

Sedgeberrow Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in The Betteridge Room, Sedgeberrow Village Hall on Wednesday 9th January 2019.

Present: Councillors: C Devereaux-Little (Chairman), S Morris, R Hunt, J Westmacott, H Snow & E Kearsey

In Attendance: Donna Bowles, Clerk

Also in attendance: 4 members of the public.

1	<p>Apologies for absence: Cllr Pratt</p>
2	<p>Register of Interests: Members were reminded of the need to keep their register of interests up to date</p> <p>Declaration of Interests: Members were asked to disclose any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the Agenda and their nature. Councillors with a disclosable pecuniary interest are required to leave the room for the relevant agenda item.</p> <p>a) Pecuniary Interests. Members were asked to declare any other disclosable interests in items on the Agenda and their nature.</p> <p>Other Disclosable Interests. None.</p>
3	<p>Acceptance of Minutes: The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at The Betteridge Room, Sedgeberrow Village Hall were agreed by the Council to be a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.</p>
4	<p>Open Forum: The Chairman moved that the meeting be adjourned for the Public Open Forum and this was agreed.</p> <p>A resident recommended Councillors visit the land behind 49b Main St to view the archaeological site.</p> <p>Reports from: Police - 06/11 a report of a burglary on Winchcombe Road. PC Zoey Carter unable to attend due to operational requirements. County Councillor Liz Eyre – not in attendance - report sent with agenda (Appendix B) District Councillor George Mackison – not in attendance – no report sent. Mike Parker – SeSaME report sent with agenda (Appendix C). He queried why there are so many Councillors on the Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Plan. Reply was that there are not many residents that have come forward and the Councillors care about the village and want to do the best for it, which is why they are also on the group, as well as the fact that Councillors must be a part of the Steering Group as it is a Working Group of the Parish Council, and they must be represented. It was explained by Councillors how they see it being run.</p>
5	<p>The Chairman closed the adjournment at 19:40 hrs.</p>
6	<p>Clerk's Progress Report:</p> <p>a) Clerk has emailed Fiona Argyle, Worcestershire County Council for advice re new footpaths warden. She has provided an advertisement which can go in noticeboards, along the public footpaths and the newsletter via the website.</p> <p>b) The meeting regarding the website has been postponed until January.</p> <p>c) The Publication Scheme and policies have now been placed on the website.</p> <p>d) Clerk has ascertained that all Highways training has now been completed for last year. There will be a further course run in 2019, however it will not be run until there are enough people to make it worthwhile.</p>

	<p>e) All Councillors were emailed information required for setting up a new Bank Account, however there is still information missing from one Councillor so this has not yet been actioned.</p> <p>f) Clerk has contacted Wychavon who are looking in to repairing the dog bin on corner of Cheltenham Rd/Winchcombe Rd.</p> <p>g) Clerk is in the process of trying to arrange for the war memorial cleaning. She confirmed that it is not necessary for this to be professionally cleaned. Simply Stone in Evesham give advice as to the cleaning on their website. Councillors are happy to get together to carry this work out.</p>
7	<p>Planning Matters: Applications Considered:</p> <p>a) 18/02077/FUL – proposed community hub and grounds maintenance equipment store at Glebe Meadow Recreation Ground, Winchcombe Rd, Sedgeberrow. Following discussions, it was agreed to respond “No comment and recommend for approval.”</p> <p>b) 18/02570/HP – new attached garage, single storey rear extension and garage conversion at 10 Winchcombe Rd, Sedgeberrow, WR11 7UD. Cllr Devereaux-Little proposed the following comments: Sedgeberrow Parish Council has no objection in principle but would ask the following be reviewed in setting planning conditions: 1. Full flood risk assessment is carried out to show impact, if any, to adjoining properties. As the building and proposed extension is in Flood Zone 2, attenuation of rainwater is necessary with the use as recycled grey water. This should be described in the water management statement. 2. The application is in accordance with NPPF & current SWDP so should be approved subject to the above conditions being met. Cllr Westmacott seconded, unanimous approval.</p> <p>Planning Applications Noted:</p> <p>c) 18/01514/FUL – amendments to application of residential development of 20no dwellings and associated garaging Location: Land to Rear Of, 43-57 Main Street, Sedgeberrow. Following email consultation, the following comments were made: “We would like you to consider the following regarding the amended details for this application, along with the comments originally submitted: The proposed splays presume there will be no future opportunity for the owners of houses either side of the new site entrance to establish fences or hedges to the front of their properties. Granting permission to develop on Greenfield sites such as this expects a minimum of 40% affordable housing stock. The housing mix being changed by this amendment still maintains a higher percentage of commercially beneficial properties whilst failing to address Sedgeberrow’s requirement for more affordable housing. No consideration has been given to reduce overlooking of Bungalows on adjacent roads.” Cllr Morris attended the planning meeting on 13th December and provided the following report: “I attended the Planning Cttee with several parishioners. I spoke for the obligatory 3 mins and raised the points previously agreed and which represented the concerns of the village about this project. I pointed out that the way this application had re-emerged had caught the village on the hop and that earlier in the year I had represented Sedgeberrow at that same committee when the Reserved Matters were debated. Then it had all gone quiet until the end of August when the entirely new application was received. Many of the PC did not recognise that this was entirely new at first and that we had to act at speed, we called a village meeting and had a very large turnout – which included not only those parishioners directly affected by the buildings but also those who live elsewhere on Main Street. The issues they raised were forwarded by our clerk and have been summarised in this committee’s documents, but I must now emphasise 3 key points again. Traffic Management Drainage Potential urbanisation of this part of the village by street lighting.</p>

