

SEDGEHILL and SEMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held Monday 5th July 2021 at Sedgehill Village Hall commencing 7.30pm

Filmed, photographed or audio recorded:

The Chairman confirmed that the meeting was not being filmed, photographed or audio recorded.

Public Open Session:

No residents of Sedgehill & Semley Parish or the Press were in attendance.

Wiltshire Councillor Report: Bridget Wayman joined the meeting after attending the Wyle PC meeting.

014/7/21 **Apologies:** Received from Cllr L Oatts, and Mrs. Bev Ford, Clerk; reasons noted and approved.

015/7/21 **Present:** Cllr. D Curless, (Chair of meeting), Cllr. Y Barclay, Cllr. A Bowerman, Cllr. T Duthie, Cllr. A Ebbens, Cllr. P Hankinson, Cllr. L Stopford, and Cllr. G Wilde.
In attendance: Wiltshire Cllr. Bridget Wayman (Part-time)

016/7/21 **Dispensations:**
Cllr. Stopford declared an interest in Planning Application PL/2021/04886 through being related to the applicant.
Cllr. Wilde declared an interest in Planning Application PL/2021/05018 and PL/2021/05261 through knowing the applicant's son.
Cllr. Barclay declared an interest in Planning Application PL/2021/04886 due to living adjacent to the proposed site.

017/7/21 **Adopt Minutes of Meetings:**
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May 2021 were adopted and signed as a true record, after typographical errors were amended. [Proposed by Cllr. P Hankinson and seconded by Cllr. L Stopford \(unanimous\).](#)
The Planning Meeting scheduled for 1st June 2021 was cancelled due to insufficient business.

018/7/21 **Planning:** [New Applications for comments by Parish Council](#)

Cllr. G. Wilde had previously circulated reports to all Cllrs. on those applications where detailed assessment and comment was considered appropriate. Cllr. Wilde advised that when compiling the reports, his intent is to highlight areas of concern while recognising potential benefits to the Parish and propose suitable ways to mitigate those concerns, many of which relate to missing information that, if included, would improve most applications.

Application Ref: [PL/2021/04886](#)

At: Lower House Farm, Street Lane, Sedghehill. SP7 9JF

Proposal: Change of use from agricultural land to a glamping site consisting of 6 no. glamping pods, WC and shower units and car parking area.

Cllr. G Wilde's report on the application was discussed at length with Cllr. Stopford answering most questions asked by other Cllrs. **Response date to WC is 14/7/21.**

ACTION: A Site Visit is scheduled for 4.00pm on Saturday July 10th. Cllrs. D Curless, Y. Barclay, G Wilde, A Ebbens (intention) and T. Duthie agreed to attend. Cllr. G Wilde to then draft a response letter to WC for circulation to, and review and comment by, all other Cllrs.

Application Ref: [PL/2021/05339](#)

At: Hatts Farm, Semley. SP7 9AD

Proposal: To replace a derelict barn for a holiday let and/or staff accommodation.

Wiltshire Cllr. B Wayman advised that she had asked for the application to be “called in” for consideration by the Planning Committee if it is approved by the Planning Officer. Cllr. G Wilde advised that the new application does not mitigate concerns previously submitted to Wiltshire Council by SSPC.

Response date to WC: 23/7/21

ACTION: Cllr. G Wilde to contact Planning Officer in WC to confirm that AONB Planning Unit had been informed of the application. Cllr. G Wilde to draft updated response letter to WC for circulation to, and review and comment by, all other Cllrs.

Application Ref: [PL/2021/06442](#)

At: Semley School, Semley. SP7 9AU

Proposal: L1 – remove branches to give 2m clearance over fence. L2 – crown raise to 3m. T1 Birch tree crown raise to 3m.

Support for application proposed by Cllr. Ebbens and seconded by Cllr. G Wilde (unanimous).

Response date to WC: 16/7/21

Application Ref: [PL/2021/05018](#) and [PL/2021/05097](#)

At: Land at Littledown, Shaftesbury. SP7 9HD

Proposal: a) Change of use of agricultural land to use as electric motorbike, electric quad bike and electric bicycle riding park, and
b) Variation of planning permission reference S/2009/1901 to adjust the materials of the approved agricultural building – dark green trapezoidal steel sheeting instead of grey cement fibre sheeting.

