

# SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Sedgeberrow ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY held at the Village Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present Cllr's Mrs M Pratt (Chairman), Mr R Hunt (Parish), Mr D Farmer (Parish), Mr J De Paris (Parish) and Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr D May (Footpath Warden) Mr M Parker, Mr M Lamb and Mr C Bull.

The Chairman of the Parish Council introduced herself and the Parish Councillors.

## **1. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr's Mr A Stow (Parish), Mrs E Eyre (County), Mrs R Kirke (District) and PCSO J Pardoe.

## **2. Approval of the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Assembly on 11st March 2013.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th March 2013, were agreed as a true record and signed.

## **3. Chairman's Annual Report.**

The chairman gave her annual report.

## **4. County Councillor's Report.**

County Councillors report will be E mailed.

## **5. District Councillor's Report.**

No report received as Cllr Kirke is currently on sick leave.

## **6. Police Report.**

Please accept my apologies but I will be unable to attend the AGM. throughout the last year we have had a few reports.

- 4 recorded rtc's thankfully either non or minor injury.
- ASB at the school which was resolved through regular patrols.
- May and June reports of a suspicious vehicle selling items.
- July report of an illegal encampment which moved away.
- A catalytic convertor theft and the theft of some ramps from outside a property.

Due to an increase in burglary and catalytic convertor theft in the areas surrounding Bredon we have increased patrols including undercover officers and patrols throughout the night and early hours.

We are also following a number of leads regarding the catalytic convertor thefts and are liaising with our colleagues in Gloucestershire.

Our advice is to leave a light on a timer if you are going to be out during the evening, and/or leave a radio on. Make sure you have adequate locks on your windows and doors. Consider property marking your valuables. Smartwater is still available through NHW and still only costs £20.00 per kit.

You can also buy marking kits for catalytic convertors such as Selectamark, others are available on the internet. Park your vehicle in a well lit area either in a garage or as close to the house as possible. It is mainly high wheel based vehicles that are being targeted.

If anyone sees or hears anything suspicious please DO NOT hesitate to call 999 immediately and report it.

If the PC has any enquiries please contact [persherural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:pershorerural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)  
*Julie Pardoe@westmercia.pnn.police.uk* Julie Pardoe

*Police Community Support Officer*

*Pershore Rural North & South Safer Neighbourhood Team*

Tel: 101 extn 3631

**7. Parish Footpath Warden's Report.**

Dave may gave his report, copy enc.

**8. Any other matters raised by Electors, preferably reported to the Chairman prior to the Meeting.**

Mike Parker (SeSaMe) informed the meeting

- That an event was taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> April to reveal the results of the Energy Efficiency Survey and offer some solutions to issues raised.
- SeSeMe has been approached by Gloucester Co Energy group concerning entertaining a similar village group from Sweden.
- A talk by 'Act on Energy' and Wychavon DC was given to Sedgeberrow British Legion meeting and will be given to Sedgeberrow WI.

Q. Will the flood group, in light of current events, push for dredging of the river Isbourne.

A. The Flood Group, once the immediate concerns had been addressed and an emergency plan put in place, are now considering medium and long term plans. One of the options considered was dredging of the river channel, however due to the status of the Isbourne, being a minor tributary of the Avon and therefore not considered a priority by the EA, plus the amount of riparian land owners involved it was not deemed to be viable. Our efforts are better focused on the option of constructing an attenuation, or balancing pond on land adjacent to the Isbourne which would involve only a single land owner, would be more cost effective and likely to garner support and funding from different sources. Plans are in the early stages and once some certainty is achieved, will be circulated to the Parish.

Sedgeberrow Flood Group receives no funding and consists of parishioners who give their time and knowledge on a voluntary basis.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.