

# SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council meeting held at the Betteridge Room at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.15pm.

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

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Cllr R Kirk (District), CSO Williams and 24 parishioners.

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

None received.

**2. Declaration Of Interests.**

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

Cllr Stow declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) as adjacent land owner to 11(a) I, Mr Stow took no part in the discussion and left the room when the decision was made.

**3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012.**

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

*The meeting was closed to allow parishioners to speak.*

*Mrs S Tebbut addressed the meeting on behalf of the village regarding outline planning application land adjoining 49 Main Street. (Attached)*

*Mr M Woodhouse brought to the Council's attention the 2ft loss of river bank and a member of the public had verbally abused him whilst carrying out his lengthsman duties.*

*The accounts of the Sedgeberrow post were presented to the Council.*

*The meeting was resumed.*

**4. Police.**

1 x Vehicle crime has been reported, this time last year their where 5.

The mobile station should hopefully be in Sedgeberrow in Jan/Feb.

Parishioners should be aware that thieves are targeting heating oil and catalytic converters.

**5. County Councillor.**

No Report.

**6. District Councillor.**

Report circulated.

**7. Progress Reports For Information.**

a) Clerk.

Report circulated.

**8. Correspondence.**

The Council agreed for Mr I Selkirk to Audit the Parish Council Accounts, Clerk to sign and return the form.

The Chairman will attend the Parish Games De Brief meeting and AGM on the 29<sup>th</sup> January at the Civic Centre Pershore.

Confirmation of the removal of the Electricity supply on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012, N Power has been advised.

**9. Highway Matters.**

a) VAS.

Five sites have been approved by Worcestershire Highways; however the council is disappointed that it does not include one in Main Street, Clerk to ask for a repeater sign to be moved.

b) Other.

Litter bins should be installed next week.

Flooding in Main Street outside the school and the Winchcombe Road, drains have been jetted and the problem alleviated, Cllr Hunt will monitor.

The footpath and road at the top end of the Cheltenham Road, is caked in mud, deposited by farm vehicles, Clerk to report to Highways.

Lengthsman to clear footway in the Winchcombe Road.

Clerk to write to the owner of 14, Main Street and thank them for cutting the hedge.

Clerk to report over grown trees and hedges to Highways near No 42 Winchcombe Road and 3/5 Main Street.

**10. Finance.**

a) To Receive Accounts To Date.

Statements of accounts were presented to the Council.

£476.24 remains of the 2007 Flood Grant.

b) To Approve Payments.

The Council approved payment of the following: Sedgeberrow Village hall £135.00, New Farms £60.48, Clerks Expenses £36.22, HMRC £113.60, Village Hall Committee – Glebe Meadow mowing £1,000.00.

c) To Ratify the Precept For 2013/14.

The Council agreed to leave the precept at its current rate of £9,500.00.

d) New Homes Bonus.

Clerk to apply for £1,000.00 toward the VAS.

e) Grass Cutting 2013/14.

The Council agreed to the 5% increase in cost; however this will be put out to tender for 2014 season to be an Agenda item in September 2013

**11. Planning.**

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

i. W/12/02727/OU land adjoining 49 Main Street, Sedgeberrow. Outline application for the erection of 20 dwellings. The council agreed to object to this application for reasons under the following headings

- Local Plan
- South Worcestershire Development Plan
- Access Road
- Design
- Foul Sewer
- Surface Water
- Highway and Traffic
- Housing Need
- Village School

ii. W/12/02804/PN 50 Main Street, Sedgeberrow. New dormer bungalow with detached garage. No Objection.

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/12/02084/PP 117 Main Street, Sedgeberrow.

W/12/02204/PN - 11A Churchill Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

c) SWDP

The South Worcestershire Development Plan, Draft Submission Document will be available to view and comment between the 11/01/13 and the 22/02/13.

Clerk to inform that the shop closed in July 2012 and has been for sale since, the Village Hall is shared with the school and only available for use after 6.00pm weekdays and the village is in danger of losing its bus service to congested traffic in Main Street.

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

The notice board requires attention.

Clerk to look at new notice board for outside the Church.

The Flood group will inform the Environment Agency of the condition of the river bank.

Clerk to write to the owners of 1a Winchcombe Road regarding the abusive language aimed at the lengthsman.

Cllr Hunt had attended a recent PACT meeting where parking outside the school and the obstruction of the highway by a van were issues to be looked at by the CSO.

The Allotments Group now have a bank account.

Flood Group meeting is next week.

**13. Date Of Next Meeting.**

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.