I asked if any of the committee members had ever visited Sedgeberrow or were familiar with Main St.

What the cttee needed to recognise was that this is a very narrow road, almost a mile long with few passing points. Many of the houses on Main St are terraced cottages with no parking so more than 40 householders already have to park on the street. There is already chaos during the school drop off/pick up times and a recent building project – which was for only one large house and took 9 months to complete caused road users and pedestrians major difficulty and danger during the work.

So, one thing Sedgeberrow asks for if this development is approved is a traffic management process during the building work.

Secondly this is the largest development in Sedgeberrow for more than 50 years. Although we don't have a problem with new homes in principle - of some sort and in the right numbers – this will have a big impact. Indeed, we would like to see more young families in the village and more local kids attending our Outstanding village school – but these new homes therefore need to be Affordable.

The drainage system in Main St is ancient and failing so due attention must be taken of the knock-on effect of more than 100 hundred new villagers using the facilities!

I also reminded them of the long and sad history of flooding in the village and that this should be a key consideration in any water attenuation work.

Finally, this big development will have a major impact on the population in the village – ie an increase of more than 10%. and will require the infrastructure surrounding the project to be upgraded.

After that I had to return to my chair and could not speak again.

George Mackison made some similar points about the narrowness of Main St and potential loss of the bus service.

When the committee debated, they were complimentary that Sedgeberrow had attended to put forward the parishioners views. However, when it came to the question of “how many of you have ever been in Main St, Sedgeberrow?” It was clear that no one had. Indeed, to compound this Cllr Tony Rowley actually said he was familiar with the village and drove through it regularly on his way from Pershore to Winchcombe – in his view there was not a major road problem. This is because he was of course thinking of Winchcombe Rd. I was unable to challenge him at the time but on exiting the conference room I walked across and pointed out his error.

The following day I called Gavin Greenhow to enquire how we might state a formal objection and he said the PC could write to the Cttee chairman or Dave Hammond, Head of Planning at Wychavon. He did not think it would have any impact though. He also reassured me that a traffic management Plan for the development would be implemented.”

It was pointed out that the minutes of the Planning Meeting have some errors in it – Cllr Morris has requested a correction to the Planning Committee meeting minutes for 13 December which wrongly reported that she had supported the document. The Clerk, Mandy Ladds, acknowledged the error and the minutes are to be corrected at the next Planning Committee meeting. The minutes have still not been published but Mandy has assured that the correction has been made.

Planning Decisions:

d) **18/02076/HP** – extension of existing single storey building to the rear of the property at Paddock Villa 80 Main St, Sedgeberrow, WR11 7UF – Planning approved subject to conditions.

