

# SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council held at the Betteridge Room at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.15pm.

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

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

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr E Eyre.

**2. Declaration Of Interests.**

Councillors were reminded to update their register of interests and none were received for this meeting.

**3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012.**

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

**4. Police.**

- CSO Williams apologised for not attending the Annual Parish Meeting as he was on Annual Leave.
- Reported crimes from March 2011 to March 2012.
  - 1 x Burglary dwelling - Detected.
  - 2 x Burglary non dwelling.
  - 1 x Assault
  - 7 x Thefts – 1 detected.
  - 3 x Criminal Damage
  - 4 x Vehicle Damage
  - 4 x Others.
- If there is no forensic evidence and no one sees anything all crimes are very hard to detect.
- CSO Williams has prepared an article to go into the Sedgeberrow Post regarding Parishioners being aware of 'knockers' and phone scams.
- Councillors reported Dog Fouling and parking on Zig Zag lines which will be followed up.

*The meeting was adjourned to allow Mr Parker to speak.*

*Mr Parker presented the Accounts for the Sedgeberrow Post, which due to placed advertisements is healthy. SESEME are taking over the running of Sedgeberrow.com the village Website due to the retirement of Chris Trewick. Other organisations in the village are welcome to have a page.*

*The Sedgeberrow post is conducting a survey on broadband usage and speed in the village.*

*Himalyan Balsom is a problem in the Isbourne however it should be dealt with by the Environment Agency.*

*The meeting resumed.*

**5. County Councillor.**

Report had been circulated.

**6. District Councillor.**

- The Councillor is part of the Scrutiny Panel looking into the lack of parishioners standing as Parish and Districts Councillors; she would welcome a meeting with the Parish to discuss this.
- Bought to the attention of the council 'Neighbourhood Plans' and the need for Sedgeberrow to have one!
- Events taking place at Wychavon; New Homes Bonus 28<sup>th</sup> March, Assets of the Council 23<sup>rd</sup> April and New Code of Conduct to be determined.
- Grants Available – Details to follow.
- Planning – Any problems do ask.

**7. Progress Reports For Information.**

a) Clerk.

Report Circulated

- b) Main Street Play Area.  
The council is concerned at the lack of progress, if the work is not completed by mid July; then the Wychavon Grant will not be given. Cllr Hunt to contact Mr Redmond. Cllr Farmer offered his assistance in the purchase of equipment.
- c) Cleaning of the War Memorial.  
The council thanked Cllr Stowe for the jetting and cleaning, however the lichen is a problem. The clerk to write and thank Mr Hall of the Rectory for his assistance.

**8. Correspondence.**

Notification of changes bus timetable had been placed in various locations within the village, Advanced dates of the Wychavon Games has been received – the Chairmen to organise.

The Wychavon Wow Factor had two winners from Sedgeberrow.

Under 13 Singer Immy Ackland

14 -18 Singer Rose Johnson.

**9. Co Option Of A Councillor.**

No applications had been received.

**10. To Discuss The Future Use Of The Telephone Box.**

No suggestions had been received; this item will be deferred to a later date.

**11. New Homes Bonus.**

SeSeMe Seeds allotments are in the process of being formed. Cllr Hunt will provide details to the Clerk, to enable the monies to be applied for.

**12. To Consider The Grass Cutting Contract.**

The council agreed to continue to use New Farms at the new contract price of £50.40 plus VAT.

**13. To Consider The Lengthsman Contract.**

The council agreed to continue to use Mr Woodhouse; however the documentation from the County Council had yet to be received.

**14. To Discuss Jubilee Celebrations.**

The Council agreed to provide all Sedgeberrow children between the age of 5 and 11 with a commemorative item. Numbers and item to be determined.

**15. To Discuss Speeding in Winchcombe Road.**

The chairman will place an article in the Sedgeberrow Post asking residents to reduce their speed in the village.

**16. To Discuss Dog Fouling in the Village.**

This is an ongoing problem.

**17. Highway Matters.**

The 30mph sign in Main Street has been damaged; Cllr Stow will try and straighten.

- a) Grit Bins.

Purchase will be delayed until the autumn.

**18. Finance.**

- a) To Receive Accounts To Date.

Statements of Accounts were presented to the council, the Chairman brought to the Councils attention, due to unprecedented expenditure the council would have to be careful with future spending.

- b) To Approve Payments.

The council agreed the following payments Village Hall £41.00 and Clerks Expenses £23.83.

- c) To agree the Grant to PCC for Churchyard Grass cutting.

The council agreed the request of £1,000.00, however Clerk to write and inform the Church that the council will pay the amount but in stages as accounts are presented.

- d) To Agree to Engage the External Auditor.

The Council agreed to engage the services of Mr Selkirk.

- e) To Agree Contribution to Sedgeberrow Website.

The council agreed to donate £54.58 to the Website.

**19. Planning.**

- a) To Consider Applications Since Last Meeting.

- I. W/12/00032/PP Milldene House, 5 Main Street, Sedgeberrow. First floor side extension. No Objection.
- II. W/12/00062/PP 44 Main Street Sedgeberrow Two storey extension. No objection, however, the council would like to see existing materials matched.
- III. W/12/00281/PN Longfurrow Farm, Sandfield Lane, Agricultural workers dwelling.

The parish council has no objection to this application, providing the agricultural criteria are met and the Wychavon Way footpath is not obstructed.

- IV. W/11/02877 Sunnydene, 2 Winchcombe Road Double garage with store above.
- b) To Report Decisions Since Last Meeting.
- c) To Consider Applications.  
W/12/0024/PP Vinebrook 87 Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow. Side extension to enlarge kitchen. No objection.

Approved By Wychavon

Land adjoining, 49 Main Street, Sedgeberrow, WR11

**20. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.**

The Chairmen had attended the following:-

Gloucestershire Joint Core Strategy

Village Hall Meetings x 2 – School Requests were not met.

Wychavon Bursary Awards – Awarded to Droitwich Boxing Club Coach.

Abby Bridge Consultation.

Flood Group

The delegation from the Japanese Water Forum had spent a day with the Flood Group. Placing of the Siren is ongoing.

Cllr Hunt and Mr Parker had attended a 'Plan Local'.

**21. Date of Next Meeting.**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012.