

SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Sedgberrow Parish Council held in the Betteridge Room at Sedgberrow Village Hall on 12th May 2011 at 7.15pm.

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

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk) and Cllr Eyres (County).

Councillors signed their declarations of Office. The Chairman welcomed the councillors elected (unopposed) to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

The council was sorry to hear of the death of Cllr Anna Mackison, she will be greatly missed by the community, Cllrs Pratt and Hunt had attended the funeral and the parish council donated £100.00 to Macmillian.

1. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Hunt proposed and Cllr De Paris seconded the election of Cllr Pratt as Chairman.

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr A Stow and CSO Williams. The council agreed that Mr Stow could sign his 'Acceptance of Office' before or at the next meeting.

3. Declaration Of Interests.

All three councillors have a non prejudicial interest in the Village Hall, as committee members for other organisations.

4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Thursday 17th March 2011.

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

5. Police.

6. County Councillor.

Cllr Eyres has been re appointed as Lead Member for Children's Services with responsibility for Children's Social Care, this is a very significant proportion of her daily work. As well as focussing on the Council's Performance and the Improvement, by joining up data on *evidenced* need in each small area and the mapping of what is actually going on in areas, new improved services are being planned, which will focus more on prevention, nipping problems in the bud, and supporting families as needed so that fewer children come into the care system long term. The councillor is trying to help communities to retain their services ie in Broadway, the library and Childswickham organising a 'Hoppa Bus'.

The Spatial Strategy Framework will be in place by mid summer.

7. District Councillor.

8. Election Of Vice Chairman.

Cllr De Paris proposed, Cllr Pratt seconded and Cllr Hunt was elected as Vice Chairman.

9. To Discuss Co-option.

The council agreed to Co opt at the next meeting, Cllr Pratt will display posters and applications have to be returned to the clerk by the 1st July 2011 for Co Option at the July Meeting.

10. To Appoint Representatives To The Following.

a) Worcestershire Association of Local Councils.

Cllr Pratt and De Paris.

b) Village Hall.

Deferred.

c) Police Group.

Cllr Hunt.

d) Transport.

Mrs Sylvia Brown

e) Footpath.

Mr D May.

f) Tree Warden.

Deferred.

g) Flood Warden.

Cllr Hunt.

Clerk to write to Mrs Brown and Mr May to confirm their appointment and to thank them for the previous years work.

Clerk to also write to those councillors that had not sought election to thank them for their contribution to the parish council.

11. To Review The Councils Financial Regulation, Risk Assessment And Insurance Requirements.

The council agreed that the Financial Regulations did not need updating.

The Risk assessment was updated; all three councillors would inspect the council's assets.

The de-commissioned telephone box should be added to the Insurance Policy.

12. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Clerk had renewed contract with Lengthsman after consultation with the Chairman. The 'Bus Consultation' had been completed on line.

End of year PAYE filed on line.

b) Main Street Play Area.

The working group consisting of Cllrs Pratt, Hunt and De Paris and Mrs Tebbutt will continue to pursue the Play Area, they will complete the Grant Application form for the Clerk to send to Wychavon.

c) Bus Consultation.

Cllr Pratt had attended the Bus service meeting held in Evesham on the 21st March. The clerk to complete and return the 'Bus Consultation' agreeing to the withdrawal of 25 services and not 75.

13. Correspondence.

St Mary the Virgin P.C.C. had written to thank the parish council for the recent donation.

Clerk to inform Wychavon that Cllr's Mrs M Pratt, Mr J De Paris and Mr R Hunt will attend the Code of Conduct Training Event to be held on the 9th June.

The council has received an application from the Village Hall Committee for £2,000.00, the council had only budgeted for the £1,000.00 which had already been given, however this item would be revisited at a later date, clerk to advise the Committee.

Lengthsman contract had been signed and returned.

14. Highway Matters.

a) The verge at Bridewell Drive has been completed, it was agreed to grass the area where the dead shrubs had been removed for the time being.

b) Cllr Pratt will put up posters advertising a village litter pick, the council will donate £300.00 to the organisation that carries it out.

c) The clerk to report a broken dog bin to Wychavon, situated at the junction of Cheltenham and Winchcombe Roads.

d) Clerk to report the missing litter bin in the layby on the B4078.

e) The following had been added to the Lengthsman Work Schedule:-

- Snow clearance and gritting/salting by hand.
- Pulling/cutting of noxious weeds following specific approval from the Manager.
- Removal of illegal fly posting.

15. Wychavon Parish Games.

The council agreed to enter the Wychavon games and for the invoice to be paid on receipt (approx. £54.00). Cllr Pratt will advertise and contact previous team members.

16. Finance.

a) To Receive Bank Reconciliation As At 31st March 2011.

Delayed due to non receipt of Statement.

b) To Receive Accounts To Date.

Remittance received Lengthsman £470.00 and Precept £4,750.00,

c) To Approve Payments.

The council agreed to ratify the payments made to Macmillian £100.00, HMRC £108.40 and approved the payments to N Power £81.43, New Farms Grounds Maintenance £115.20, Lengthsman £470.00, Worcs CALC and Rate Relief £108.25.

d) To Approve Accounts 2010/2011.

The Accounts were agreed in principle.

e) Application for Rate Relief.

The council agreed to the rate relief of application No 500202564/tev of £108.25.

17. Planning.

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

Non received.

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

Non received.

18. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

Clerk to update Website.

Next PACT meeting to be held on the 26th May.

19. Date Of Next Meeting.

Thursday 14th July 2011.