

SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2015 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present.

Councillor Robert Oglesby and Councillors P Bowyer, K Lockwood, S Rimmer, W Scott, B Smyth, C Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman.

There was one member of the public present (part-time).

1. Declaration of Interests.

All councillors present, except Cllr. Oglesby, expressed a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 8b (Precept) but noted that a Dispensation had been granted.

There were no other interests declared.

2. Apologies.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Cllr. R Robinson and from Wiltshire Councillor Cllr. J Seed.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 17 December 2014.

The following amendment was agreed:

Minute 10b 'Highways and Environment', 4th Para, 2nd line: Delete 'quotation'. Insert 'indicative price'. The minutes were then agreed as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

4. Neighbourhood Policing.

In the absence of a member of the Neighbourhood Policing Team a written report from PC Thomas was sent to the Clerk prior to the meeting and he read out this report to the Council. This report is shown below, in italics:

06/12/14 - 36 Seend Cleeve walk in burglary £115 cash taken from purse on kitchen table.

17/12/14 - 24 Great Hinton frame on garage forced no entry gained.

23/12/14 – New House Farm Ashton Common purse taken from insecure car.

03/01/15 – Semington Fair Fields caravan Site 2 awnings taken from secure caravan compound.

Broughton Gifford and Whitley have suffered from numerous shed burglaries with lawn mowers, chainsaws and power tools being taken. Be alert fit audible alarms where possible and report suspicious activity.

There were no matters raised by councillors.

5. Adjournment.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for members of the public to raise any matters of interest. The meeting then reconvened.

6. Wiltshire Council Report.

In the absence of Cllr. Seed no report was given.

7. Planning.

a. The Council noted the status of the following extant planning applications:

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14/09817/FUL	545 Canal Bridge	Demolition of existing single storey extension, erection of a two storey extension, garage and associated works.	Approved
14/10293/FUL	Aidan's Field Devizes Road	Extend existing large barn and construction of a new detached barn. Improvements to existing vehicular access	Approved
14/10797/FUL	Greenacres Mobile Park	Change of use of agricultural land to create 7 additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches with associated ancillary development.	Pending

b. There were no planning applications received after 7 January 2015.

c. Councillors commented that a recent exchange of correspondence with Cllr. Seed indicated that the Parish Council had not been informed of Appeal decisions relating to contentious planning applications in Semington by either Wiltshire Council or the Planning Inspectorate and that this shortcoming needed to be corrected.

Cllr. Scott stated that he had requested information and answers to a variety of planning related matters from Wiltshire Council and that he had made this request under the Freedom of Information Act. He commented that he had just received a reply from Wiltshire Council and that he would send this response to all councillors. He invited councillors to study the response and to forward him any comments.

8. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 14 January 2015 was as follows:

Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement 30 November 2015	£	7,898.20
Total:	£	7,898.20

Credits (1 December 2014 to 31 December 2014):

R P Coleman HMRC PAYE Month 8	£	114.00
Total:	£	114.00

Debits (1 December 2014 to 31 December 2014):

Clerk's Salary (November)	£	284.67
Clerk's Expenses (November)	£	7.37
HMRC PAYE Month 9	£	114.00
NALC/SLCC Pay Award	£	100.00
Total:	£	506.04

Balance at 31 December 2014:

£	7,506.16
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Credits (1 January 2015 to 14 January 2015):

R P Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 9)	£	114.00
Total:	£	114.00

Debits (1 January 2015 to 14 January 2015):

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Clerk's Salary (December)		£ 284.67
	Total:	£ 284.67

Balance at 14 January 2015:		£ 7,335.49
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Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:		£ 612.17
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Parish Council Balance at 14 January 2015:		£ 6,723.32
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Lloyds A/C 7754288

Bank Statement 30-Sep-14		£ 7,594.93
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Credits

	Interest	£ 0.31
	Interest	£ 0.33
	Interest	£ 0.30
		£ 0.94

Debits

None		£ -
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Balance at 14 January 2015:		£ 7,595.87
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Total Balance in Hand at 14 January 2015:		£ 14,319.19
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Payments to be authorised (14 January 2015).

Clerk's Salary (January)		£ 290.94
Office Expenses (December)		£ 16.17
R P Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 10)		£ 156.00
	TOTAL:	£ 463.11

Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (14 January 2015).

