

SEDGEHILL and SEMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st July 2019 at Semley Village Hall commencing 7.30pm.

Public Participation and Presentations: No members of the public present and no questions/concerns raised prior to this meeting

Wiltshire Councillor Report: Bridget Wayman.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has somewhat arbitrarily reorganised the boundaries of the Wiltshire Council electoral divisions in South West Wiltshire in satisfying the objections to earlier changes to the east of Salisbury. This has resulted in unacceptable changes to the Nadder & East Knoyle, Mere, and Fovant & Chalke Valley Divisions. A proposed new division called Upper Nadder & The Deverills, including Crockerton and Horningsham. The Deverills, Crockerton and Horningsham have been part of the Warminster Area Board, neither do they have any relationship geographically or socially with the South West Wiltshire Area Board or those parishes of East Knoyle, Sedgemoor & Semley, Hindon, Fonthill Bishop, Fonthill Gifford and Chilmark.

The new boundary for the Mere division now includes Maiden Bradley which has successfully become part of the Warminster Area Board over the last ten years.

These changes have come about because of a hundred or so objections from Firsdown. In order to fight off this ridiculous change in forming Upper Nadder & The Deverills, at least 100 objections need to be submitted to the Boundary Commission by 28th July 2019. Bridget strongly recommends as many people as possible should raise an objection to this proposal use this link (Have Your Say tab on the right hand side): <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/wiltshire/wiltshire-unitary-authority-ua>

Bridget also explained the various budget figures for Wiltshire Council. A litter and fly tipping campaign to be launched. CPRE are holding a planning seminar covering ANOB on 3rd (Dinton) and 10th (Sixpenny Handley) September 2019.

027/07/19 **Present:** Cllr. L Stopford (Chair of meeting), Cllr. A Ebbens, Cllr. D Curless, Cllr. C Betts, Cllr. R Conlon, Cllr. L Oatts and Cllr. Y Barclay.

In attendance: Mrs B Ford (Parish Clerk) and Bridget Wayman (Wiltshire Councillor)

028/07/19 **Apologies:** Received from Cllr. A Bowerman and Cllr R Moors.

029/07/19 **Dispensations:**

- a. declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests already declared in the Register of Interests. None received.
- b. declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests not previously declared in the Register of Interests. None received.

Reminder – If required please update Interests registered with Wiltshire Council.

030/07/19 **Adopt Minutes of Meetings:**

Minutes of the Annual meeting held on 7th May 2019 were adopted and signed as a true record, proposed by Cllr. L Oatts and seconded by Cllr. A Ebbens (unanimous).

Minutes of the Interim/planning meeting held on 4th June 2019 were adopted and signed as a true record, proposed by Cllr. A Ebbens and seconded by Cllr. L Stopford (unanimous).

031/07/19 **Planning:**

New Applications for comments by Parish Council – none to date.

Applications approved by Wiltshire Council – None to date.

Applications awaiting approval by Wiltshire Council:

19/04355/Ful 6 Station Road, Semley. SP7 9AN WC target date 27/6/9.

Erection of single storey log cabin mobile home in rear garden ancillary to main house for elderly relative, connecting to water, electric and waste.

19/04878/Ful Corner Cottage, Semley. SP7 9AS WC target date 11/6/19.

Apply natural render to brick finish gable wall.

Invitation – WC neighbourhood planning surgeries on June 19th (Chippenham), July 9th (Salisbury) and July 16th (Trowbridge). Emailed to all Cllrs.

For information - Dorset Local Plan and the Statement of Community Involvement.

Emailed to Cllr R Moors. Cllr. R Moors reported there is nothing that currently affects this area but will continue to monitor.

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Matters for Consideration:

- a. Leased Land at Sedgell: The village hall committee has suggested putting in a new Gate Entrance from the road to access proposed new Village Hall/Church Car Park area. Parish Council agreed to this suggestion as being a good idea. **Proposed by** Cllr. C Betts and seconded by Cllr Y Barclay (unanimous) **Action:** Clerk to contact land owner for permission before PC submits planning application.
Hedgerow to boundary of Plot 4 near Pond area requires cutting back. **Action:** Cllr. Roz Conlon to contact land owner for permission.
- b. Play Area at Semley Village Hall: Public access to outdoor play area when in use by Nursery School. **Item for next agenda:** Pending a response from Cllr. L Stopford. **Action:** Cllr. L Stopford to contact Chairman of Semley Village Hall.