8	Finance: a) The Chairman invited Councillors to consider the forecast expenditure for 2019/20. The projected
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	<p>expenditure was reviewed, and a projected spend of £11,095 was agreed. Cllr Devereaux-Little proposed, seconded by Cllr Morris that the Parish Council set a precept on Wychavon District Council of £11,095 for the municipal year 2019/20. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>b) Consideration was given to the third quarterly bank reconciliation, account balances and income and expenditure payments. These were agreed by all Councillors. Cllr Devereaux-Little signed the quarterly bank reconciliation and bank statements.</p> <p>c) The Council gave consideration and approval of the payments listed in Appendix A. It was agreed that Cllr Hunt would sign the cheques and arrange for the signature of Cllr Pratt.</p> <p>d) It was noted the S137 spending limit for 19/20 is £8.12 per elector</p> <p>e) Clerk has now received all the information required to enable the Lloyds Bank Account to be set up. Cllr Devereaux-Little proposed that the Clerk along with Cllrs Morris, Westmacott, Hunt & Pratt are the signatories to the account. This will be set up with any 2 Councillors to sign cheques, and 3 to authorise online payments – the Clerk being one, with Cllrs Morris & Westmacott being the other 2. Cllr Kearsey seconded. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>f) The Council noted the Bank reconciliation, reconciled with the HSBC Current Account statement number 313 issued 31st December 2018 and the balance of accounts:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="236 763 1474 1155"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND CHEQUES TO BE DRAWN</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Sedgeberrow Parish Council</th> <th>31.12.18</th> <th>B/F</th> <th>01.04.18</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>25,825.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current Account No 21171712</td> <td>15,207.46</td> <td>INTEREST</td> <td>9.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Money Manager 11174916</td> <td>10,033.26</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evergreen Account 51398326</td> <td>501.36</td> <td>CREDIT</td> <td>1,314.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Choir Account 91376373</td> <td>573.93</td> <td>GRANTS</td> <td>12,321.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cricket Club NS&I 137935070</td> <td>1,255.98</td> <td>PRECEPT</td> <td>10,453.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>27,571.99</td> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>49,924.33</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND CHEQUES TO BE DRAWN				Sedgeberrow Parish Council	31.12.18	B/F	01.04.18				25,825.67	Current Account No 21171712	15,207.46	INTEREST	9.91	Business Money Manager 11174916	10,033.26			Evergreen Account 51398326	501.36	CREDIT	1,314.75	Choir Account 91376373	573.93	GRANTS	12,321.00	Cricket Club NS&I 137935070	1,255.98	PRECEPT	10,453.00		27,571.99	TOTAL	49,924.33
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9	<p>Consideration of Correspondence Received:</p> <p>a) A suggestion has been received that free copies of the Evesham Journal be provided on a first come/first served basis along with a book exchange for the telephone kiosk. Cllr Morris has contacted a couple of people for quotes to refurbish the kiosk – these are awaited. It was agreed by all Councillors that copies of the Evesham journal would be made available, along with a book exchange.</p> <p>b) Clerk to write to PCC explaining the situation regarding not being able to make a donation and requesting what areas of the burial ground they specifically want maintained.</p>																																				
10	<p>GDPR:</p> <p>Cllrs Kearsey & Westmacott confirmed they have set up their separate email addresses. Cllr Devereaux-Little stated his computer security will not allow the new email address, though he could access emails through webmail. Clerk stressed once again separate email addresses need to be set up. This agenda item is now complete.</p>																																				
11	<p>Parish Assets:</p> <p>Cllr Devereaux-Little confirmed inspection of parish assets has taken place.</p> <p>a) He will arrange for a working party to clean the war memorial.</p> <p>b) Cllr Devereaux-Little has requested the oak seat be made good.</p> <p>c) Telephone kiosk discussed in minute 9a.</p> <p>d) The dog bin reported under Clerk’s report</p> <p>e) Cllr Devereaux-Little proposed that a handyman be looked into. Cllr Hunt seconded. Unanimous approval.</p>																																				
12	<p>Community:</p> <p>a) Cllr Kearsey has received complaints re dog fouling around the Parish. She has looked into this and reported that it is Wychavon District Council’s policy to clear up any dog fouling issues within 24 hours. The link to report this issue is : https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/dog-fouling-removal</p>																																				