Cllr. Curless referred Cllrs. to the Site Visit notes previously circulated by Cllr. T Duthie. Although the site is in Donhead St. Mary, some SSPC residents living close to the site have significant concerns. Cllr. G Wilde advised that application 05018 lacked significant amounts of detail and was also in conflict with the Highways England safeguarding of the route for the Shaftesbury By-Pass. Application 05097 is seeking variation on an expired application and is likely to be rejected. G Wilde suggested that he can assist Donhead St. Mary PC draft a response to WC and would align the SSPC response with it. **Response date to WC: 15/7/21**

ACTION: Cllr. D Curless to discuss application with Chair of DSM PC and offer help. Cllr. G Wilde to draft response letter to WC for circulation to, and review and comment by, all other Cllrs.

Considered by email:

Application Ref: [PL/2021/05097](#)

At: Copse View, Semley. SP7 9HG

Proposal: Construction of agricultural barn

Response to WC by: 17/6/21

SSPC response letter sent 17th June 2021 as agreed by email between all Cllrs.

For Information – applications pending decision by Wiltshire Council:

20/09188/Ful	Lower Marshes Farm, Semley	Target date 15/12/20
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PL/2021/05097	Copse View, Semley.	Target date 14/07/21

For Information – decisions by Wiltshire Council:

PL/2021/03075.	East Lynn, Gutch Common, Semley SP7 9BG.	WC Approved 8/6/21
PL/2021/05526.	Land lying to west of A350 near Sedgell	WC Refused 22/6/21

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Matters for Consideration:

- a. MP visit Thursday 29th July 2021 from 11.30 to 12.00pm – Cllr. D Curless advised that Rt. Hon. Dr. Andrew Murrison, MP will be “Meeting the Constituents” to discuss local issues at Semley Village Hall. An advert has been placed in the Parish Magazine and on the Semley Village Hall Facebook page.
- b. Traffic Speed A350 Dairy Farm near Hayes House – Cllr. D Curless advised that Mr. Simon Stiles had previously contacted him complaining of excessive speeding by his farm entrance on the A350 north of Hayes House. Cllr. Curless contacted Wiltshire Council and received a reply from David Button (Highways) stating that the concerns had been raised before and that no action to extend the 50mph speed limit past Hayes House towards East Knoyle had or would be taken. Cllrs. A Bowerman and T Duthie suggested that if extension of the speed limit was not possible, then double white lines to reduce overtaking on bends should be pursued. Cllr. G Wilde advised that the A350 was a primary route under the jurisdiction of Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Police and Highways England and that a Traffic Study, considering reported accidents, vehicle speeds and driver behaviour, would be necessary to justify a Traffic Regulation Order. Cllr. T Duthie suggested study funding might come from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG). **ACTION:** Cllr. D Curless to investigate study funding with CATG. Cllr. G Wilde to provide names of potential traffic study experts.
- c. Grit/Salt Bins at Hatch Cottage and Sem Hill – Cllr. D Curless advised that bins were required at both locations to treat icy roads and that although Wiltshire Council will move existing bins, it will not purchase new bins. Cllr. A Bowerman advised that there was road salt in store at Church Farm. **ACTION:** Cllr. D Curless agreed to investigate the costs of new bins to be funded by SSPC.
- d. Tisbury Station: Proposed Housing Development and Traffic Control on road from Semley to Tisbury - Cllr. G Wilde advised he had spoken with Tisbury PC about the proposed development. The developers had originally sought agreement from Network Rail (NR) to install a pedestrian bridge over the railway line to link the development site on the south side of the tracks with the town, but NR has now stated that it will not fund construction, even though there is a long-term plan to dual track the line through Tisbury station that will require a new bridge to enable passengers to get to/from the new platform. The developers, now looking for a low-cost solution, are proposing to pedestrianise one of the arches of the bridge on the road from Semley /Ansty to Tisbury and install traffic lights to control two-way vehicular traffic through the other arch. Cllr. G Wilde suggested that the developers should conduct a traffic survey to allay fears of traffic congestion at the site and that he was willing to support Tisbury PC dialogue with them. **ACTION:** Cllr. G Wilde to offer help to Tisbury PC.

- e. Fly Tipping – Cllr. A Ebbens advised that meetings were held with landowners in vicinity of “Quiet Lane” on Saturday 19th June and he spoke with Ashley White (WWT) on Monday 28th June. All agreed that CCTV signs could be attached to trees in appropriate places. Cllr. Ebbens also advised that installing cameras will take longer and he is discussing options with Richard Salter. Cllr. Ebbens advised that after a detailed recce, 4 signs are required, and he requested an extra sign be bought for £20.

[Proposed by Cllr. L Stopford and seconded by Cllr. P Hankinson \(unanimous\).](#)

Post Meeting Statement by Cllr. Ebbens - A Fly Tipping Committee needs to be established; WC and police (cross county boundary) need to be involved so that a complete process is established; from CCTV recordings assessment to provision of evidence to prosecution.

