

# SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 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.

Wiltshire Councillor Cllr. J Seed attended (Part-time)

PCSO Maggie Ledbury of the Neighbourhood Policing Team attended (Part-time).

There was one member of the public present.

### **1. Declaration of Interests.**

There were no interests declared.

### **2. Apologies.**

There were no apologies.

### **3. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 25 March 2015.**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

### **4. Annual Parish Meeting held on 8 April 2015.**

The Council noted the following two matters that had been identified by parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting:

Parking restrictions on the Canal Bridge – Cllr. Robinson is to raise this matter at the CATG Meeting with a request that double yellow lines are installed on the bridge.

Semington Information Board – Cllr. Scott tabled photographs showing an Information Board installed at Berryfields to assist in the discussions. The Chairman requested that councillors considered a possible design for the board and the information that could be included on a similar board for Semington and to make proposals at the next Parish Council meeting.

### **5. Neighbourhood Policing.**

PCSO Janet Gould reported the following:

There has been no crime reported in Semington over the last month although PCSO Gould wanted all parishioners to be reminded that outbuildings and sheds should always be secured. She added that a Quad Bike had been stolen from Poulshot.

PCSO Gould stated that fly-tipping had occurred on the bridleway leading from St Georges Road and investigations are continuing.

PCSO Gould stated that she would consider issuing red 'advice' notices to those motorists choosing to park on the Canal Bridge because such parking could constitute an obstruction and be dangerous.

Cllr. Oglesby enquired whether Community Speed Watch scheme could be extended or used to monitor and note vehicles ignoring the No Through Road sign at Semington. PCSO Pugh stated that he would make enquiries.

### **6. Adjournment.**

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Clerk to Semington Parish Council

Chairman's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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In the absence of any members of the public, the Chairman continued the meeting without an adjournment.

## 7. Wiltshire Council Report.

Cllr. Seed gave a report on the proceedings of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting that morning to determine planning application 14/10797/FUL – Greenacres Mobile Park. He reported that the Committee had approved the application despite vehement and cogent arguments against the application from members of the public, the Parish Council and from him. He added that he was very disappointed with the decision and that he was less than satisfied with the conduct of the meeting.

Cllr. Scott attended this meeting and represented the Parish Council. The following is a report that he wrote for the Village Newsletter and is reproduced here for completeness (shown in italics):

*Wiltshire Council's Strategic Planning Committee met on April 22nd to consider the application to add an extra 6 pitches to the Greenacres mobile caravan park, filling in the open paddock between the existing development and the crematorium. The committee voted 8 to 3 to approve the application. Conditions were applied, although there was no clear summary of these before the vote was taken.*

*Two villagers, a member of the Parish Council, and Councillor Jonathon Seed spoke against the proposal. The main points of these objections were: [i] the over-development of the site, [ii] the effects on people's experience of the crematorium, [iii] the lack of mains water at the site, and [iv] the fact that a government planning inspector had made it a condition of planning permission that the paddock area remains undeveloped. The Council's planning officers recommended approval.*

*Although these objections were reflected in what committee members discussed, it was clear that their site visit earlier in the day had persuaded many that having a traveller site right next to the crematorium was in fact quite ok, and certainly not the problem villagers think it is. Some said that the visit had changed their minds. The majority were quite unconcerned about the condition preventing development next to the crematorium by the planning inspector, and were happy, in effect, to over-rule him. The planning officer present said that the inspector's decision was not relevant as Wiltshire Council does not have a 5 year supply of traveller sites.*

## 8. Planning.

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

15/01251/FUL	14 The Knapps	Erection of 4 bed bungalow and attached garage	Refused
15/02347/CLE	33 Littleton Willows	Residential Use (Certificate of Lawfulness)	Pending

b. There were no planning applications received after 14 April 2015.

c. The Council discussed this Agenda item under Minute 6 above.

d. The Council noted the Wiltshire Council Consultation – Partial Review of Wiltshire Core Strategy and the Wiltshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment Final Report dated December 2014 by Opinion Research Services.