	<p>Councillors requested Clerk obtain quotes for 12 new dog fouling signs to be placed around the Parish.</p> <p>b) Councillors have asked Clerk to write to Hinton Parish Council requesting their consideration to re-installing the bin in the layby on the Cheltenham Rd.</p> <p>c) Clerk to write to PCC requesting the areas as mentioned in minute 9b. To receive a response by 31st Jan in order for Cllr Devereaux-Little to put together a new contract for agreement by PC.</p> <p>d) The Parish Council are happy to support the Heart of England in Bloom 2019. A former Councillor has offered to run this with assistance and has arranged a meeting with a judge of England in Bloom. Cllr Morris suggested he speak with a couple of residents regarding planters and flowers using the S106 beautification monies. She has also offered to advertise this through local groups.</p>
13	<p>Lengthsman: Cllr Devereaux-Little and Clerk met with Lengthsman on 7th January. It was decided that the Parish Council would issue a work sheet after each meeting, and Lengthsman would inform the Clerk of any other works that require carrying out. Works over next 2 months:</p> <p>a) White gates cleaning b) Signage cleaning</p>
14	<p>Parish Games: Sedgeberrow won the Wychavon Parish Games Middle Size Village competition. Cllr Morris will be attending a meeting on 23rd January. She will confirm with Sue Collins as to the insurance aspect of the cup. Councillors passed on their congratulations.</p>
15	<p>NDP: A village open meeting was held on Monday 7th January with an excellent turnout of approx 70 residents. Cllr Kearsley went through a presentation, explaining the need for a Neighbourhood Plan. Andrew Ford of Wychavon District Council Head of Planning Policy explained the benefits of putting together a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Kearsley will collate the information from the questionnaires and Clerk will set a date for the next meeting of the Steering Group. As a result of the resounding support from the village the Parish Council will now request the funding for the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
17	<p>Matters raised by Councillors: The following matters were raised by Council Members:</p> <p>a) Cllr Morris – asked for figures of what has been spent on S106 projects. Clerk to provide. b) Cllr Devereaux-Little – expression of interest document completed for Community Centre was completed and approval received with a request for a bid document to be submitted by 18th Jan. He provided this documentation for Councillors to view. He requested Councillors meet to finalise the documents in order to be sent off. Sedgeberrow Community Centre to be placed on the next agenda.</p>
18	<p>Correspondence Noted:</p> <p>a) A response was sent to the South Worcestershire Open Space Assessment (including Community Buildings) - Town/Parish Council Survey b) The sum of £174 has been received from the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund re Lynwood, 65 Main St c) A letter of thanks has been received from The Royal British Legion. d) Permission in Principle – a new planning consent route – emailed 2.10.18 e) LTN31 – Local Council General Powers – updated – emailed 31.10.18 f) To note the appointment of PCSO Jenny Humphries, who has taken over from PCSO Steven Tinkler – emailed 5.11.18</p>
19	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>a) Date for Annual Parish Assembly set for 6th March, 6.30 opening, 7.30 meeting. Clerk gave her apologies. Informal Parish Assembly Planning meeting on Mon 11th Feb, 7.30pm in the Queens Head b) Council confirmed the date of the next Ordinary Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th March 2019 in The Betteridge Room, Sedgeberrow Village Hall at 7.15pm.</p>
20	<p>Closure of Meeting: The Chairman closed the meeting at 22:25 hrs</p>

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

APPENDIX A: FINANCE

Payments to be made				Jan-19	NET	VAT	GROSS
Date	Name	Product	Chq				
9.1.19	HMRC	Clerk Tax	101052				1.40
9.1.19	Mrs D Bowles	Expenses	101053				44.93
9.1.19	HMRC	Clerk Tax	101054				1.40
9.1.19	Sbw Village Hall	Hire of Hall	101055				50.00
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APPENDIX B – County Councillor Liz Eyre’s Report

Happy and Peaceful New Year

County

Worcestershire 1000

The annual Local Enterprise Partnership Conference (Nov 30th 2018) launched Worcestershire 1000. The ambition is to encourage businesses, organisations from across the country to get involved championing Worcestershire.

