

# SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council held at the Betteridge Room at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.15pm.

Present                                      Cllr's Mrs M Pratt [Chairman], Mr R Hunt and Cllr A Stow  
In Attendance                              Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr I Cameron and Mr M Parker.

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

Apologies were received from CSO S 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.

**3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013.**

The minutes were agreed and signed.

*The meeting was adjourned.*

Mr I Cameron brought to the attention of the council two items he felt strongly about. The amount of money spent on a VAS sign for the village, the Chairman explained that speeding through the village was a concern to many parishioners, as previous minutes would show. Various surveys had been carried out that prove that motorist exceed the speed limit in Cheltenham and Winchcombe Road where the sign will be sited.

The yellow lines in Main Street will not stop people from parking at certain times of the day, the council should not be 'held to ransom' by Aston's and the cost of yellow lines. The Chairman explained that the lines were the result of parking which meant the bus could not traverse Main Street. Aston's have since changed some of their routes to avoid Main Street at the start and end of the school day. The council is also not happy at the prospect of yellow lines in Main Street.

Mr Parker informed the council of the need to form 'Sedgeberrow Energy Co-operative Ltd'.

*The meeting resumed.*

**4. Police.**

Sedgeberrow Crimes 01/06/2013 - 01/09/2013

Criminal Damage - Two crimes recorded, none detected

Other (Which can include motoring offences etc...) - Two crimes recorded, none detected.

**5. County Councillor.**

No report received.

**6. District Councillor.**

No report received.

**7. Progress Reports For Information.**

a) Clerk.

Report circulated.

Overgrown shrubbery in Winchcombe Road, had been reported to highways, the householder is attending to the problem.

The Bridle way ref no 5694618 will be attended to by the Countryside team and not highways.

Wychavon had been informed that the council uses the Wychavon web site for its official minutes.

**8. Correspondence.**

The council agreed to award SeSaMe a £200.00 grant to deliver a comprehensive report, to every household in the village once the village Home Energy Survey has been completed.

A Worcs. CALC networking event will be taking place on September 24<sup>th</sup> at County Hall.

The Parish Games now have a website [www.wychavongames.org](http://www.wychavongames.org) and they require all trophies to be returned. Cllr Stow thanked the Chairman for her efforts in organising Sedgeberrow participation.

**9. To Discuss The Queens Golden Wedding Tree.**

The church is happy for the dead tree to be removed. Cllr Hunt and De Paris to progress, the council decided to replace it with another Golden Acacia.

**10. Notice Board.**

Mr Ian Lloyd –Oswald will sand down, re varnish, organise glazed doors and make a canopy to protect the board. Invoices for materials will be sent directly to the council for payment and Mr Lloyd-Oswald will invoice the council for his time and sundries.

**11. To Discuss Broadband.**

Worcestershire County Council has been given a sum of money from Central Government for better Broadband, the council hopes some will be spent on Sedgeberrows network, Clerk to write and inquire.

**12. Highway Matters.**

a) Rights of Way Map.

The clerk to discover the price of a 1:2500 map and a board.

b) Isbourne Way.

The council decided to wait and see the how this progresses, with the aim of including this in the above.

c) VAS.

Charger and spare battery had now been received; it should be working from the 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

d) Speeding Stickers.

Cllr Hunt will take to the PACT meeting; they are only to go on wheelie bins.

**13. Finance.**

a) To Receive Bank Reconciliation As At 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

Bank reconciliation up to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013 was presented to the council.

b) To Approve Payments.

The following payments were approved:- Clerks monthly DD £151.57, Grant Thornton £240.00, Village Hall £18.00, Wychavon Games £45.00, New Farms £120.96, Clerks expenses £49.55, SeSeMe £200.00.

c) New Homes Bonus.

Due to changes from Central Government, Wychavon will only give already allocated funding.

d) Clerks Salary.

The council agreed to raise the clerk salary according to NALC Guidelines, the clerk elected to start the increase from July and not April as it was easier now PAYE is in Real-time.

e) To Approve the Purchase of a Poppy Wreath.

The council agreed to spend £30.00 on a wreath.

a) Audit 2012/2013.

The audit had been approved and the Closure notice will be displayed on the notice board.

#### **14. Planning.**

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

I. W/13/01410/LB - Orchard Dene, 90 Main Street, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. Removal of stud wall; new escape window, new doors, works to drive/rear patio and rear garden pathway; storage area above first floor bedroom plus connecting rainwater pipes to main drain. No Reason to object.

II. W/13/01188/CU - Mill Bakery Cottage, Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow. Change of use to two bedroom dwelling plus new/alterd vehicular access. Reason to object.

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."

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

Approved by Wychavon

I. 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.

II. W/13/01292/PP - Oakwood, Sandfield Lane, Sedgeberrow. Conversion of garage to include loft conversion with dormer to rear elevation to form annexe accommodation.

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

Clerk to report potholes in Main Street outside the play area, and the uneven surface of the Winchcombe Road between The Yard and Millfield, faint white lines and to ask what happened the 30mph speed roundel for the entrance to the Winchcombe Road. Clerk to inform Highways agency that the cycle path is not advertised enough as cyclists still use the road.

Clerk to write to Gilders as there their lorries are using the Winchcombe Road.

The Chairman had attended an online Planning Workshop "Malvern Hills District Council, Worcester City and Wychavon are preparing to redevelop their online planning system to make it easier and faster for all customers to use it" only 16 people attended. It was very interesting and the Chairman had volunteered to be a guinea pig.

The Flood Group is holding a meeting with a representative from Severn Trent regarding the 'inadequate system in Main Street, Mr M Parker and Mrs S Tebbutt will also attend. The Siren will be tested on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am.

The next meeting of PACT is on the 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Clerk to report overhanging greening at 14 Main Street.

**16. Date Of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday November 12th at 7.15 in the Betteridge Room.