

# SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council Meeting held at the Betteridge Room in Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Wednesday 8th July 2015 at 7.15pm.

Present Cllr's Mrs M Pratt [Chairman], Mr C Devereaux-Little, Mr A Stow and Mr R Hunt.

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Cllr E Eyre (County) and Mr M Parker.

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

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Mr J De Paris, Cllr G Mackison (District) and PCSO S Tinkler.

**2. Co Option of a Councillor.**

The council agreed to co-opt Mr A Thomas onto the council. Co-option will take place again at the September meeting, Chairman to put up posters.

**3. Declaration Of Interests.**

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

d) To consider Councillors Dispensation requests.

The council agreed for Cllr Stow to participate and vote in Precept.

The council agreed for Cllrs Pratt, Hunt, De Paris and Mr C Devereaux-Little to participate and vote on items in connection with the village hall.

**4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**

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

*Meeting Closed*

*Mr Parker gave a report (appendix to the minutes)*

*Meeting resumed.*

**5. Police.**

We have 1 crime to report where a shed was broken into 29/06/15

We don't have any other issues or concerns to raise about the area but would like the village to stay vigilant through the warm weather by not leaving windows and doors open while they go out. Food for thought is if you leave your back doors open while you are in and someone rings the front door, do you know if anyone is entering your property from the rear while you are distracted at the front?? Best course of action is to close and lock the back doors while you attend the front.

**6. County Councillor.**

Cllr Eyre had attend the ICG (Isbourne Catchment Group) meeting in Tewkesbury June 22nd and indicated that an amount from her county council budget could be used for some of the short fall in the feasibility study being carried out by Glos University.

She will put forward the footway in Main Street as a key site for repair but in view of its length she suspects if accepted it would only be done in phases over of the next couple of years.

The Winchcombe Road will be highlighted for re surface 2016 in the same way  
She will discuss with Highways the possibility of a further VAS location in Winchcombe Road

She will look into Government Schemes re community energy for Sedgeberrow. It seems an ideal pilot village in view of its location and existing track record re energy sustainability.

#### **7. District Councillor.**

No report.

#### **8. To Consider Village Notice Boards and Telephone Box.**

Chairman to ask

- Mr Ian Lloyd Oswald to repair the notice board by the school.
- Mr Martin Woodhouse, if he could lay slabs (provided by the chairman) under the notice board in Winchcombe Road.  
Repair the broken piece of glass in the telephone box.  
Be prepared to clean the bus shelter and telephone box on a regular basis paid for from council funds.

#### **9. Progress Reports For Information.**

a) Clerk.

Circulated.

b) War Memorial.

The memorial and plaque have now been cleaned, the clerk has completed and returned the relevant paperwork and is awaiting the grant.

c) Defibrillator.

First aid training for six people took place which was very informative and enjoyable, it was a shame that more residents did not come forward. The defibrillator has been ordered and will be delivered to the chairman's house, once received the school and an electrician will be contacted for installation.

d) Tree Preservation order.

Deferred.

#### **10. Correspondence.**

- The Annual Play Area Report had been received and the only cause for concern being the swings, Mr M Woodhouse will be asked if he can replace the 'carabiners' and the tree at the front cut back.
- The parish council would be willing to host a planning compliance briefing event.
- Transparency Code for smaller authorities.

The following will be on available on

<http://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/MyParish/Welcome.aspx?ParishID=133&PostCode=WR117UL&Prop=0&partner=wdc&MarriedTo=0>

Within one month

Agenda, minutes and papers from formal meetings in either draft or final form.  
All items of expenditure are published within the parish council minutes.

By the 1st July each year.

The end of year accounts, for the previous year, including bank reconciliation, an explanation of significant differences, annual governance statement, internal audit report, list of councillors and their responsibilities and if they represent the council on external bodies.

A list of public land and assets owned by the council.

- Request for donation to grass cutting of the Glebe meadow from the village Hall Committee.

#### **11. New Homes Bonus 2015/2016.**

New Homes Bonus for 2015/2016 is to be advertised in the village, to be discussed at the November meeting.

#### **12. Litter Pick.**

The litter pick is to be advertised, anyone wishing to take part should contact the parish council. There will be a bursary of £200.00 for community groups taking part.

#### **13. Highway Matters.**

Reported items.

- Online Report -Draining or Flooding Problem - Reference Number 6661795  
Description Drain needs jetting outside the Queens head.  
11-JUN-2015 Our Contractor has now advised that these works have been completed.
- Online Report - Draining or Flooding Problem - Reference Number 6661792  
Description Drain needs jetting opposite the War Memorial  
Comments from Worcestershire County Council  
26-May-2015, This gully has already been marked up and logged and is in the programme to be cleaned.
- Online Report - Other Road or Pavement Problem - Reference Number 6678051  
Description Please could you replace the home-made bollards that have been placed by the householder on the grass verge outside No 5 Winchcombe Road.  
Comments from Worcestershire County Council  
03-Jun-2015 Thank you for your enquiry - We will not be able to renew these homemade bollards. Online Report - Other Road or Pavement Problem - Reference Number 6678052.  
Description Please collect abandoned cone outside no 2 Winchcombe Road and also in layby on the B4078 between the A46 and the village.  
09-June-2015, Site inspected, the cones have been removed from site.
- Temporary Road closure orders have been received.
- Concerns were once again raised regarding the Leylandii in the Winchcombe Road.  
Lorries over 7.5 tons using Winchcombe Road.  
The amount of traffic on the A46 making tailbacks onto the B4078 of 25 cars at one time, and taking aprox 15 mins to get onto the road.

#### **14. Finance.**

- a) To Receive Bank Reconciliation As At 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.  
Accounts were presented.

b) To Receive Accounts To Date.

c) To Approve Payments.

The council approved the following payments:-

W CALC (Training) £30.00, Wychavon (Play Area Inspection) £84.00, IMI £884.88 (Cleaning of Plaque) and £2,141.28 (Cleaning of Cross), New Look (Grass cutting) £120.00, Ian Selkirk (Internal Audit) £85.00, HMRC (PAYE) £92.20, Clerks Expenses £30.33, Village Hall Committee (Hall Hire) £70.00 (Grass cutting donation) £1,000.00.

**15. Planning.**

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

W/15/01275/PN - Hill View Nurseries, Sandfield Lane. Proposed glass housing.

The council has concerns regarding the height of the glass houses, the view from AONB, floodlighting, the single track access has no footway and is part of the Wychavon way.

W/13/01188/CU Discharge of Conditions.

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

W/15/00889/OU - Forge Cottage, 58 Winchcombe Road.

**Concerns**

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

Cllr's Pratt and Hunt had attended the Strong Communities Event held on the 9th June and Cllr Hunt the Parish Conference on the 4th June.

Cllr Hunt had attended two training sessions.

The flood Siren cable has been replaced and been tested, some of the flood group had attended the ICG meeting in June.

PACT is now running via E mail, any problems can be reported to Cllr Hunt or by dialling 101.

**17. Date Of Next Meeting.**

9th September and 11th November.