Branding has been developed to promote the County. The Worcestershire brand is not owned by any one organisation or partner. It reflects the wider community’s pride in championing the county as a place to live, work, invest and visit.

A film has been produced. Worcestershire has so much to offer whether you are an investor, growing your business, a residents or a visitor county. From the outskirts of UK's second city to the edge of the Cotswolds, Worcestershire is ideally placed at the heart of England. Worcestershire is easy to get to and easy to get around. With excellent road and rail links there are three international airports within an hour's drive of the county.

The County is home to global brands including Morgan Cars, Worcester Bosch and Worcestershire Sauce.

The University of Worcester is amongst the fastest growing universities in the UK. The

Worcestershire 5G Consortium is leading the way for UK digital transformation.

Together a partnership of private sector companies and public sector organisations from across the county share the ambition to raise the profile of Worcestershire regionally, nationally and internationally.

- **One of the first 6 locations to receive Government funding to develop 5G applications and has since received enquiries and delegations from around the world.**
- **The high quality skills supply is excellent with 172,350 students based at the 10 universities within a 60 minute drive.**
- **It's been recognised as one of the top places in the UK for business start-ups, with a total of 38,764 registered companies**
- **51% Growth has been achieved by its mid-sized companies over a three year period.**
- **In 2017, the direct value of its tourism economy was over £866million.**
- **The biggest cluster of cyber security firms outside of London is based in Cyber Valley, Worcestershire, with 20% of the top 600 companies in the UK located here.**
- **£3.15bn annual revenues generated by its fastest growing midsized companies in the last year according to the latest Worcestershire Growth Barometer report.**
- **Education 86% Overall Satisfaction (National average = 83%),
15th Out of 131 for Teaching Quality,
18th Out of 131 for Student Experience**

You can join Worcestershire 1000 to help to tell the Worcestershire story, promote the county regionally, nationally and internationally and help us to realise our 2040 vision. The network of county champions made up of companies, organisations and individuals.

To find out more about joining the Worcestershire 1000, Speak to one of the team – see website:

www.oneworcestershire.com

Signup@oneworcestershire.com - Follow twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.

Education

More than four in every five (83%) of Worcestershire's schools are good or outstanding, Ofsted figures show out of the 243 schools in the area, 47 are rated outstanding, 158 good, as of October 31. Across the West Midlands, on average, 84% of schools are good or outstanding. PROVISIONAL results for the county's primary schools in SATs show the overall performance was below the national average.

Children's Services

It has improved since being rated inadequate November 2016 but some issues remain. The latest report by Ofsted, its sixth monitoring visit:

the quality of support offered to children in care up to the age of 16 has improved. The Council uses legal processes and care proceedings "effectively" which ensures children are protected and plans are put in place to secure their long-term future when they are exposed to significant harm

Our Children's Social Care staff have been working on ways to improve referrals and avoid delays in getting the right support to children and families. This has resulted in new referral pathway coming online from Monday November 26.

Accessed from our website (www.worcestershire.gov.uk/earlyhelpfamilysupport), our new "Request for service, Early Help Family Support" referral pathway allows young people, parents, carers and professionals to make direct requests to their locality.

In addition we have amended the existing 'Cause for Concern' to be more clear that this is a 'referral to children's social work services' for safeguarding concerns. We are renaming it 'Referral to Children's

Social Care' and we have added the referral form to our website (www.worcestershire.gov.uk/childrenreferral) to allow wider access for professionals outside of Worcestershire to refer directly in.

Adult Services

The County Council has launched its vision for delivering adult social care over the next three years. With pressures growing nationally on social care, Promoting Independence: Our Vision for Transforming Adult Social Care in Worcestershire sets out the key priorities up until 2022.

It outlines how services will be delivered, highlighting areas for development, outcomes that will be achieved and how progress will be tracked.

The plan will be reviewed on an annual basis and the County Council also intends to produce a local account of how well, or otherwise, progress is being made.

Promoting Independence: WCC vision for transforming Adult Social Care in Worcestershire Adult Services Business Plan - 2018 – 2022

Worcestershire residents are healthier, live longer, have a better quality of life and remain independent for as long as possible. We will work together with partners and communities to enable Worcestershire residents to make responsible choices, when planning their lives to achieve the best possible outcomes. We will enable individuals to become or remain independent, self-reliant and an integrated part of their local communities."

