

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.00pm held at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall, Sedbury.**

**Present:** Councillors: Jenkins, Koning, Russell, Stead and Tullett. Officers: Carol Hinton (Clerk)  
County Councillor - Chris McFarling. District Councillor – Adrian Birch.  
1 member of the public.

**1. ATTENDANCE**

- a) **Resolved to receive** apologies for absence from those councillors unable to attend from Councillors Allan, Bollen, Drew and Swambo.
- b) **Resolved to accept** those apologies received with reasons for absence from Councillors Allan, Bollen, Drew and Swambo.  
Apologies had also been received from Assistant Clerk David Stevens.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a) **To receive Declarations of Interest** in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers and in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members.  
*Interests may be declared at any time during the meeting should they become apparent.*
- b) **To consider any Dispensation Requests** received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered. **None.**

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- a) **Resolved to approve** as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
- b) **To consider any questions** arising from those minutes. **There were none.**  
The Chairman reported that the bus shelter (page 7) has now been cleared.

**4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

**To receive and consider any questions from the Public**, which may be answered but not debated.  
The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

**5. POLICING IN THE PARISH**

**Resolved to note** Police crime statistics for Tidenham and Sedbury can be accessed following this link.  
[Tidenham and Sedbury | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)  
Drug related crime appears quite low compared to that related to Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour.

**6. COMMITTEES**

**Resolved to receive** reports, minutes and recommendations from committees and to consider any questions arising from them.

i). Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024.  
There were no questions to Councillor Russell, Chairman of the Committee

ii) Amenities Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024.  
There were no questions to members of the Committee.

**7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Resolved to receive and note any announcements from the Chairman** of the meeting.  
The Chairman had attended the funeral of Councillor Drew's wife on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillor Drew had thanked him for doing so.  
The Chairman said he was sorry that Councillor McFarling had not been successful in his bid to become elected MP at the General Election, particularly considering the amount of hard work he had put in. From the Parish Council's perspective it will be good to have Councillor McFarling's continuing support in his County Councillor role. Councillor McFarling thanked the Chairman and, whilst being disappointed in the outcome was pleased that he had retained the same share of the vote for the Green Party. He reported that it had been a brutal campaign with the Police having been involved following several incidents.  
Clerk to send a congratulatory and introductory letter to the new MP.

## 8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

**Resolved to note** report from Chris McFarling that had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Councillor McFarling (County Council) - because of the General Election and the requirement not to address political issues, things had been quite quiet at the Council with only three motions considered at the recent meeting. He has a list of local Highways issues that he will be picking up on again shortly – particularly Coleford Road – speeding and mini roundabouts, and congestion in Woodcroft (looking at possible options including double yellow lines to allow passing places). A meeting with Highways and Police has been arranged. Councillor Adrian Birch – the Local Plan consultation has now been launched – the Plan can be seen at Sedbury and Beachley Village Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> July. The Parish Council should respond to this robustly and should review the two parts of the Plan. Any planning changes introduced by the new Government may require the Plan to be reviewed.

Councillor Koning asked of if any part of the £200m recently announced to be spent on highways projects can be used to repair the B4228 between Lancout Lane and Netherhope Lane, the surface of which is dangerous. Councillor McFarling stated that the sum of £200m will only allow for ‘sticking plaster’ repairs to be carried out. He will look at the problem area.

## 9. PARISH CLERK’S REPORT

**Resolved to receive and note** the Parish Clerk’s Report.

## 10. YOUTH PROJECT

a) **Resolved to note** no report from Emily Timmins, Youth Worker.

b) **Resolved to note** a meeting of the YETI sub group was held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024. Due to some members being unable to attend, a further meeting will be scheduled.

Councillor Russell expressed concern that the project has now been in limbo for a while and the Council needs to get it back on track once the Youth Worker’s period of leave has ended.

## 11. FINANCE

a) **Resolved to approve payments** according to the Financial Statement for June 2024.

b) **Resolved to receive and approve the Financial Statement** for June 2024.

c) **Resolved to note** the invoice for the Tump Farm Solar Park Community Benefit has been sent and is due to be paid during July 2024. The sum invoiced is £7110.78.

The Clerk reported that the Lloyds Bank sub account for the Electric Vehicle is now fully opened and that charges will be transferred temporarily from the current account whilst the account is brought into use.

Thirty days notice has now been given for the transfer of funds of £2265.10 from the Building Society to the current account as agreed by the Finance Committee.

## 12. STANDING ORDERS

**Resolved to approve** adoption of reviewed Standing Orders.

Councillors discussed that when the Standing Orders are next reviewed (after a minimum period of six months) it should be considered if the Council should become a paperless organisation where possible.

## 13. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

**Resolved to approve** adoption of reviewed Financial Regulations.

## 14. COUNCILLOR VACANCY – CO-OPTION

**Resolved to note** no member of the public has put themselves forward for the vacancy.

## 15. SEDBURY AND BEACHLEY VILLAGE HALL

**To consider** initial draft Deed of Amendment and Declaration of Trust for S&BVH.

**Resolved** – Clerk to respond to the solicitor regarding amendments required reflecting the Council’s ownership of the Hall, operating the Hall as a Committee of the Council, insurance and security. Aim to have final version available and agreed before the end of September.

## 16. NALC - SOCIAL MEDIA CIVILITY & RESPECT GUIDE AND POLICY SUPPLEMENT

**Resolved to note** the above document and discuss further steps for implementation. It was agreed to discuss this further at the development session in September and explore ways to positively promote the Council to try

to counteract the recent unpleasant social media posts from a limited number of residents against the Council, some councillors and the Clerk, using incorrect information and derogatory remarks. A vexatious behaviour policy may still be considered.

**17. SAFER STREETS FUNDING – CCTV CAMERAS.**

**Resolved to note** the 2 x CCTV camera equipment has now been received and a date for the installation will be arranged with the contractor on his return from leave on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**18. DEVELOPMENT SESSION – SUB GROUP MEETING**

**Resolved to note** feedback from Councillor Russell on the group discussion. The Group had met to discuss some goals to help further address issues within the community and a timeline for doing so. These were around social cohesion, use of the electric vehicle, social housing projects with the key area being open spaces development.

**19. SEDBURY AND DISTRICT LEISURE GARDENERS ASSOCIATION**

**a) Resolved to note** following request for information, a waiting list dated September 2022 has been received. The Clerk reported that an up to date list and accounts had now been received.

**b) To consider** review of Agreement between the Parish Council. It was agreed to meet with the management committee to discuss the Agreement and the annual fee.

**20. FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2021-2041, REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION**

**Resolved to note** the consultation period for the Local Plan commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> July and ends on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The Planning and Highways Committee will be considering a response on behalf of the Council. Councillors and members of the public can view the Plan and make their own comments following the link [Local Plan consultation pages](#).

**21. GAPTC AGM**

**Resolved to note** no Councillor is able to attend the GAPTC AGM on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July at Highnam 10.30am to 1.30pm, and Clerk to send apologies for not attending.

**22. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolved to receive and note** any other correspondence as detailed in the Clerk's Report

**23. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**To receive and note** any matters which councillors wish to raise and where appropriate add to the agenda for the following meeting or meetings of committees.

**There were none.**

**24. FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Resolved to note** the dates of future council and committee meetings:

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Planning and Highways Committee.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – Planning and Highways Committee.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 - Finance and Probity Committee.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Mopla Cottages Committee.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Amenities Committee.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Full Council meeting.

**The meeting concluded at 20.45hrs**