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Finance:

- a. Income & Expenditure Report – Account balances as at 30th June 2019 and signing of cheques 000987 £353.63 and 000898 £114.83.
Current account £16,036.11; Reserves account £1,839.94.
- b. AONB Planning Seminar – Proposed by Cllr. A Ebbens and seconded by Cllr. L Stopford (unanimous) for Parish Clerk and Cllr. C Betts to attend. Cost for first delegate £48.00 but when cost pro-rata between two other parish councils = £16.00 per parish council plus travel expenses and £24.00 for second delegate from SSPC to attend.
- c. R2 funding reserved for Semley Village Hall, application approved by WC for the sum of £1,904.80

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Police/Community Safety Reports:

- Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch (NW) AGM - 13th July 2019 at Devizes Police HQ
Proposed by Cllr. A Ebbens and seconded by L Stopford (unanimous) to pay travel expenses (for one car) should our two village representatives wish to attend. **Action:** Clerk to contact SSPC NW representatives.
- Community Policing Report - June 209. Circulated to all Cllrs.

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Area Board Report: Cllr. Liz Stopford.

- South West Wiltshire Area Board meeting on the 4th June 2019 featured a themed item on local drug and alcohol misuse. WC circulated email asking for top parish 10 priorities. Cllrs to respond.
- Next South West Wiltshire Area Board scheduled for Wednesday, 17th July 2019, 6.30 pm will be held at The Grove Building, Church Street, Mere, BA12 6DS.

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Health & Wellbeing Report: Westminster Memorial Abbey Hospital meeting on 30th July 2019 to give a briefing about beds. **Action:** Cllr. L Oatts and Cllr. R Conlon unsure if they are able to attend. Cllr L Stopford to attend in their absence.

Cllr A Ebbens reported:

- **Defibrillator** functional and all checks complete.
- **First Aid** (CPR and AED Training) will **not** take place on Friday 27th September 2019, however the instructor hopes to do another afternoon and evening session in Sept/Oct 2020 – date to be confirmed. Parish Council Vice Chair will organise another self-help revision session in the early autumn – date to be confirmed.

- **Walking for Health (WfH)** the rights of Way representative set up a WfH stand, next to the RoW stand, helped by Peter Wells (North Dorset WfH scheme) at Semley Village Fete.

037/07/19 **Common Land Committee Report:** Cllr. Alan Bowerman reported cutting of grass to be carried out soon. Residences researching into rules and regulations on how best to protect common land.

038/07/19 **Rights of Way Report:**
Area Board funding for Pedestrian Gates – Info sent to Cllr A Ebbens
Various Temporary Rights of Way closures – Info sent to Cllr A Ebbens and copies available to view on PC web site.

Cllr. Andrew Ebbens reported:

- **RoW** Portfolio rep attended **Semley Fete** on Sat 8 Jun. RoW Map displayed; reasonable interest shown; Some residents would like to buy the map – RoW Rep to follow this up with WCC (and Ordnance Survey).
- **SESE22 (Bowmarsh)** – WCC RoW completing the Stile later this week.
- **Pedestrian Gate Fund.** On Sun 30 Jun, RoW Rep received “Types of Gates” details. RoW Rep to put in a bid.
- **Common Land RoW.** Hedge planted near Bowmarsh; reported to WCC RoW; RoW portfolio holder to follow up. Need to understand Common Land Regulations and new Owners so that the Common Land is properly looked after and protected. How?
- **RoW Ppt Presentation** from Whiteparish Area Board received; RoW Rep will review and disseminate comments.
- **Wessex Water (WW) Temp Closure of RoW in Barkers Hill Area.** From 4 Aug (for 6 mths), WW are installing a new water pipeline: Affected RoW in Barkers Hill area are: SESE42 and 43 (west of Leggatts Farm); 40 by Malt House Farm, 41 by Conduit Cottage and possibly 39 by The Drove. Diversions will be sign-posted. RoW Rep will distribute a copy of the Closure Notice and Map to affected residencies and inform them to contact WW for more details. Post meeting Note – Closures have been postponed due to a legal issue.

039/07/19 **Highways:** Parish Steward visited on 7th June 2019. Cllr. D Curlless and Cllr. L Stopford instructed parish steward to carry out various tasks. Next Parish Steward visits schedules on 17th July, and 17th September, no visit in August. May Highways Newsletter emailed to all Cllrs.
Church Farm junction Semley – Possible works could commence in January 2020.
A350 bridge over railway – weed growth and silt build up on pavement. **Action:** Clerk to raise issue (Photos provided by RoW rep).

040/07/19 **Correspondence:**

- WC Briefing Note 19-016 – Changes to submission of Highways improvements and traffic survey requests.
- WC PEAS scheme – winter preparations 2019/2020.
- Area board Meeting (Whiteparish) Rights of Way presentation slides from 1st May. Circulated to all Cllrs.

041/07/19 **Items for Next Agenda:** Semley Village Hall play area.

042/07/19 **Next Meeting Dates:** Full Meetings: Monday 2nd September 2019 a Semley Village Hall.
Monday 4th November 2019 at Sedgemoor Village Hall.
Interim/Planning Meeting (if reqd): Tuesdays the 6th August, 1st October and 3rd December 2019 at Sedgemoor Village Hall.

With no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 20:55