

SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council meeting held at the Betteridge Room at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Thursday 4th July at 7.15pm.

Present Cllr's Mrs M Pratt [Chairman], Mr R Hunt, Mr D Farmer, Mr J De Paris and Cllr A Stow
In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr D May and Mr M Parker.

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

No apologies were 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.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Wednesday 15th May 2013.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mr May representing SHAPE asked if a Map of the Village with all the footpaths on could be placed in the village. He had contacted Worcestershire County Council, the Footpath Officer would help with expertise, where possible, but they could not fund it. Wychavon had been approached for funding from '106 monies'; however this project would not qualify. Other funding is being researched.

Mike Parker brought to the council's attention that SeSaME, in conjunction with Wychavon District Council and Act On Energy, will be conducting a Home Energy Survey. Wychavon will print a jointly designed survey form, which about 14 villagers will ask residents to fill in by visiting their homes. Wychavon will also write to everyone in the village prior to the start at the beginning of August. Details will also appear in the Aug/Sept Post. Act On Energy will collate the findings of the survey. Residents will then be advised on heat saving measures, some available under the 'Green Deal', but particularly under the ECO (Energy Company Obligations) scheme. This is particularly relevant to Sedgeberrow as the village does not have mains gas. It is anticipated that the identified need will lead to grants from a national energy company for some of the potential heat saving measures.

In support of David May's proposal that the costs of village maps be met by 106 money, Mike Parker said he felt that how 106 money was allocated should be made more transparent to the general public.

The meeting resumed.

4. Police.

No report.

5. County Councillor.

No report.

6. District Councillor.

No report.

7. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Report circulated.

b) Allotments.

Cllr Hunt had sent a resume of the work at the allotments to date to Wychavon in response to the question of how the 'New Homes Bonus Money' was spent. The council agreed to pay the Allotment group the £614.00, New Homes Bonus Money, on receipt of an invoice before the next meeting.

8. Correspondence.

Circulated on the Clerks report.

9. To Discuss The Queens Golden Wedding Tree.

The golden acacia tree planted in the church yard by the parish council, has died and the PCC would like it removed, the council agreed for Cllr's De Paris and Hunt to arrange for its removal. The Chairman to ask the PCC if they would like it replaced, Cllr Farmer to investigate.

10. Notice Board.

The Chairman had acquired a second hand notice board, suitable to be placed near the PCC board at the church, the council agreed for the glass to be replaced and for a frame to be constructed.

11. Highway Matters.

Clerk to contact the 'Safer Roads Partnership' to ask for 30mph stickers.

a) Acres Bridleway.

The bridleway had become very narrow due to overgrown greenery, WCC had strimmed the sides back as far as the hedge, however it is still very narrow and tree branches where obstructing horse riders. The tree has been cut, Clerk to report the hedge to WCC.

b) Waiting Restrictions.

The council did not object to the revised proposed restrictions.

c) VAS.

The council is awaiting the spare battery before the VAS is in situ.

d) Lengthsman.

The Chairman will ask the lengthsman to spray and strim the field side of the pavement on the Cheltenham Road.

e) Rights of Way Map.

Clerk to investigate Ordnance Survey Licence, and to investigate Perspex, flat board for a map of the village.

12. Finance.

a) To Receive Bank Reconciliation As At 30th June 2013.

Bank reconciliation up to June 30th was presented to the council.

b) To Receive Accounts To Date.

Remittance of £164.00 had been received from WCC lengthsman Scheme.

c) To Approve Payments.

The following payments were approved:- Clerks monthly DD £151.57, Lengthsman £456.50, Ian Selkirk (Audit) £85.00, New Farms £302.40, Sedgeberrow Village hall, SESAME £5.00 (Contribution toward running costs of the Village Website) Clerks Expenses £44.76, HMRC £109.60, Grass Cutting of the Glebe Field £1,000.00, The Council agreed not to have an updated insurance schedule sent to include the VAS, the increase of £11.40 plus £25.00 admin fee will be waived, however the policy will be updated by Came and Co.

d) To Consider Application for Rate Relief.

The council agreed to contribute £250.22 for the recent application.

13. Planning.

- a) To consider applications since last meeting.
- i. W/13/01188/CU Mill Bakery Cottage, Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow, Change of use to two bedroom dwelling plus new/altered vehicular access. The Parish Council has no reason to object to the change of use of the building; however it has concerns regarding the parking and access to the highway.
The area upon the submitted plans which seems to indicate a new masonry wall, is situated directly above what is the main drainage culvert into which surface water from the village, including Highway drainage, discharges. The Parish Council consider it imperative that this important drainage feature is afforded adequate protection by way of an appropriate condition requiring the details of construction and any foundations of the wall to be submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority, including any relevant easements required for maintenance of the culvert, prior to any works commencing to ensure the ongoing integrity and efficiency of this important drainage culvert is maintained."
"The Parish Council believes that the parking provision indicated is sufficient only for a single vehicle, and as such if permission is granted, there should be a condition which reflects this, subject to Highways Authority confirmation. Whilst The Parish Council cannot restrict or control any additional on street parking to Main Street, it would like to make the Local Planning Authority aware of it's concern that any additional on street vehicular parking may contribute to the existing problems on Main Street."
 - ii. W/13/01292/PP Oakwood, Sandfield Lane. Conversion of garage to include loft conversion with dormer to rear to form annexe accommodation. No reason to object.
 - iii. W/13/01061/PN Land Adjacent, 5 Bridewell Drive, Sedgeberrow Revised siting of new dwelling (bungalow) as approved under W/12/01614/PN to a position within the same curtilage along with an additional integral garage, carport and proposed extensions to the South and East elevations - part retrospective. No reason to object.
- b) To report decisions since last meeting.
Approved by Wychavon.
W/13/00751/OU Land Adjacent, Forge Cottage, 58 Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow. Outline application for 4 no. dwellings, 2 no. detached and a pair of semi detached houses, with access from Winchcombe Road.

14. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

There will be fewer entrants to the Parish Games this year, the council agreed for the entrance fee to be paid before the next meeting.

The Flood Siren has further 'red tape' before it will be fully operational.

15. Date Of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 28th August 2013.