## 9. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 21 April 2015 was as follows:

### Lloyds A/C 2149025

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Clerk to Semington Parish Council

Chairman's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Bank Statement	£	6,898.75
28 February 2015		

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**Credits (1 March 2015 to 31 March 2015):**

R P Coleman HMRC PAYE Month 11	£	116.40
R P Coleman HMRC PAYE Month 12	£	116.40
Wiltshire Council Area Board Grant (Defibrillator)	£	1,100.00

	£	<b>1,332.80</b>
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**Debits (1 March 2015 to 31 March 2015):**

Clerk's Salary (February)	£	290.94
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**Balance at 31 March 2015:**

	£	<b>7,940.61</b>
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**Credits (1 April 2015 to 22 April 2015):**

None	£	-
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**Debits (1 April 2015 to 22 April 2015):**

Clerk's Salary (March)	£	290.94
Clerk's Expenses (February)	£	9.66
HMRC PAYE Month 12	£	116.40
Code Water Solutions	£	200.00

	£	<b>617.00</b>
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**Balance at 22 April 2015:**

	£	<b>7,323.61</b>
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**Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:**

	£	<b>612.17</b>
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**Parish Council Balance at 22 April 2015:**

	£	<b>6,711.44</b>
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**Lloyds A/C 7754288**

Bank Statement	£	7,595.87
31-Dec-15		

**Credits**

Interest	£	0.32
Interest	£	0.32
Interest	£	0.29
	£	<b>0.93</b>

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## Debits

None

£	-
£	-

**Balance at 31 March 2015:**

£	<b>7,596.80</b>
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## Credits

Interest (Approx)

£	0.27
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## Debits

None

**Balance at 22 April 2015:**

£	<b>7,597.07</b>
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**Total Balance in hand  
at 22 April 2015:**

£	<b>14,308.51</b>
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### Payments to be authorised (22 April 2015).

Clerk's Salary (April)	£	290.94
Office Expenses (March)	£	21.15
R P Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 1)	£	116.00
SWAS Defibrillator	£	1,600.00
Zurich Insurance Policy Renewal	£	676.98
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2,705.07</b>

### Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (22 April 2015).

Independent Living Centre	TBA
Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust	TBA
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£</b>

- b. The Council **resolved** to renew the Zurich Insurance Policy at a cost of £676.98.
- c. The Council **resolved** to defer discussions and decisions on making donations to local organisations until the next meeting.
- d. The Council **resolved** to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above.

## 10. Defibrillator.

The Clerk stated that the cheque for the defibrillator will now be sent to South West Ambulance Service and delivery of the defibrillator and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding should take place over the next two or three weeks. The Council agreed that it should be delivered in the first instance to the Clerk who would then pass it on to the Chairman for safe keeping in the Village Hall.

The Council **resolve**d that the order for the defibrillator cabinet be placed and Cllr. Robinson stated that he would send details of the cabinet and the supplier to the Clerk.

## 11. Highways/Environment.

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a. Cllr. Smyth requested that councillors inform him of any tasks that needed to be undertaken by Wiltshire Council, Mark Banks during the next Community Day. The following tasks were proposed:

Cllr. Oglesby – Unwanted vegetation has encroached on to the telephone box and the vegetation need removing.

Cllr. Robinson – There are numerous weeds on the pavements and gutters that need removing.

b. Cllr. Rimmer suggested that trees could be planted on the wide verge opposite to the crematorium and that either a small copse could be planted or the planting could comprise a series of specimen trees. He requested councillors to give his proposal some thought and asked the Clerk to place this item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr. Wade expressed his thanks for the repair of the pothole in Pound Lane but commented that a further repair was soon to be needed.

### **12. Melksham Community Area Board/Community Area Transport Group Meetings.**

There was nothing reported.

### **13. Wilts & Berks Canal.**

Councillors briefly reviewed the presentation given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **14. Tennis Court.**

Cllr. Rimmer reported that the bottom of the net was damaged but it was agreed by councillors that no action was required at present.

### **15. Any Other Business.**

Cllr. Smyth requested that all councillors read the narrative that he had prepared for the Best Kept Village competition and to let him have any comments.

Cllr. Bowyer observed that the Parish Council meetings are held, on occasions, at the same time as the Area Board meetings. The Clerk noted these comments and stated that for meetings from July onwards he would attempt to ensure that there was not a clash.

Cllr. Scott reported that he attended a meeting at Wiltshire Council that had been convened to examine ways of ensuring that Rights of Way are maintained and maintenance tasks identified against the background of reduced resources from Wiltshire Council. He added that members of the Ramblers Association were present and that the meeting was less productive than he had hoped.

### **16. Date of Next Meeting.**

The Council noted the date of the next Parish Council meetings thus:

- Annual Parish Council Meeting – 20 May 2015 at 8pm.
- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 20 May 2015 at 8.30pm (directly after the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting).
- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 17 June 2015 at 8pm.

The meeting concluded at 9.58pm.

R Oglesby  
Chairman, Semington Parish Council