ACTION: Cllrs to consider participation in Fly Tipping Committee.

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Rights of Way Report (submitted by email after meeting): Cllr. A Ebbens.

- a. Sedgehill - WC RoW support will improve as Covid restrictions reduce. Ramblers Work Teams are on project work in the Donheads; Sedgehill and Semley are next. Priority is rectification of SESE5 alignment in accordance with the Definitive Map in Mt Pleasant area, then re-activation of SESE8 from Greystones across to BW SESE7 near Sweetwell. WC RoW Officer will include SSPC RoW Cllr in a meeting with respective landowners soon. Finally, SESE48, which parallels the railway line past Lower Liston Farm, will be aligned and marked correctly.
- b. Semley - Telcon between Cllr. A Ebbens and Mr. T Allfrey discussed future improvements to the asphalt footpath (SESE34) from Church Farm east across Semley Common, SESE35 behind the church and school (including the approach to the small bridge over the stream), and the wet area where the east end of SESE32 meets the Common. Mr Allfrey will cost up the work and gain assistance from Cllr. A Bowerman on some parts.
- c. Hugglers Hole – a barn for over-wintering Alpacas will be built soon; WC have confirmed that SESE11 will not be obstructed.

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Defibrillator: Cllr. A Ebbens

Checks continue to be completed weekly and reported to the national Defib Service. 1st responder and Defib training will be arranged by Cllr Ebbens as soon as the qualified instructor is available.

ACTION: Cllr. A Ebbens to arrange a Training Session.

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Finance:

- a. Income & expenditure report – as at 30th June 2021 (previously circulated) - [All agreed represents a true record.](#)

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Items for Next Agenda:

- a. Administration Books – Cllr. D Curless indicated these were expensive, but that it might be possible to share use and expense with other Parish Councils.
- b. Litter Picking (update).
- c. Ash Dieback – Cllr. P Hankinson reminded Cllrs that the PC may need to make provision to fell affected trees in the Parish

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Dates of future meetings:

Full Parish Council meetings:

Monday 6th September 2021

Semley Village Hall

Monday 1st November 2021

Sedgehill Village Hall

Additional Planning meetings (if required):

Tuesday 5th October 2021 Sedgehill Village Hall
Tuesday 7th December 2021 Sedgehill Village Hall
All meetings commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

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Other Business

- a. **Election Process** for Parish Councils. Cllr. A Ebbens reported that on 16th March, Rt. Hon. Dr Murrison, MP was asked to investigate modernisation of the PC election process. On 19th May, the reply from Lord True in the Cabinet Office stated that nothing would change because it provides better identity assurance and the flexibility to have documentation corrected quickly if mistakes are made. Cllr. A Ebbens intends to follow this up with the Returning Officer and also to resolve the SSPC “Wards” issue.
ACTION: Cllr. Ebbens to contact Returning Officer.
- b. Cllr. L Stopford advised that there would be **coppicing in Sedgehill** during the winter months.
ACTION: Cllr. L Stopford to provide details.
- c. Cllr. T Duthie advised that **“Deadly Nightshade” is growing** on the excavated soil in front of the Rectory at Semley.
ACTION: Cllr. D Curless to inform Parish Steward.
- d. Cllr. A Bowerman advised that a **Planning Application for a new barn at Church Farm, Semley** had been submitted. It is required to improve animal welfare during the winter months as required by Red Tractor Quality Assurance scheme. Details have been circulated by Bev Ford for consideration by Cllrs.
ACTION: All Cllrs. to review and comment; response date to WC is 05/08/2021.
- e. Cllr. Ebbens reported that £360,000 is being made available to help farming in Protected Landscapes.
- f. Cllr. T Duthie suggested that a **Bio-Diversity audit** be conducted as a first step towards developing a Bio-Diversity plan and/or guidance for the Parish. This could be a suitable project(s) for local schools, colleges, and universities.
ACTION: Cllr. T Duthie and Cllr. Y Barclay to discuss.
Cllr. A Bowerman advised that the NFU has a Country Stewardship Scheme and suggested that SSPC is briefed by the local NFU Officer, Louis Stratton. Cllr. T Duthie commented that this would help inform SSPC on activities, which may be of concern to some parishioners, such as re-wilding areas of farmland, tree planting on common land, clearing invasive / damaging undergrowth (e.g. brambles, foreign flora etc.) on common land, cutting back of overgrown hedgerows to their original state, and clearance of ditches.
ACTION: Cllr. A Bowerman to contact Louis Stratton to arrange meeting with SSPC.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 9:55pm

Name: Signature: Date: