

# SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council Meeting held at the Betteridge Room in Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

Present Cllr's Mrs M Pratt [Chairman], Mr C Devereaux-Little, Mr J De Paris and Mr R Hunt.  
In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk), Cllr G Mackason (District) and Mr M Parker.

Councillors to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Cllr Mackason on his election as district councillor.

## **1. Election Of Chairman.**

Cllr Hunt proposed and Cllr De Paris seconded and it was agreed by all to elect Cllr Pratt as Chairman, who duly signed the acceptance of office.

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

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Mr A Stow, Cllr E Eyre (County) and PCSO J Pardoe. The council agreed for Cllr Stow to sign the declaration of office at the next meeting.

## **3. Declaration Of Interests.**

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

d) To consider Councillors Dispensation requests.

For dispensation to participate in the Precept.

The council agreed for all councilors to be able to participate and vote in the precept until April 2019.

## **4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

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

*Meeting Closed*

*Mr Parker gave a report (appendix to the minutes)*

*Meeting resumed.*

## **5. Police.**

Annual Police Report for Sedgeberrow Parish 2014-15

The last 12 months has seen significant change within the team and the police as a whole. We lost our long serving PC Sean Woods to the Pershore Town team after the local PC retired. This has allowed a new PC called Paul Acaster to join the team back in November and he is still working his way around the area, so I'm sure you will bump into him soon. Paul is working along side the long serving PCSO Julie Pardoe who is committed to serving your community. Last June also saw a new addition to the team, PCSO Steven Tinkler. Steven is enjoying his new role and is also showing a high level of commitment to helping the community.

This report is based using the recorded crime figures between 11/5/14 and 13/5/15 the comparison is relating to the corresponding dates in 2013/14.

Overall the police recorded 77 incidents that were reported by members of the public this is compared to 76 incidents reported the previous year.

Of the 77 incidents the Parish had 21 recordable crimes (incidents where a specific offence has occurred) this was in comparison to 16 recordable crimes the previous year.

The breakdown of offences is as follows:

	2014/15	2013/14
<b>Burglary Dwellings</b>	1	0
<b>Attempt Burglary</b>	2	0
<b>Assaults</b>	1	0
<b>Theft</b>	2	2
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	1	2
<b>Other Offences</b>	14	12

(Includes mostly domestic related incidents)

Overall the figures show a steady but low crime rate for the past few years.

There has been a slight rise in burglary/attempt burglary but we have had no further incidents reported since the beginning of the year and hope that the increased patrols and security advice given out has assisted with this.

The figures clearly present the picture that Sedgeberrow and the surrounding area is a safe place to both live and work, however we all have responsibility to ensure we maintain that.

On behalf of the team and myself I should like to offer my thanks to the Parish Council for all its help over the last 12 months. I would also like to say thank you to the Parish as a whole for its continued support of the local policing team and for the numerous calls we have received relating to suspicious activity all we ask is that you continue to do this.

Julie Pardoe C6427 **Safer Neighbourhood PCSO**

Pershore Rural North and South

Non-emergency phone number: 101

## **6. County Councillor.**

Apologies: If I am not with you tonight there is another meeting or PC meeting I am attending: Sedgeberrow / Charlton / Cropthorne / Wickhamford.

Elections: I thank every Parish Councillor who will be or has been re-elected to serve, positively contributing to their communities, over the next 12 months. As you know this May I stood again under one banner for the District, for the next 4 years, in the Ward above but still remain your County Councillor for the Broadway Division – 9 villages. I am, as always, committed to serving all residents, of all allegiances.

County going forward: I am on 14th May stepping down from my Cabinet and Senior Cabinet role leading on Policy and Strategy in Education, Skills and Social Care for Children and Families, the most challenging of the Authorities Services, having completed what others term “a truly heroic stint of some 13 years” I now look forward to new challenges. As a Cabinet Member I have been able to affect some successes over the past year:

\* Educational outcomes: the highest number of schools good or outstanding in the West Midlands,

\* An Early Help service within an Early Help Strategy for Children and Families,

\* Strong Corporate ownership of the children's issues and increasing partnership working,

\* A strong savings plan delivered with more to do over the next 4 years. We raised Council Tax by some 1.9% to deal with the pressure that we are facing in our Looked after Children's service budget.

The County Council remains, despite savings, a £321m organisation heavily involved with Public Health, influencing the health and social care agenda, concentrating on its absolute core priorities: care of the elderly, maintaining the condition of local roads, making provision for children that have to be taken into its care. We are starting to implement the new Care Act, which will be a milestone in the provision of care for the Elderly looking forward. And you will begin to hear more about personal budgets for older people.

