in Main Street, which has led to damage to buses and vehicles, Astons will be withdrawing the bus service if the congestion is not reduced. The County Councillor will talk to Highways Officers with a view to coming to a solution which may include yellow lines in Main Street, and to the school ie walking buses.

**6. District Councillor.**

Report was presented and was circulated to Cllrs.

**7. Progress Reports For Information.**

a) Clerk.

Report previously circulated.

The waste bin for the Jubilee play area has been ordered, the Chairman was also offered a pavement mounted second bin at a reduced price for the bus shelter and the current small bin at the bus shelter will be moved to the seat on the Cheltenham Road. The council agreed for the purchase of the reduced rate bin and for the two bins resiting cost of aprox. £300.00. All three bins will not incur a collection fee.

The electricity to the telephone kiosk will be disconnected on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

**8. Correspondence.**

CALC run training events will be taking place in December.

The Chairman will be attending the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) – Town and Parish Council Briefing for Wychavon Council to consider Significant Changes and draft pre-submission SWDP taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

The Chairman and Cllr Hunt will be attending Wychavon Changes Council Tax from 2013/14 briefing on the 21 November.

Diamond Jubilee recognition Bursary Award – Cllrs were asked to nominate a group or person to the Clerk.

Royal Mail are unable to provide a larger post box.

*I'm sorry but it is not possible to increase the Post Box opening.*

*Our Post Boxes are designed with the security of mail in mind and therefore the slot is of a size that prevents unlawful entry.*

**9. Highway Matters.**

a) Cheltenham Road Footway.

After various communications from Mr D May, a meeting had been held in the Cheltenham Road, with a Highways Engineer, Mr May, Cllr's Eyre, Pratt and Hunt. The footway will be divided into six sections and will be repaired, section by section as and when funding is available.

b) VAS.

The council is waiting for the sites to be inspected by Highways before a purchase is made.

c) The Clerk was asked to write to a resident to ask if their hedge be cut back.

d) The Chairman will liaise with the lengthsman re clearing gutters of grass.

e) The Clerk will ask Highways to jet the entire village before the winter.

**10. Finance.**

a) To Receive Accounts To Date.

Statement of accounts were presented to the council.

b) To Approve Payments.

The Council approved payment of the following: New Farms £292.32 and Clement Keys £162.00. Adjustment to the insurance policy to include new equipment ££43.35, HMRC £113.60.

c) To Set Precept For 2013/14.

The Council agreed to keep the precept at the same level as last year. Donations for grass cutting to the Church and the Village Hall will remain at £1,000.00.

d) To Consider Rate Relief No. 500234520.

The council agreed to fund the rate relief and a cheque for £132.96 was raised. The village Hall committee had asked for £3,500.00 to be taken from the account that the parish council holds on their behalf.

**11. Planning.**

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

W/12/02084/PP 117 Main Street, Sedgeberrow. External render to dwelling, render applied to all facework above damp proof course. – No objection.

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

Approved By Wychavon.

W/12/01315/CU Cherry Tree Farm, Sandfield lane. Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of temporary agricultural dwelling (for one year).

c) To Go To Planning Committee for a decision

Land Adjacent, 5 Bridewell Drive, Sedgeberrow

**12. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.**

The Chairman and Cllr Hunt had attended the recent Local Communities Event at Wychavon.

The Chairman had laid the Poppy Wreath at the Remembrance Sunday Service.

Cllr Hunt had attended the recent PACT meeting where parking outside the school was made a priority.

Cllr Hunt had attended the Community First AGM.

**13. Date Of Next Meeting.**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm