

The minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council held in the Betteridge Room at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Thursday 8th September 2011 at 7.15pm.

Present Cllr's Mrs M Pratt [Chairman], Mr J De Paris, Mr R Hunt and Mr A Stow.
In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr M Parker and Mr D May.

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

No apologies received.

2. To Co Opt Councillors.

Cllr Stow proposed, Cllr Hunt seconded and it was agreed by all to co opt Mr D Farmer onto the parish council. The two remaining vacancies will be advertised in the first edition of the new parish magazine. The chairman will offer Mr Farmer the opportunity to attend Councillor training being held in sept/oct.

3. Declaration Of Interests.

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

4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Thursday 14th July 2011.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Mr May brought to the attention the concern of parishioners regarding the spreading of 'Himalayan balsam'. The plant is non poisonous therefore the Environment Agency do not remove it, how ever it is an offense to allow it to spread on your property. The best time to manually remove or spray is in May, if it is handled now when in seed it will spread further.

Websites for further information.

<https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/nonnativespecies/downloadDocument.cfm?>

www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/regulation/wildlife/enforcement/injuriousweeds.aspx

www.direct.gov.uk/en/HomeAndCommunity/InYourHome/PestAndWeedControl/DG_10037530

Allan Hawkins from the Environment agency is coming to inspect the river.

DEFRA is carrying out a project to look at this problem.

Comment by Cllr de Paris - The plant is a favourite of bees so when it is removed try and plant a bee friendly plant in its place.

Mr Parker was disappointed at the remarks made by the District Councillor concerning the continuation of the cycle path into Sedgeberrow. The first Sedgeberrow news letter will be produced in mid November; it will be available on the web and in print. Mr Parker had applied to Cllr Eyre for a donation from her County Council Fund.

The meeting was resumed.

5. Police.

No report.

6. County Councillor.

No report.

7. District Councillor.

No report.

8. To Appoint Representatives To The Following.

a) Village Hall.
Deferred.

9. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Lack of a litter bin on the layby A46 had been reported to Highways and the Highways Agency. Unfortunately the area is not within Sedgeberrow parish. The Highways Agency can not put cycle symbols on the footway of the A46 as it is a shared cycleway/footway.

b) Main Street Play Area.

Formal acknowledgement of the award of a grant had been received; Cllr Pratt will arrange a meeting with the group and Mr Redmond.

c) Litter Pick.

SESME and the Flood Group will undertake the litter pick, organised by Cllr Hunt, to take place on Saturday 24th September 2011, Cllr Pratt will inspect on Sunday 25th September.

d) Telephone Box.

The council agreed the quote for the painting of the box and £60.00 was given for the purchase of the special paint.

e) Bus Service.

The council was pleased to see the 540 service would not be cut, however now the new timetable had been implemented it was concerned that the 8.15am service bus was being used by Prince Henry's pupils, it was agreed that this was a good use of resources; unfortunately it meant that by the time it arrived at Sedgeberrow it was full, school children had to stand to allow seating for the older generations using the bus. The bus representative had reported this concern. Clerk to write to the county asking for a further bus to be used at this peak time.

The chairman had laminated and displayed copies of the new timetable in various places in the village.

f) Bus Shelter.

The bus shelter had been cleaned, repaired and treated.

10. Correspondence.

The council agreed to respond to Mr Selkirk's letter regarding the possible change in Audit arrangements; the council would, with no obligation, consider using his services if the present audit arrangements change.

Due to the clerks holiday and the imminent closing dates, Cllr Pratt would complete and return the 'Evidence gathering sheet' for the South Worcestershire Development Plan and the nomination of 'Orchard Dene' for a Wychavon Building Award.

SESEME had applied and had been granted a Grant, to undertake a feasibility study of the river Isbourne being used for energy creation.

11. Highway Matters.

a) Bridewell Drive Verge.

Some Sedgeberrow residents would like to takeover the verge and plant it, they had been in contact with Worcester County Council Property Department and Wychavon who have stated that they do not own it. The parish council believe that the verge is owned and managed by Worcestershire Highways, the parish council wish to make it clear that the parish council is not responsible for the area.

b) Wychavon Way

The Sedgeberrow section of the Wychavon Way should be complete by the end of this year.

c) Wooden Seat

A wooden seat, placed at the corner of Cheltenham Road and Main Street, looking towards Bredon Hill, has been donated to the parish council in memory of Cllr Anna Mackison by Mr Mackison. The council agreed for the clerk to write to thank Mr Mackison and to add the item to the councils insurance.

d) Telephone Box

Clerk to remind the insurance company of the insurance of the telephone box.

e) Winter Service.

Cllr Stow volunteered to store grit and to undertake and clearance, he and the Chair will fill in the necessary form.

The council would also like to purchase three further grit bins (green) for the village to be sited at

- The grass verge at the bottom of Blacksmith Close
- Near Orchard Dene (clerk to contact owner).
- The grass verge by the entrance to Barn Lane.

The filling of these bins will be funded by the parish council, the salt/girt to be stored by kind permission of Cllr Stow.

f) Clerk to report to Highways that the bin situated by the Old Rectory is broken.

12. Finance.

a) To Receive Accounts To Date 31st August 2011.

Accounts were presented to the council.

Remittance received VAT £304.95

b) To Approve Payments.

The following payments were approved Wychavon Games £44.00, New Farm £230.00, Clerks expenses £48.75 and Hall Hire £18.00.

The council objected to the £25.00 administration fee from Wychavon for the non contested election, clerk to contact CALC.

c) To Approve the Purchase of the Poppy Wreath.

The council approved the purchase of the Poppy Wreath at £25.00.

13. Planning.

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

None received

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

None received.

c) W/11/01871/PP Highfield, 101 Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow .

No Objection.

14. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

Cllr Pratt had attended the New Homes Bonus Event- developers would have to pay a further sum to the district council similar to 106 monies.

Cllr Pratt had attended the recent meeting of Worcs. CALC where a representative of **Worcestershire Against Incineration and Landfill** gave a presentation www.wail.uk.net

. The group was also informed of the 'Three pears sculpture'

www.thethreepears.co.uk.

The precept for 2012/2113 will be discussed at the next meeting, clerk to prepare.

15. Date Of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 16th November