

SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council Meeting held at the Betteridge Room in Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 7.15pm.

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

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mrs S Morris (Arrived after the open session), Ms A Dawson (Arrived after the open session), 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's Mr R Hunt, Cllr G Mackison (District) and PCSO J 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.

Cllr Thomas registered a ODI as a member of the ICG.(Isbourne Catchment Group).

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Wednesday 9th September 2015.

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

Meeting Closed.

Mr M Parker, SeSaMe gave a report (at the end of the minutes).

Meeting resumed.

4. Police.

Report had been previously circulated.

5. County Councillor. Report had been previously circulated.

Planned surface dressing of Main Street should take place in 2016.

Items the councillor is working on.

- 7.5 weight restriction Winchcombe Road.
- Sat Nav correction – re Winchcombe Road.
- 60 to 50mph one location – being raised with officers.
- Hedge cut back Winchcombe Road.
- Isbourne Catchment Group.
- Isbourne sign – parish to fund.

6. District Councillor.

Report had been previously circulated.

7. Progress Reports For Information.

- a) Clerk. (Circulated).

- Requested a 'brown' sign for the river Isbourne, for the bridge, awaiting a quote from Worcs. County Council.
- Response to the request for the continuation of the footpath from Churchill Road to the bus stop in Cheltenham Road. *In order to maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of delivering schemes in the future, we are working to a series of packages based on geographical areas. If a scheme has been assessed as providing tangible benefits for the local community it will be delivered along with other schemes in that area when funding comes available. Your request has been added to the list of requests from across the county. We will advise you in due course if your request is to be delivered as part of a package.*
- The yellow lines in Main Street have been correctly adjusted.

b) Defibrillator.

Due to the work begin carried out at the school, the defibrillator could not be fitted to the wall and wired up.

c) Tree Preservation Order.

Cllr J De Paris informed the council that it was not practicable to ask for TPO on private land.

8. Correspondence.

- Cllr Devereaux-Little will attend the CALC AGM.
- Consultation on Main Modifications to the Submitted South Worcestershire Development Plan (2006- 2030) – whilst the latest version does not affect the housing numbers in Sedgeberrow, the increase in numbers in Abbey Road and The Cheltenham Road will impact on the traffic on the A46. The council to suggest that two way traffic is returned to Swan Lane.

9. To Discuss the Donation to the Isbourne Catchment Group.

Several councillors and members of the parish gave their views.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

10. Highway Matters.

- The recent correspondence from Dumbleton has highlighted the missing footbridge on the public footpath, between the two villages. Cllr Eyre suggested a joint funded scheme.
- Weight Limit on the Cheltenham and Winchcombe Road. Clerk to contact Police.
- Speeding on Winchcombe Road. Clerk to contact Police.
- Street lights – This has been passed to the street lighting department at County, Cllr Eyres believes that as Sedgeberrow is a rural area there is a slim chance also, vehicles tend to drive faster where there are traffic lights.
- Sleeping policemen – not in a rural area.
- White gates – Clerk to ask Highways.
- VAS – Mr M Woodhouse is no longer able to move and monitor the speed sign, the Chairman to place an advert in the Sedgeberrow Post.

11. Finance.

- a) To Receive Bank Reconciliation As At 30th October 2015.

Accounts were presented.

b) To Receive Accounts To Date.

The following remittance had been received:

c) To Approve Payments.

The council approved the following payments:- St Mary's Church Grass Cutting £1,000.00, New Look Grass Cutting £90.00, HMRC £92.20 and Clerks Expenses £59.98,

d) Litter Pick.

The litter pick had taken place on the 26th September, a cheque for £100.00 was raised for Sesame and the Flood group

e) Precept 2016/2017.

Councillors were asked to look at the figures provided and a decision will be taken at the next meeting.

12. Planning.

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

- I. W/15/01575/PP - 7 Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow. The council has no reason to object.
- II. W/15/02155/RM - Land off, Winchcombe Road. The council has two concerns:-
- III.
 1. The council would like to see more screening between the house's and the Road.
 2. The council does not want the maintenance, in perpetuity, of the open area between the houses and the road,
- IV. W/15/02188/PN - Hill View Nurseries, Sandfield Lane, Sedgeberrow. The council has no reason to object.
- V. W/15/02528/PP - Coach House, 12A Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow. The council has no reason to object.

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

Refused by Wychavon

W/15/01888/PN - West End House, Barn Lane,

Approved by Wychavon

W/15/02106/LB - The Mill, Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham

W/15/01575/PP - 7 Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow.

13. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

- The chairman and Cllr Hunt had attended a Planning Enforcement Training Meeting, they were advised that parish councils should look at planning conditions and checking to make sure the builders are adhering to them.
- The Chairman had laid the wreath at the Remembrance Day service, some parishioners mentioned the lack of parish councillors attending.

14. Date Of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 13th January 2016

Annual Parish Assembly Thursday 3rd March 2016.

Parish Council Meeting 11.11.2015, SeSaME Feedback

External Wall Insulation

We are pleased to report that take up of the external wall insulation has extended to 11 village properties. This means that the final expected income from houses treated, via the Green Deal Community Grant (GDCG) on behalf of SeSaME, which will be donated to the Insulation section of the Betteridge Room Sustainability Project is now £1980.00. This should cover the Betteridge Room insulation costs, now completed at a cost of £1372.34, leaving £607.66 available for SeSaME to identify towards a further suitable village sustainability project.

A report from the County Community Energy and Resilience Project Manager reveals that a total of £58,977.15 (ECO and GDC funding) has benefitted Sedgeberrow residents through this project. That works out to a carbon saving of over 400 tonnes CO₂ over the lifetime of the products.

(ECO: Energy Companies Obligation. GDC: Green Deal Communities)

SeSaME Oil Buying Club.

Current Club Membership is now 169 having risen from 149, as reported at the last PC meeting, and continues to grow.

Next order deadlines are:

Sundays 15th November. 6th December. 10th January. 14th February

LPG. We get ongoing queries about the possibility of a similar scheme for bulk and bottled gas whose delivery system, unfortunately, does not easily lend itself to effective competition. There are options but they would very difficult to establish.

Village Hall

Mike Parker's has continued his involvement for SeSaME, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee (VHC), exploring Betteridge Room Sustainability under three section headings, Heating, Insulation and Energy Generation.

Insulation.

The insulation required has now been installed by Market Owl of Worcester. Cost £1372.34

Energy Generation.

A Solar PV system has now been installed for the Betteridge room at a quoted cost of £6744.72. Mike P is working with Colette M, and the installer Malvern Energy Solutions, to complete the paperwork necessary for gaining the Feed-in Tariff (FIT), which should bring in some income from energy generated. We are awaiting the results of an Energy Performance Certificate. (EPC)

Heating:

A 9kW Panasonic Acquera Air Source Heat Pump was installed at the same time as the solar, at a quoted cost of £13,632,54. Extra large radiators were installed in order to maintain radiator temperature at a level that would be comfortable at skin contact, whilst still enabling a satisfactory room temperature. £10,000 of this cost is to be met by the grant from "Welcome to our Future" as a result of the application Mike P of SeSaME submitted, on behalf of the VHC. An advance payment of £5000 has already been received.

Mike P is working with Colette M, and the installer Malvern Energy Solutions, to complete the Ofsted paperwork necessary for gaining the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), which should achieve a quarterly payment for the Village Hall.

Litter Picking

Six SeSaME members took part in the recent successful litter picking event.

Mike Parker (SeSaME Chair)