

SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sedgeberrow Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Betteridge Room at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 7.15pm.

Present Cllr's Mrs S Morris, Mrs M Pratt [Chairman], Mr C Devereaux-Little, Mr R Hunt and Mr A Thomas.

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Cllr G Mackison (District) and Mr M Parker.

1. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Hunt proposed and Cllr Thomas seconded and it was agreed by all to elect Cllr Pratt as Chairman

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

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Mr A Stow.

3. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and their nature.

4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Wednesday 9th March 2016.

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

Meeting was closed.

Mr M Parker provided a report.

The meeting resumed.

5. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Pratt proposed and Cllr Devereaux-Little seconded and it was agreed to the election of Cllr Hunt as Vice Chairman.

6. To Appoint Representatives To The Following.

a) Worcestershire Association of Local Councils.

Cllrs Pratt and De Paris.

b) Village Hall.

Cllr Devereaux-Little

c) Police Group.

Cllr Hunt.

d) Transport.

Mrs Sylvia Brown

e) Footpath.

To be advertised.

f) Tree Warden.

Cllr De Paris.

g) Flood Warden.

Cllr Hunt.

Clerk to write to Mrs Brown to confirm the appointment, and to thank her for the previous year's work.

7. To Review The Councils Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and Insurance Requirements.

The council agreed for Cllrs Pratt and Hunt to review the Financial Regulations.

The risk assessment will be carried out by Cllr's Pratt and Hunt.

The council approved the quote from Came and Company for the insurance of £475.62, with 'Ecclesiastical' for three years.

8. Correspondence.

Community Infrastructure Levy – Draft Charging Schedule (DCS) and Revised Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) event had been attended by Cllr Thomas. Consultation of Amending Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policies – the council has no comment.

The Wychavon Planning Enforcement training was taking place this evening, previous information to be circulated to all councillors.

The war memorial has been given a Grade 11 Listing.

Mobile Homes Act 2013 – Consultation on Draft Fees Policy – the council has no comment.

An E mail has been received regarding 'dog litter' by the wooden footbridge over the river.

The council has asked for a dog bin to be placed there previously however it cannot be emptied by Wychavon. Clerk to report to dog warden and to obtain a sign.

Entry forms have been received for the Wychavon Games.

9. To Approve The Annual Governance Statement 2015/2016.

The council approved the Annual Governance Statement and the chairman signed the Grant Thornton Audit form.

10. To Approve The Accounting Statements 2015/2016.

The council approved the accounts and the chairman signed the Grant Thornton Audit form.

11. To Discuss The Reduction Of The Speed Limited To 30mph In The Cheltenham Road.

Clerk to contact Highways regarding the reduction in the speed limit for the Cheltenham Road.

12. To Consider A Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Morris to progress this item.

13. Highway Matters.

a) Community Speed watch Scheme Update.

Cllr Thomas has been in contact with Mr Connelly and is awaiting a response.

b) VAS.

Cllr Thomas to progress.

c) Blocked drain.

Due to builders putting plaster down a drain, this needed to be jetted by Highways.

d) Re surfacing.

Cheltenham Road has been re surfaced. The parish had not been given notice of the re surfacing of Main Street.

14. To Receive the Following Reports.

a) Police.

Reports received since the last meeting have been circulated to all councillors.

b) County Councillor.

c) District Councillor.

Cllr Mackison gave a report.

15. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk. (circulated.)

16. Finance.

a) To Receive Bank Reconciliation As At 30th April 2016.

b) To Receive Accounts To Date.

The following remittance had been received:-

Wychavon	Precept (6 months)	£4727.00
Wychavon	Grant (6 months)	£274.00
Worcs CC	Lengthsman Nov- Feb	£372.63
HMRC	VAT Reclaim	£1,069.29

c) To Approve Payments.

The council approved the following payments:-

The council agreed a £20.00 donation for the hire of table/chairs for the Queens 90th birthday event.

ICG	Donation	£1,000.00
New Look Solutions	Grass Cutting	£60.00
HMRC	Paye J Shields	£92.40
Worcs CALC	Training Cllr Thomas and Morris	£60.00
Worcs CALC	Membership	£422.06
Chaddesley PC	Training Cllr Devereaux- Little and Morris	£40.00
M Woodhouse	Lengthsman Nov- Feb	£495.00

17. To Consider An Application For Rate Relief.

a) 500234520 Queens Head.

Deferred.

b) 500242545 Sedgeberrow Stores.

Deferred.

18. Planning.

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

i. W/15/02838/PN - Hill View Nurseries, Sandfield Lane, Sedgeberrow. The council has no planning reason to object.

ii. W/16/00569/RM - Land off, Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow. The council has no planning reason to object.

iii. W/16/01002/PN - Closebourne, 47 Winchcombe Road. The council has no reason to object.

iv. W/16/01012 The council has no planning reason to object.

Withdrawn

W/16/00630/PP - Closebourne, 47 Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow.

iv. W/16/01012 The council has no planning reason to object.

b) To ratify decisions made between meetings.

i. W/16/00862/PP - 16 Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow. The council has no planning reason to object.

- ii. W/16/00608/PP - The Frickles, 107 Main Street, Sedgeberrow. The council has no planning reason to object.
- c) To report decisions since last meeting.
Approved by Wychavon
W/15/02838/PN - Hill View Nurseries, Sandfield Lane, Sedgeberrow
W/16/00484/PP - Springfield House, 91 Main Street, Sedgeberrow
W/16/00608/PP - The Frickles, 107 Main Street, Sedgeberrow.
Refused
W/16/00569/RM - Land off, Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow
GPOM/16/00524/GPOM
Appeal Allowed.
APP/H1840/W/15/3138929: Adjoining West End House, Barn Lane.

19. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

The Chairman had spoken at the recent planning meeting.

The flood siren will be tested on the 12th June.

Cllrs Hunt and Devereaux- Little had attended the recent flood wardens meeting at Tewkesbury.

To Discuss a Community Shop and Assets of Community Value.

20. Date Of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 13th July 2016.

Wednesday 14th September 2016.

External Wall insulation

Progress for some properties is still slow. I have paid for my work, which had to be re-assessed, but am still awaiting a start date. Others are in a similar position I believe

SeSaME Oil Buying Club.

Current Club Membership is now 200.

Next order deadlines are: Sundays. 12th June. 10th July, There will be nothing in August and then we will start again, using a deadline of the first Sunday of the month – Sunday 4th September. Hopefully all 12 Villages will have received their first decent dividend from the Club by the end of July, when almost two years worth will be available. It has been a complicated process organising it, which has delayed things in the face of more urgent priorities. SeSaME should receive enough to fund at least two Sedgeberrow Posts, which will be welcome as advertising revenue has decreased more than usual over the past year.

Community Energy Generation

The potential remains but existing infrastructure shortfalls, combined with new planning constraints, means that any future developments, apart from utilising Shale Gas resources which thankfully we don't have, will have to await the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Seven Seater Electric Minibus

The suggestion to formalise the excellent, already existing voluntary arrangement for transporting villagers in the immediate locality with a more sustainable solution, still requires much research before it will be possible to produce a viable plan.

Neighbourhead Plan

SeSaME will be keen to share in developing the Neighbourhood Plan particularly in areas that address sustainability, energy saving and energy generation potential.

Mike Parker (SeSaME Chair)