In order to help people to achieve these goals we recognise that adult social care has an essential role to play:

- helping people to stay healthy and supported to live in their local community with choice and control;
- providing information and services to help prevent and postpone the need for care and support, and educate people about the choices they may have if they do need care;
- ensuring social care is responsive to residents' needs and is seamless between different parts of the system;
- buying and providing services that are safe and ensuring people are satisfied with the quality of their care and support

However, these ambitious aims are also a corporate responsibility and the needs of people with disabilities, older residents and their carers, who need support, will be central to our decision making about services. These will range from traffic lighting and street landscape design through to working closely with Children's services to join up our services for young adults who are transferring to an adult service.

We will work in partnership with our District, Borough and Parish council colleagues on issues such as community safety, housing, leisure and economic regeneration. We will ensure that the needs of people in need of support are understood and acted on.

Our partnership with health colleagues will be a central part of what we do. We will seek opportunities to make practical changes that provide 'joined up' care or save money so that our whole health and social care system is more sustainable.

There is national recognition about the pressures that social care is working under and Worcestershire is no exception. We celebrate the fact that people are living longer but age may bring frailty. We are also working with more people with disabilities. This brings unprecedented financial pressure to which we need to respond. This will mean:

- maximising the independence of adults in our community, and championing a strengths based approach to meeting needs through the '3 Conversations' model (3CM);
- fully realising the benefits that can be gained by health and social care co-ordinating care around people's needs through more integrated and/or aligned ways of working;
- streamlining customer pathways to improve the experience for service users and to provide more efficient and effective interventions;
- ensuring staff are confident and equipped to deliver vital services, and they feel inspired and positive about the work that they do
- continuing to recognise and support the role of carers.

and, when we do change things we will always seek to involve our service users, their families and our staff

HIGHWAYS

Clerks / Chairman: Don't forget that our Highways Twitter account @WorcsTravel is now in #GritterTwitter mode and gives daily updates on our winter service, weather news and gritting plans.

Bus Scrutiny I have been very busy on the bus scrutiny for a number of weeks and will share with you. I think I made a good input. The report calls for a change in mind-set on solving the problem of how we get around if we do not have access to a car or have to leave the car behind due to illness etc. The draft paper, compiled by a cross-party scrutiny group, sets out a number of recommendations: including asking the council to take a long-term strategic approach to public transport. We feel it is time to start building bus services up so that buses are seen as an option for everyone, not just those who have no other option, as part of a county-wide strategic approach to address the issues but also to make the most of opportunities. A copy will be distributed

I noted a bus issue in Sedgeberrow – the damage to buses due to negotiation of cars on Main Street is a challenge. Ideas put forward were:

- bus to stop on the old road – I suspect that the usage would decline significantly and make the route less viable.
- Making Main Street one way – might help what are your views?
- Has the parish any other ideas? For me keeping a bus service is vital – any obstructions which add to operator costs risk the service.

Local

1. Speeding Winchcombe Road ongoing.

In 2018 if I recall

- A Safer Roads Partnership approach was not supported – this should be pursued again.
- Black barns signage changes agreed by Gloucestershire, which would remove some of the HGVs was not affordable for the parish
- A chicane approach need evidence that other counties install without lighting – parishes collecting photographic evidence for me – none received yet.
- Other road changes that the parish will fund – I need a list so that I can get behind and champion for parish with lead officers.

2. Parish Footway survey /report/pictures – sent to Main manager - no response yet

3. **School Mobiles** - on going

4. **A46 changes** – Highways England

Discretionary fund

- Investigation re 1st junction – no dates yet
- Investigation cycle crossing Hinton – movement no date
- Aston Somerville turn no agreement

5. **Neighbourhood plan** – I have given some advice and contacts to its chairman Emma Kearsey

6. **School** – 150 anniversary – My best wishes are with the school.