As a commissioning authority Overview/Scrutiny and Performance Management are increasingly important. This is an area where I hope to make a contribution

**7. District Councillor.**

To be inserted.

**8. Election of Vice Chairman.**

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

**9. 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 years' work.

Chairman to inform the Village Hall Committee of the appointment.

**10. To Review The Councils Financial Regulation, Risk Assessment And Insurance Requirements.**

The council approved the quote from Came and Company for the insurance of £479.85  
The council agreed to keep the Financial Regulations as they are.

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

**11. Progress Reports For Information.**

- a) Clerk.  
Report previously circulated.

The Clerk had completed and submitted PAYE.  
Reported to Highways, Reference Number 6439406.  
Raised sewer cover in the road.  
WINCHCOMBE ROAD, WR117UA  
Comments from Worcestershire County Council  
16-APR-2015 Our Contractor has now advised that these works have been completed.  
This site was inspected on 08-April-2015. A four week order, no CEN/31111 has been raised to repair all actionable defects at this location. The road will continue to be monitored as part of our routine inspection regime.

b) War Memorial.  
The Gant has been approved by the War Memorials Trust, clerk and chairman to complete and return the paper work, and contact E.M.I.  
Clerk to apply for £1,000.00 new homes bonus money.

c) Defibrillator.  
New Homes Bonus application has been approved, Clerk to contact the heat beat trust.  
The St Johns training will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015, only 8 of the 14 places have been filled to date.

**12. Correspondence.**

An E Mail had been received from a resident concerning the yellow lines, the council agreed for the clerk to contact highways to ask for the lines to be operational between certain hours and not from 7 am to 10pm.  
Cllr's Pratt and Hunt will attend the Strong Communities Event to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June.  
Cllr De Paris and Hunt will attend the Parish Conference to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> June.  
Clerk to book places.  
The Chairman will complete the Street Trading Consultation.

**13. To Discuss Co Option of a Councillor.**

The council agreed to co opt two councillors onto the council at the meeting to be held in July. Clerk to prepare paperwork. Chairman will place notices on the boards.

**14. Highway Matters.**

Both parish noticed boards have suffered from the recent windy weather, Chairman to contact Ian Lloyd Oswald to repair them. Slabs will be placed underneath the board in Main Street by Cllrs Hunt and De Paris.  
There are several drains in need of jetting, Main Street opposite the war memorial and outside 76 and in the Winchcombe road opposite the Queens head.

**15. Review Of Tree Preservation Orders.**

Cllr Pratt, Hunt and De Paris will inspect the trees and compare with the orders.

**16. To Ratify the Council's Continuation in the WCC Lengthsman Scheme.**

The council agreed to the continuation of the Lengthsman scheme and to send Mr Woodhouse a new contract of services.

**17. Finance.**

a) To Receive Bank Reconciliation As At 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Only four transactions had taken place in April.

b) To Receive Accounts To Date.

The following remittance had been received:- Precept £4,826.00 and Lengthsman £277.50.

c) To Approve Payments.

The council approved the following payments:-

M Woodhouse (Lengthsman Jan and Feb 2015) £252.50, W CALC (Subs) £374.14, SESAME Seeds (from NHB) £93.49, Grass Cutting New Look £150.00, Clerks Expenses £42.21.

d) To Approve Accounts 2014/2015.

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

e) Application for rate relief.

The council agreed the following amounts of rate relief.

500234520 £154.06

500242545 £123.25

f) Wychavon Games.

The council agreed to participate in the Wychavon Games, the chairman will organise, the council also agreed for the entry payment to be made outside the meeting.

## **18. Planning.**

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

- i. W/15/00491/PP - Woodcote, 7 Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow.  
Erection of a single storey extension to dwelling. No reason to object.
- ii. W/15/00889/OU - Forge Cottage, 58 Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow.  
Changes to site plan. No reason to object.

b) To report decisions since last meeting.

Approved by Wychavon

W/15/00451/PP - 56 Main Street, Sedgeberrow.

W/15/00491/PP - Woodcote, 7 Winchcombe Road, Sedgeberrow.

Approved by Gloucestershire County Council.

14/0030/TWMAJW - The Old Saw Mill Site Evesham Road Toddington

## **19. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.**

Flood group had tested the siren, it had burnt out the cable so new cable will be required.

The council is concerned at the speeding, especially lorries in the Winchcombe Road, it would like, dragons teeth and a 7.5 ton limit put in place. Clerk to write to relevant authorities.

## **20. Date Of Next Meeting.**

8<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> November.