

SEDGEHILL and SEMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Semley Village Hall on 8th January 2024 commencing 7.30pm.

Filmed, photographed or audio recorded: The Chairman confirmed no part of the meeting filmed, photographed or audio recorded.

Public Open Session: No members of the public present, no questions or statements raised.

Wiltshire Councillor's Report: The November Area Board meeting focused on Highways issues. Thankfully no flooding of properties reported within Sedgemoor or Semley from recent storms.

071/01/24 **Apologies:** The Chairman has received resignation from Cllr Y Barclay. The Parish Council accepted resignation and expressed thanks to Yvonne for her dedication and support especially with Planning and Climate/Biodiversity.

072/01/24 **Present:** Cllr D Curless (Chair of meeting), Cllr A Ebbens, Cllr A Bowerman Cllr G Wilde, Cllr T Duthie, Cllr L Oatts, Cllr L Stopford and Cllr S Hellon.
In attendance: Parish Clerk and W Cllr Bridget Wayman.

073/01/24 **Dispensations:** No declarations of interest received relating to this agenda.

074/01/24 **Co-option:** 1 new vacancy. WC Returning Officer to be informed **Action:** Clerk

075/01/24 **Adopt Minutes of Meetings:**
Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2023 were adopted and signed as a true record following one small amendment "Cllr A Bowerman" added to those present at meeting. **Proposed by** Cllr A Ebbens and seconded by Cllr S Hellon.
Planning Meeting 5th December 2023 cancelled by Chairman due to weather, application responses to be endorsed below.
Action points: no further action points.

076/01/24 **Planning:**
For Consideration: new applications to date.
PL/2023/10475 Copse View, Semley. SP7 9HG New vehicular access with metal field gate and driveway to serve existing agricultural barn, with associated soft landscaping. Concern raised regarding visibility splays, to take further advice.
Proposed by Cllr L Oatts and seconded by Cllr A Bowerman (unanimous).

Action: Cllr GW to draft response

PL/2023/10210 4 Council Houses, Sedgemoor. SP7 9JJ. Erection of agricultural storage and livestock building with new access track. A number of concerns received from residents mainly to the positioning of barn. W Cllr minded to "Call-In" application. Cllrs asked for site visit.
Action: Clerk to arrange

PL/2023/09531 Bilhay Farm, Semley. SP7 9BP. Partial conversion of existing barn to provide rural education facilities. The parish council endorsed response to "Support" application but require clarification on effluent water disposal. **Action: Cllr DC**

PL/2023/09775 Share Farm, Tisbury. SP3 6PL. Repair existing roof and attic while Listed BC providing new shower room and WC; re orientate staircase and provide four conservation and means of escape from attic. The parish council endorsed response: no comments required.

For Information only – applications pending decision by Wiltshire Council:

PL/2023/05387 Land at Littledown, Shaftesbury, SP7 9HD.

PL/2023/09302 Peakes Farm, Sedgehill. SP7 9HQ.

For Information only – decisions by Wiltshire Council:

PL/2023/08570 Oak Drove House, Semley. SP7 9AE. WC Approve 29/11/23

PL/2023/05442 Berrybrook Farm, Street Lane, Sedgehill. WC Approve 30/11/23

PL/2023/02313 Barn F, Berrybrook Farm, Sedgehill. Prior Approval Granted Planning Inspectorate Reference: APP/Y3940/W/23/3323999 on 8/1/24

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Matters for Consideration/Resolutions:

- a. The Pound, Semley – Future general maintenance. Cllr D C has not had the opportunity to speak with new tenant. **Action: Cllr DC**
- b. Gate at Leased Land – Quotations pending. **Item for next Agenda**
- c. Notice Board – Sedgehill Village Hall – Quotations pending. **Item for next Agenda**
- d. Grit Bin enquiry – Enquiry received for a Grit Bin at the top of hill by Sedgehill Village Hall. New bins are costly to install and replenish with grit and people very seldom stop to spread grit. **Action: Ensure residents have bags of grit available.**
- e. Tree Warden Scheme (WC initiative) – Cllr DC has spoken with volunteers, there is some confusion on who should cover liability insurance. Although a WC initiative it appears parish councils are to cover insurance for volunteers. Parish Council insurance covers volunteers, but guidelines must be followed. **Action: Clerk**

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Finance for Consideration/Resolution:

- a. NALC National pay review - **Proposed by** Cllr G Wilde and seconded Cllr L Stopford (unanimous) to implement NALC pay review from 1st April 2023.
- b. Receipts and payments report – 31st December 2023. **Proposed by** Cllr Duthie and seconded by Cllr L Stopford (unanimous) to process payments.
- c. Precept 2024/2035 – Draft 2. Copies circulated. Following a lengthy debate, it was agreed to raise precept to £16,500.00 allowing for 10% inflation. **Proposed by** Cllr A Ebbens and seconded by Cllr G Wilde (5 in favor, 1 abstention, 2 against).
- d. Churchyard entrance gate drainage works – Confirmation received drains fully working. **Proposed by** Cllr D Curless and seconded by Cllr L Oatts (unanimous) to process donation payment.

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Reports from Port-Folio holders:

Highways: Next LHFIG meeting 7th February 2023 from 2-4pm, venue TBC. W Cllr Richard Budden who covers the Tisbury area has been in contact with Caroline Thomas at WC to act on the appalling condition of the local C Roads.

Rights of Way: Very wet at present. Wiltshire Bridleway Association raised concerns SESE 28 overgrown and obstructions. **Action: Cllr A Ebbens to respond**

Health & Wellbeing: Defibrillator in good working order.

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Items for information / next agenda: Notice Board. Gate.

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Next meetings: All agreed for meetings to commence at the earlier time of 7.00pm

Mondays: 4th March 2024 Sedgehill VH. 13th May 2024 (second Monday) Semley VH.

1st July 2024 Sedgehill VH. 9th September 2024 (second Monday) Semley VH.

4th November 2024 Sedgehill VH.

Planning meetings (if required): Tuesday's at Sedgehill Village Hall.

6th February, 9th April (2nd Tuesday), 4th June, 1st October, 3rd December 2024.

Minutes adopted: Date: Name: Signature: