

SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council Meeting held at the Betteridge Room in Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Wednesday 15th January 2014.

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

The Chairman informed the council of the recent death of Wendy Willmott, who served as a councillor from 1999-2003.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr A Stow and Cllr R Kirke (District).

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 Tuesday 12th November 2013.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mike Parker gave the enclosed report.

The meeting resumed.

4. Police.

Just a quick email as always. You may or may not have heard on the grapevine that I am moving on to pastures new and joining as a Police Officer in Warwickshire Police as of the 13 January 2014. As you know I have covered the Pershore Rural South Local Policing Area for the past seven years. During this time I have encountered so many wonderful people who have helped me to ensure the patch continues to be a safe place to live and work. I have thoroughly enjoyed working within the community to help reduce crime, protecting people and reassuring the public throughout my time in post. I hope that I manage to see everybody before I go but if I don't I would like to say a massive thank you for all your help and assistance you have provided during my time in Pershore, I could not have done it without you!

If you need to contact the team PC Sean Woods or PCSO Julie Pardoe please email pershorerural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or dial 101 to speak to them directly. Once again thank you for all your hard work and I'm sure I will see you again in the near future.

Kindest Regards

Simon

Clerk to write to Simon Williams to thank him on behalf of Sedgeberrow parish.

5. County Councillor.

The County Council will be raising its budget, due to the increased cost in Child Social care.

6. District Councillor.

No report.

7. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Report circulated.

- Over grown hedge at 14 Main Street; A letter from Highways has been sent to the owner/occupier requesting they attend to their hedge.

- The Grid outside No 7 Cheltenham Road was reported to highways, they only supply this size of grid however the grid outside no 5 will be repaired.
- Blocked drain by 54 Winchcombe Road will have a further inspection and possible repair.

b) War Memorial.

The previous company used to clean the memorial no longer undertakes this type of work. Clerk to find an alternative. New Homes Bonus Monies may be used to pay for this.

8. Correspondence.

Unfortunately no one is available to attend the 'Budget Consultation Evening' at County Hall on the 22nd January 2014.

The Chairman will attend the Parish Games AGM on the 27th January 2014, the trophies for the Women's Darts and the Fishing competition will be on display in the pub.

9. Highway Matters.

a) Waste Bins.

The council, having contacted Highways (no response) and the District Council regarding the moving of the grit bin and waste bin at the corner of Cheltenham Road and Main Street, away from the memorial bench; have been unable to identify a suitable site, due to underground cables, positions and the cost involved. The council agreed for them to stay in situ. Clerk to inform Mr Brooks.

The Council is unable to provide a bin by the shop for two reasons; the land outside the shop is private and the cost. Cllr Hunt to liaise with the shop.

b) Waiting Restriction

The Traffic Order will come into force on the 13th February 2014, the date of markings being laid is not yet known. The lines will be enforced by the Wychavon Traffic Wardens.

c) The Chairman and Cllr Hunt had carried out a risk assessment and reported the following:-

Lid of the dog bin on the corner of Cheltenham and Winchcombe road is broken – Clerk to report to Wychavon.

The newly surfaced area of Cheltenham Road is beginning to show signs of cracking where greenery is protruding. As it is within the 40mph limit the lengthsman cannot work on it. – Clerk to report to highways.

Various drains are clogged with silt – Clerk to report to Highways.

d) VAS

The council is concerned at the cost of moving of the speed sign and re charging, clerk to contact highways and the lengthsman.

10. To Respond To Subsidised Bus Service Review.

The Clerk will respond to the Consultation on behalf of the council, councillors and parishioners are encouraged to respond.

11. To Consider The Purchase Of A Defibrillator.

Ongoing, Chairman to contact School Governors.

12. To Discuss Grass Cutting Contract For 2014/2015.

The clerk to contact the existing contractor regarding the quote, in response to further quotes received.

13. Finance.

a) To Receive Bank Reconciliation As At 11th January 2014.

Bank reconciliation up to 11th January 2014 was presented to the council, remittance from W.C.C. - Lengthsman £542.50.

b) To Approve Payments.

The following payments were approved:- S O J Shields £154.43 (Dec and Jan.)
HMCR £111.00, Village Hall £18.00, Lengthsman £218.00 (October).
Sedgeberrow PCC to help with the cost of cutting the grass £1,000.00, Evesham
Volunteer Centre £100.00, Clerks Expenses £37.33, R Smith £75.18, and Ian
Lloyd Oswell £72.96,

c) To Set Precept For 2014/15.

The Council agreed to set the Budget at £9,020 with the grant of £547 from
Wychavon the precept collected will be £9,567, resulting in a Band D charge of
£26.44, a 0% increase on last year.

d) To Appoint Internal Auditor For 2013/14 Accounts.

The Council agreed to appoint Mr Selkirk.

e) Application For Rate Relief.

The Council agreed to fund £78.39 Rate Relief for the village stores.

14. Planning.

a) To consider applications since last meeting

13/000067/REG3 - Sedgeberrow First School - Retention of Double Mobile
Classroom. No Objections.

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

Approved by Wychavon

- W/13/01856/OU - Orchard Farm, Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow,
Evesham.
- W/13/02000/OU - Outline application for 8 new dwellings to land adjacent
to 101 Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow.

15. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

The site for the notice board is yet to be agreed.

Cllr Hunt had attended Worcestershire Partnership Climate Change Task Group Meeting
with Mr M Parker.

The Flood Siren had been fixed and will be tested.

The Council was very pleased to see that the flood defences have worked in the recent
wet weather.

16. Date Of Next Meeting.

Annual Assembly Thursday 6th March 2014.

Parish Council Thursday 13th March 2014.