7. **Footpath survey** – need to prioritise – will chat with Donna

APPENDIX C : SeSaME Report

Sedgeberrow Post

You will know from reading the Dec/Jan Sedgeberrow Post that Mike has decided that for several reasons it would be sensible for him, whilst he is still in reasonable fettle, to pass on the deadlines of seeking, collating and writing up Sedgeberrow news to one of our younger residents. It's an optimum time to make the change and put the Post to rest. All advertising contracts have ended, so no one will need reimbursing. February to March are hardly hotspots of village activity so there is room for some slippage for the next news vehicle. There is a strong village tradition, unrelated to SeSaME, of recording village news. We have had the Sedgeberrow Scene, the Grapevine and the Sedgeberrow Post, all different in their way. Now the Village can welcome another new era.

Many thanks should go to the splendid SeSaME team who made it possible. Mike will continue with his other village activities where the deadlines are much less instant. He will be available to provide initial support to whoever launches their own take on the news, whatever format it follows. Our current advertisers will have been advised of the change and their contact details will be available

Active Travel Group

SeSaME chair Mike Parker has continued attending meetings of the Wychavon District Council Active Travel Group co-opted as a stakeholder from the Rural Advisory group.

The Active Travel Groups Terms of Reference are to explore measures which:

- Reduce the number of short journeys by car.
 - Reduce traffic congestion and pollution
 - Promote Health and Wellbeing
 - Promote all forms of sustainable travel, including cycling, walking, rail and electric cars and bikes.
- a) Thursday, 29 November 2018: Henry Harbord, Transport Strategy Officer from Worcestershire County Council gave a presentation to the meeting. Mike raised a query over Hinton Cross – Henry advised that a 'refuge' is being considered there.

Henry also mentioned that Highways England currently has substantial funding where they have to report on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and that one is to do with cycling/walking (keen to promote cycling/walking schemes). They are open to suggestions from WCC to work with them. Mike has already presented a challenge to the group of finding the scope to improve the cycle route from Evesham to Sedgeberrow, on to Ashton under Hill and beyond. That way extending the easier availability of a wide range of relatively quiet country roads.

If a refuge is finally constructed at Hinton Cross it should add weight to arguments from the Parish Council about the need to greatly increase the viability of this particular cycle route, if wished.

b) Tuesday 18th December 2018:

There was an interesting discussion about ways of reducing traffic congestion and the difficulties faced

by public transport at certain key school “Drop-n-Collect” times.

We were referred to examples explored by “Living Streets” in the link below.

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/what-we-do/stories/school-road-closure-in-camden>

Members have also been exploring “Best Practice in Sustainable School Travel” through “Delivery of Travel Plans”, as related to Modeshift STARS: <https://www.modeshiftstars.org/>

Given the seemingly constant complaints about congestion in Main Street at these key times from bus companies’ servicing Sedgeberrow, with the risk they might withdraw, it might be something that the Parish Council would wish to explore with the County Council.

Planning meeting Thursday 13th December 2018 regarding the Residential Development of 20 Dwellings – Land to rear of 43 to 57 Main St, Sedgeberrow.

Mike Parker attended this planning meeting having submitted a resident’s response to the planning application’s Energy Statement, under reserve matters within Condition 19, as he had stated he would have within his SeSaME Report at the Parish Council Meeting on the 12th September 2018

He had asked the Parish Council at that September meeting to support what he considered a significant viewpoint. One arising out of challenging Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) as a heating source in new build, both for future resident’s financial security and the potentially increased footprint of heavy delivery vehicles. It was summarised as below:

I would question whether the Energy Statement, as it stands, meets the requirements of the Renewable and Low Carbon Energy SPD (July 2018), or indeed SWDP 27.

It would seem appropriate, given the District Council’s clear and longstanding commitment to an intelligently green and low carbon economy, that the energy statement should be referred back in order to clearly identify a more ambitious and appropriate energy statement.

That question wasn’t deemed important enough in any of the discussions about the application, either within the PC’s presentation or by DC councillors on the planning committee.

Mike has not yet discovered whether the LPG will be delivered to individual tanks or a communal one.

Either way, going by the feedback we have had in the past from established residents with bulk LPG, it is very likely to be as unwelcome to our new residents, as is the siting of these houses is to existing residents.

He hopes that sustainable, low carbon, low running cost housing will become a key target for our eventual Neighbourhood Plan

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Mike Parker. Chair. Sedgeberrow Sustainable and Manageable Energy.