

SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council Meeting held in the Betteridge Room at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 7.15pm.

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

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr A Thomas and Mr M Parker.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr L Eyre (County) and PCS Pardoe.

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 the 12th November 2015.

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

Meeting was closed.

Mike Parker (Chair) Sedgeberrow Sustainable and Manageable Energy gave an update on the following items:-

- *External; Wall Insulation.*
- *Photovoltaic Panels on the Village hall Roof.*
- *SeSaME Oil Buying Club.*
- *National Parish Magazine Awards 2014.*
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4. Police.

There are no items for the police report for tonight's meeting other than mud on the road by Sandfield Lane which has been addressed.

If the PC have anything that we need to be aware of please email us.

5. County Councillor.

Report enclosed.

6. District Councillor.

No report.

7. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Report had been circulated.

b) War Memorial.

The pre application form has been accepted by the War Memorials Trust, clerk to complete and return the 'proper' Application Form.

c) Lengthsman.

September to December Worksheets had been forwarded to the County Council.

8. Correspondence.

Concern raised by a parishioner, regarding the Winchcombe Road Playground had been passed on to the Village Hall Committee. Mr Hunt had carried out some remedial work to alleviate the problem.

Wychavon Community Awards 2015 will be advertised in the village.

No councillor was available to attend the SWDP Pre Hearing Meeting on Tuesday 13 January 2015 or the County Council Budget meeting on the 22nd January.

9. Highway Matters.

- The Lengthsman had cleared the gullies and drains of leaves. Clerk to ask for the same to be carried out in the Cheltenham Road.
- Worcs. County Council has already identified parts of the Winchcombe Road for future repair and will continue to monitor its condition in the meantime.
- The council had received maps showing all the drains in the parish, Historical information showing old wells and water sources and drainage maps from Severn Trent, However the council would like a copy of the 'old' drainage system, pre mains. The chairman understands they are held at the civic centre. When the parish has complete picture the information will be passed on to the flood group. Chairman and clerk to investigate.

10. To Consider the Precept for 2015-2016.

As the Tax base has now been received, the council agreed to keep the amount paid per tax band D household per month at the same level as last year, £9,650.00, as the number of rate paying properties has increased, this will give the council a slight increase per year to the precept.

11. Finance.

a) To Receive Bank Reconciliation As At 31st December 2014.

Reconciliation was presented to the council.

b) To Receive Accounts To Date.

Accounts to date had been circulated.

Clerk to circulate up to date accounts with approx. costs until the end of the financial year.

c) To Approve Payments.

Lengthsman July and August £420.00, Clerk expenses Sept – December 2014 £56.90, HMRC 82.80.

The council agreed a donation of £10.00 towards the running costs of www.sedgeberrow.com.

d) Review of Clerks Salary.

The council agreed to increase the SCP of the clerk to No 19 and to implement the National Pay increase to take effect from the 1st January 2015.

Clerk to write to the bank to change standing order.

e) Defibrillator.

The school are happy for it to be sited at school/village hall and had agreed a donation of £100.00.

The chairman is attending the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee and will ask about being connected to the electricity.

Chairman to ask Red Cross about a first aid course being held at the hall.

Clerk to apply for New Homes Bonus for the defibrillator.

f) To Appoint Internal Auditor.

The council agreed to appoint Mr I Selkirk as Internal Auditor for 2014/15 accounts at the same rate as last year. Clerk to confirm.

12. Planning.

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

Non received.

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/14/02326/PP - Mill House, Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow.

Refused by Wychavon.

W/14/01956/PN - West End House, Barn Lane, Sedgeberrow.

The application to Tewkesbury BB for 72 houses in Toddington has been refused.

13. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

A report (attached) was given by Mr A Thomas (Chairman) of The Isbourne Catchment Group.

Cllr Hunt is attending a PACT meeting – the items to report are dog fouling, speed of traffic on the Winchcombe Road and speed and amount of HGV's in the Winchcombe Road.

The parish, district and general election will take place on the 7th May 2015.

Jack Hanson, Historic Landscape Officer for Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service will be walking the village with Mrs A Dawson and Mr Hunt.

14. Date Of Next Meeting.

Annual Parish Assembly Thursday 5th March

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 11 March 2015.