

SEDGEHILL and SEMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019 at Sedgehill Village Hall, commencing 7.30pm.

Public Participation and Presentations: The applicants for planning application 19/01261/VAR at white Bridge Farm explained the long and complicate history of these various applications and thanked the Parish council for their support and understanding on the need for winter lets outside the tourist trade (full report attached to this planning application file).

Wiltshire Councillor Report: Bridget Wayman reported the Wiltshire Council element of the Council Tax will increase by 2.99%, the largest part of the budget is taken up with Adult and Social Care costs followed by Highways, Children Services and Education. The building of the new MERF recycling centre has been delayed. Consultation taking place on plastic bottle recycling deposit scheme, along with Food Waste and Garden Waste.

116/03/19 **Present:** Cllr. L Stopford (Chair of Meeting), Cllr. A Ebbens, Cllr. A Bowerman, Cllr. R Moors, Cllr. R Oatts, Cllr. Y Barclay, Cllr. D Curless.

In attendance: Parish Clerk – Mrs B Ford, Wiltshire councillor – Bridget Wayman and 5 members of the public (2 of which are applicants for the Co-option Vacancy).

117/03/19 **Apologies:** Received from Cllr. R Conlon.

118/03/19 **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.

119/03/19 **Adopt Minutes of Meetings:** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th January 2019 were adopted and signed as a true record. [Proposed by Cllr. E Ebbens and seconded by Cllr. L Oatts \(unanimous\).](#)

Minutes of the Interim/Planning meeting held on Tuesday 5th February 2019 were adopted and signed as a true record following the change in name of Cllr. A Ebbens to Cllr. D Curless, minute ref 115/02/19 Cross Border Communications. [Proposed by Cllr. A Ebbens and seconded by Cllr. D Curless \(unanimous\).](#)

120/03/19 **Co-option:** On the evening of the meeting there were two applicants, resumés circulated to all Councillors prior to meeting. The Chairman invited the applicants to explain a little about themselves and why they would like to become a parish councillor and gave them the opportunity to ask the parish council any questions, likewise, an opportunity for the councillors to ask the applicants questions. The Vice-Chair felt a short discussion should take place prior to voting without candidates present. The Clerk informed the parish council that applicants could remain, but both applicants chose to leave the meeting. The clerk also reminded the parish council any previous business the applicants may have had with the parish council should not have any reflection on this co-option. A very short discussion took place based on the resumés submitted by the candidates. A vote was taken by secret ballot and Clare Betts was appointed on a majority vote.

121/03/19 **Planning:**

New Applications for comments by Parish Council

[19/01261/VAR](#) Whitebridge Farm, Semley Common, Sedgehill SP7 9JT

Variation of Conditions 3 of S/92/0678/TP and condition 2 of S/1998/978 to clarify tourist use and to allow exemption of Tourist use during winter months.

Following a short conversation and taking on board the presentation given by the applicant in the public open session part of this meeting. The full council agreed they strongly support this variation and would like to reiterate all previous supportive responses. [Proposed by Cllr. R Moors and seconded by Cllr. A Ebbens \(unanimous\).](#)

Applications approved by Wiltshire Council

[19/00834/OHL](#) Tisbury Electricity Circuit (TISB) E4L5 11kv WC approved 18/2/19

Applications awaiting approval by Wiltshire Council

[19/00622/VAR.](#) The Cow Stalls, Lower House Farm, Sedgehill. SP7 9JF. Target date 22/3/19

[18/12111/CLE](#) Whitebridge Farm, Sedgehill. SP7 9JT Target date 19/3/19

For information

Final Stages of Draft Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan WC Briefing Note No. 19-004 – circulated to all councillors on 25/32/19.

Land opposite Whitebridge Cottages – complaints received about the untidiness of land. Vice Chairman met with occupants and they are keen to tidy area too. To be monitored.

