

SEDGEBERROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sedgeberrow Parish Council Meeting held in the Betteridge Room at Sedgeberrow Village Hall on 11th January 2017 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 E Eyre (County), Cllr G Mackison (District), Mr Ian Cameron and Mr M Parker.

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

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr's Mr A Stow (Unwell). Cllr Morris, Mr C Devereaux-Little and Mr A Thomas, are concerned at the nonattendance of Mr De Paris.

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 Pratt registered a prejudicial ODI as a neighbour and took no part in the discussion and the decision of item 8 a(ii).

Cllr Morris registered a ODI as a neighbour and took no part in the discussion and the decision of item 8 a(ii).

Cllr Devereaux-Little registered a ODI as he had taken part in the design process and took no part in the discussion and the decision of item 8 a(ii).

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On Wednesday 9th November 2016.

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

The meeting was closed.

Mr Mike Parker gave a report.

Mr Ian Cameroon voiced his concerns regarding the safety of the A46 junction with Cheltenham Road. He would like to see traffic lights installed and is campaigning for something to be done at this junction, using Facebook and other media.

The meeting was re-opened.

4. Correspondence.

- No comment was made on the 'Traveller & Travelling Show people Site Allocations - Call for Sites' or the 'Minerals Plan'.
- New Wychavon Planning portal should be up and running soon.
- It was too late for the council to comment on the 'Notification of SWDP-related Consultation - Planning for Health in South Worcestershire Draft Supplementary Planning Document'. Cllr Morris will comment on her own behalf.
- No councillor was available to attend the Budget Consultation event at County Hall.
- 'Western power distribution severe weather bulletins - register now' information will be placed in the Sedgeberrow Post.

- Mr Holloway concerns re the public footpath, advised to contact Worcestershire County Council Countryside Services.
- Cllr Morris has recommended Mr Bob James for a Community Recognition award.
- Cllr Hunt has recommend another Sedgeberrow Resident for a further award.
- Sedgeberrow came 22 out of 30 at the parish games having only entered in two events. Cllr Morris suggested there was a half-page article in the Sedgeberrow post for next year.
- The funding to the parish councils from the New Homes Bonus is being reduced.

5. Highway Matters.

a) A46 access.

The council agreed to comment on the Transport Plan as follows:-

Risk and danger to all, especially mothers with young children.

All recorded accidents need to be cited.

Cars and HGV on the Sedgeberrow bypass drive too fast.

The council is aware that an Express Way is planned for the future however something needs to be done now perhaps traffic lights, red hatchings or a change in the speed limit.

Cllr Morris will contact the surrounding parishes.

The school would be advised to comment.

All parishioners should be advised to comment themselves.

Poster from Wychavon to go in the Sedgeberrow Post.

b) White gates.

The chairman is hoping to meet with highways on the 12th, to discuss locations. Cllr Eyre can fund two pairs, the council will have to fund the installation.

c) HGV in Cheltenham Road.

The council had not had a response to the report carried out by Cllr Devereaux-Little.

d) Drain.

Cllr Devereaux-Little to give the clerk the details of the drain, which does not appear to be on the WCC system.

6. To Receive the Following Reports.

a) Police.

We have a few incidents to report for the last two months.

On the 22nd November there was a report of damage to a vehicle and some outdoor lights in Churchill Road. This had occurred over a period of about a week.

On the 22nd November there was a report of diesel theft over night from a commercial property on Winchcombe Road.

Report received on the 23rd December that a garage had been broken in to in Bridge Meadow Close and two trials bikes had been stolen.

Report received on the 1st January in the early hours that a house had been entered, car keys and a purse had been stolen and a vehicle was stolen with keys off the drive in Main Street. Enquiries are ongoing.

If anyone has any queries please do not hesitate to contact the team.

The council is concerned at the increase in crime.

b) County Councillor.

- Article to go in the Sedgeberrow Post regarding items not to go in the drainage system.

- Cllr Eyre's would like to know Sedgeberrow Parishes view of the problems of the A46 junction at Sedgeberrow.
The transport Plan shows the A46 becoming an Express Way, however it is felt that it will not happen in her life time, as she has been part of the Executive Board of the A417 and is very aware of how long the process is.
Cllr Eyre gave valid advice to the parish of how to proceed.

c) District Councillor.

This is going to be a very brief report.

I don't know whether you saw in the national and local press that the Halifax Building Society has been conducting a national 'quality of life' survey. The first ranked place was Winchester, second were the Orkney Isles and in third place came Wychavon. In particular, Wychavon residents scored well on the personal wellbeing indicator. At Wychavon we are all very pleased to know that our residents are pleased with our area.

When I last checked, there were two open planning application – 3 The Yard (listed building) and West End House, Barn Lane.

Any questions?

7. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Previously circulated.

b) Community Shop.

The rent for the shop in Main Street is £500.00 per month, using the pub or the church would be a more viable option.

c) New Homes Bonus.

Swings - Have been ordered and the work is to be carried out in February. Rooftop have agreed for the skip to be sited on their land, the play area will be closed whilst the works are being carried out.

Cllr Morris is meeting representatives from the PCC and Village Hall Committee regarding funding options.

d) VAS.

Lengthsman contract to be revised at the March meeting.

Clerk to E mail current and CALC contracts to all Councillors.

e) Asset of Community Value.

Ongoing.

8. Finance.

a) To Receive Bank Reconciliation As At 31st December 2016.

Reconciliation had been circulated.

b) To Receive Accounts To Date.

Reconciliation had been circulated

c) To Approve Payments.

The council approved the following payments:-

Grant Thornton	External Audit	£120.00
Clerks expenses		£53.50
HMRC	Paye Oct – Dec	£64.00
R J Smith	Bus shelter Repair	£300.00
SESEME Seeds	Rent	£41.68

d) To approve grass cutting for next year.

The council agreed the price submitted by New Look which is the same as last year.

e) To agree the precept for 2017/2018.

The council agreed to the proposed precept of £10,600 which will incur a 1.74% increase, 47p to a Tax band D.

9. Planning.

a) To consider applications since last meeting.

i. W/16/02041/PN - West End House, Barn Lane, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. The council has no reason to object.

ii. W/16/02772/PP - 3 The Yard, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. Clerk to contact Cllr Stow and De Paris regarding this application.

b) To ratify decisions made between meetings.

W/16/02520/PN - Roger Holloway Land Drainage Adj, Closebourne, 47 Winchcombe Road. Sedgeberrow.

c) To report decisions since last meeting.

Withdrawn

W/16/02520/PN - Roger Holloway Land Drainage Adj, Closebourne, 47 Winchcombe Road.

d) Neighbourhood Plan Update.

No Update.

10. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

- Cllr's Hunt and Devereaux-Little will be attending a flood wardens meeting.
- The Isbourne Catchment Group – the results of the recent report carried out will be sent to all councils that donated funds. A letter has been sent out from the Farming and Wildlife Group suggesting ways in which farmers could slow down the flow of water on their land.
- The school had circulated a newsletter to all parents regarding 'respectful' parking.

11. Date Of Next Meeting.

15th March 2017.

Annual Parish Assembly Wednesday 8th March.