Independent Living Centre		TBA
Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust		TBA
		£ -
	TOTAL:	£ -

b. The Clerk presented the following proposed Budget for FY2015/16:

Proposed Budget FY2015/2016

	Budget	Estimated	Budget
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(Description)	FY14/15 Agreed	FY14/15 31-Mar-15	FY15/16 Proposed
<u>Income:</u>			
Precept	8500	8500	9500
Lloyds A/C 7754288 (Ex. St Georges Fund)	5	5	5
Lloyds A/C 2149025	0	0	0
Tennis Court Insurance	0	0	0
VAT Reclaim	20	23	634
Donations (War Memorial)	0	10	0
Tennis Court Maintenance Fund	0	0	0
Total Income	8525	8538	10139
<u>Expenditure:</u>			
Clerk Salary	3420	3533	3491
Expenses	250	250	250
Office Allowance	150	125	150
Tennis Court Insurance	0	0	0
Chairman	0	0	0
Hire Hall	500	450	500
Audit	230	230	230
Subscriptions	75	36	75
Insurance	695	669	750
Community (Section 137)	1250	1250	1250
Neighbourhood Plan	2000	0	0
War Memorial Renovation	750	3582	612
Defibrillator	0	0	1600
Training	0	0	0
Elections	1000	0	1000
Net Income	8525	8538	10139
Net Expenditure	10320	10125	9908
Surplus	-1795	-1587	231

Balance Carried Forward
at 31 March 2014:
(as per Annual Return
FY2013/14) £15,620.90

Forecast Balance Carried Forward at 31 March 2015:	£14,033.90
This Balance includes:	
Tennis Court Fund carried Forward at 31 March 2015:	£5,306.48
War Memorial Fund carried Forward at 31 March 2015:	£612.17

Forecast Balance Carried Forward at 31 March 2016:	£14,264.90
This Balance includes:	
Tennis Court Fund carried Forward at 31 March 2016:	£5,308.00

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The Council **resolved** to adopt the proposed Budget (as above) subject to a resolution to request an amount of £9,500 from Wiltshire Council for FY2015/16.

The Council **resolved** to request a Precept of £9258.05 noting that when added to the Wiltshire Council 'Top Up' Grant of £241.95 it will ensure that Semington Parish Council receives a total sum of £9,500 from Wiltshire Council for FY2015/16.

c. The Council **resolved** that it would seek additional quotations for the removal of the hedge – only one formal quotation having been received so far. Councillors observed that the cost of removing this hedge may be prohibitive if undertaken by a professional contractor and that it may be necessary to establish a volunteer Working Party to undertake the work.

d. The Council **resolved** to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above. Consideration of donations to local charities was deferred until the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to list donations recently made and to send this list to all councillors prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

9. Defibrillator.

Cllr. Bowyer confirmed that he had submitted a grant application to the Melksham Area Board for £1000 towards the cost of the Defibrillator and heated Cabinet and added that the application will be considered in February 2015.

10. Highways/Environment.

a. Cllr. Smyth stated that he had spoken to Stuart Renfrew, the Wiltshire Council Highways and Streetscene Focal Point about matters raised at the last Parish Council meeting by Cllr. Robinson. He reported that Mr Renfrew had informed him that the path referred to by Cllr. Robinson was not the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and that it had no responsibility to install a gate and that the fence, although possibly the property of Wiltshire Council, was not in a sufficiently dilapidated state to justify the cost of any repair.

b. The Council **resolved** that it would seek additional quotations for the removal of the hedge

c. There were no other matters raised.

11. Melksham Community Area Board/Community Area Transport Group Meetings.

There was nothing to report.

12. Wilts & Berks Canal.

Councillors expressed concern that the proposed development of the canal and wharf as a leisure facility at Semington may have an adverse effect on the traffic flows in the vicinity and that the Highway Authority may seek to allow construction traffic and the subsequent traffic associated with the leisure facility to access or exit the facility through Semington village. The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr. Seed expressing these concerns and requesting that the Parish Council is fully consulted if any change to the existing traffic flows or to the current prohibitive signage is proposed.

13. Tennis Court.

There was nothing to report.

14. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Wade – He stated that he had a new e-mail address and gave details to the Council.

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Cllr. Wade – He had received correspondence confirming that Leyland Magistrates' Court has listed a case relating to the Jubilee Mug fraud that resulted in Semington Parish Council becoming a victim.

Cllr. Oglesby – He had received an invitation to the Trowbridge Town Council Mayoral Dinner Dance and Cllr. Smyth reported a similar invitation in respect of Melksham Town Council

15. Date of Next Meeting.

The Council noted the date of the next scheduled Ordinary Parish Council meeting thus:

- 18 February 2015.

Note.

The following dates were agreed for Parish Council meetings:

25 March 2015.

22 April 2015.

20 May 2015.

17 June 2015.

The meeting concluded at 10.05pm.

R Oglesby
Chairman, Semington Parish Council