122/03/19 **Matters for Consideration:**

- a. Church Farm, Sedgehill – Lease agreement signed. Electronic copy circulated to all with redacted signatures. All councillors agreed for clerk to confirm to the Solicitor to proceed with exchange of lease. The Chairman expressed special thanks to Cllr Y Barclay, Simon Chalwin and to all those involved for all their help.
- b. Standing Orders Review for PC – All councillors agreed to expand the wording on page 12, section 21 a. to say that “at this time the council has determined not to appoint a Data Protection Officer”.
- c. Traffic Calming Church Farm Junction (CATG Issue 6041) – Topography survey complete. Cllr. D Curless confirmed at the recent CATG meeting this project was voted through as one of the top 5 priorities (next stage - design works to proceed). Julie Watts to meet with David Curless for a site meeting on the 27th March 2019.
- d. Electoral Review WC Briefing Note No. 19-003 – Local Government Boundary Commission, Wiltshire Council draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangement’s, consultation closes 15th April 2019. Information circulated to all Councillors on 25/2/19. All councillors agreed to again express our wish to remain under Nadder & East Knoyle. Proposed by Cllr. L Stopford and seconded by Cllr. L Oatts (unanimous). **Action: Clerk**
- e. Cross Border Communications Radio – Cllrs. D Curless and Cllr. L Oatts attended the meeting held on Saturday 16th February 2019 and were very impressed and enthusiastic with what is trying to be achieved. Interviews are by Podcast.
- f. Digital Access to Council Tax Records & Applying for Housing and Council Tax Reduction On-line Briefing Note No. 19-005 - Emailed to all Councillors on 25/2/19. New WC website link will be launch on 4th March 2019. **Information only**
- g. CPRE Wiltshire and the Hills Group BEST KEPT VILLAGE Competition 2019 – Entry Invitation. All councillors agreed not at present.
- h. Port-Folio Holders – Revise. Item for next agenda.
- i. Sedgehill and Semley Community Emergency Plan – Cllr. Representative required and data to be updated. It was suggested to ask our new councillor if interested. **Action: Clerk**
- j. AONB revising Boundary – Suggested to talk to Sedgehill Community **Action: Cllr. Y Barclay**
- k. Milestones – Cllr. L Stopford asked if the Milestone on the A350 could be maintained, there is a person in Motcombe who may be able to assist, and do we know of any other Milestones within our parish. Item for next agenda **Action: Cllr. L Stopford**

123/03/19 **Police/Community Safety Reports:** February community policing newsletter letter circulated by email. Nothing further to report.

124/03/19 **Area Board Report:** Cllr. Liz Stopford was not able to attend the last AB meeting. The next AB meeting to be held on Wednesday 20th March 2019, the theme will be on Community Housing.

125/03/19 **Health & Wellbeing Report:** Cllr. A Ebbens reported a Semley health walk to Gutch Common completed on 16th February and suggested perhaps we could invite Walking for Health to promote information at Semley and Sedgehill Village Fetes. Defibrillator checks completed on time and recorded through WebNos. No call outs in previous period. Vice Chairman has organised some “self-help” defibrillator and CPR refresher training in Semley church on Friday 1st April (5-7pm in so min slots).

126/03/19 **Common Land Committee Report:** Cllr. Alan Bowerman reported no meeting held as yet.

127/03/19 **Rights of Way Report:** Cllr. Andrew Ebbens reported that the priority is to complete stile near Bowmarsh Cottage on path SESE22; Seeds4Success plan todo this on Thursday 2nd May 2019.

128/03/19 **Highways:** Next Parish Steward visits on 12th March and 9th April 2019. HGV Traffic issue at Gutch Common, Cllr. A Ebbens has visited occupants who understand that not much can be done. SSPC to pass onto highways to ensure appropriate signage is in place. The next A303 Community Forum will be held on 27th March 2019. A303 Major Improvement works - preliminary meeting to be held on 2nd April 2019 at Salisbury Race Course.

129/03/19 **Finance:**

a. Income & Expenditure Report -

Current Account balance as at 28th February 2019 - £7,587.18

Reserves Account balance as at 28th February 2019 - £1,738.16

b. Thank you letters - Received from Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust, Sedgehill Church and Semley Church for donations, all very grateful for our support.

130/03/19 **Next Meeting Dates:**

Tuesday 2nd April 2019 Interim/Planning Meeting Semley School 6.30pm

Tuesday 2nd April Annual Parish Meeting. Semley School 7.00pm

Guest Speaker - Ashley White from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to give an update of the newly acquired common land and woodland at Gutch Common, Semley.

Tuesday 7th May 2019 Full Meeting Semley Village Hall

Tuesday 4th June 2019 Interim/Planning Meeting Sedgehill Village Hall

Monday 1st July 2019 Full Meeting Sedgehill Village Hall

Tuesday 6th August 2019. Interim/Planning Meeting Sedgehill Village Hall

Monday 2nd September 2019 Full Meeting Semley Village Hall

Tuesday 1st October 2019. Interim/Planning Meeting Sedgehill Village Hall

Monday 4th November 2019 Full Meeting Sedgehill Village Hall

Tuesday 3rd December 2019 Interim/Planning Meeting Sedgehill Village Hall

Dates of interest:

Woodlands Alive Day at Oysters Coppice on Thursday 13th June 2019.

Semley Village Fete on Saturday 8th June 2019.

Sedgehill Village Fete date to be confirmed.

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22pm

Name: Signature: Date: