

SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present.

Councillor Robert Oglesby (Chairman) and Councillors S Rimmer, R Robinson, P Smith (from Agenda item 3), C Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman.

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

There were four members of the public present initially.

1. Apologies.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from P Bowyer, K Lockwood, W Scott and B Smyth and from PCSO Helen Wilson of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

2. Co-option of New Member.

a. The Parish Council **resolved** unanimously to co-opt a new member.

b. The Council **resolved** unanimously to co-opt Peter Smith as a member of Semington Parish Council.

c. The newly co-opted member signed the Declaration Form which was countersigned by the Clerk.

The Clerk advised Cllr. Smith that if he had disclosable interests to declare then these interests must be registered with the Wiltshire Council Monitoring Officer within twenty-eight days. The Clerk handed a copy of the Semington Parish Council Code of Conduct, the procedure for registering interests on-line and details of the interests to be registered to Cllr. Smith.

3. Declaration of Interests.

There were no interests declared.

4. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16 September 2015.

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

5. Neighbourhood Policing.

PCSO Helen Wilson sent the Clerk a written report that is reproduced here (in italics).

Semington.

There has only been 1 reported crime.

29/09/2015 – Burglary – Little Marsh, Semington - Unknown suspect/s have forced outer door and then internal door to gain entry to porta cabin containing training equipment and other items. Property training equipment and tea urn value not known.

Cllr. Rimmer reported that this Portcabin belonged to the Football Club and was located on the football field. He added that arrangements have now been made for a secure metal container to be obtained and used for the storage of items.

The Chairman reported that he had received the names of five volunteers to assist in the 'Vehicle Watch' scheme to report vehicles ignoring the No Through Road sign at the northern end of the village. At this Parish Council meeting he received a further two offers of assistance.

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6. Adjournment.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for members of the public to speak.

The following topics were raised:

- Allotments in Pound Lane/Hannick Homes development.
- Planning application 15/09725/FUL
- Obscured light on Path SEMI41/10 (path alongside Village Hall).
- Christmas Tree and Christmas lights (Erection/Switch-on).

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting.

7. Wiltshire Council Report.

Cllr. Seed gave a report on the following topics:

- Planning application 15/08789/FUL (Lansdowne).
- Planning application 15/09725/FUL (The Old Pig Barn).
- Hannick Homes ('Affordable proportion' - Equity mix/Shared ownership)
- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Sites (SHLAA).

8. Planning.

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

15/02347/CLE	33 Littleton Willows	Residential Use (Certificate of Lawfulness)	Pending
15/08789/FUL	Lansdowne, Littleton, Semington	Alterations to an approved gypsy and traveller site from 5 approved pitches to 7 together with associated ancillary development (amendment to 13/06123/FUL)	Pending

b. The Council examined the following planning application and **resolved** to send comments to Wiltshire Council as shown (in italics):

15/09725/FUL	The Old Pig Barn, High Street	Demolition of existing barn and replacing with two storey office and store	Comments by 3/11/15
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The proposed development is too large and its form and size is out of keeping with the original building and its form and size will adversely affect the setting and appearance of the two neighbouring Grade 2 Listed Buildings. The proposed increased height (5.91m) and significantly increased floor area (134m²) represents overdevelopment and the proposed internal layout appears more appropriate to a dwelling than to an office and store.

The red-lined area on drawing BN-451-01 (bottom right-hand corner) indicates that the applicant's land extends much further than just the barn, and appears to include part of the access off the road to the Somerset Arms Car Park.

The proposed position of the shed would appear to be in the Somerset Arms Car Park thereby affecting the transit of cars and clientele to the Public House and adversely affecting the sightline of motorists.

c. There were no planning applications received after 7 October 2015.

d. The Council **resolved** that the comments drafted by Cllr. Scott in respect of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Sites (SHLAA) be sent to Wiltshire Council with the additional comment that Site 332 is prone to flooding.

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e. Councillors suggested that Connor Lees (Hannick Homes) should contact Cllr. Smyth directly in order to establish the local demand for allotments within the parish.

9. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position was as follows:

Semington Parish Council - Financial Statement at 14 October 2015

Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement	£	12,264.65
31 August 2015		

Total:	£	12,264.65
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Credits (1 September 2015 to 30 September 2015):

HMRC PAYE (R P Coleman) Month 6	£	116.40
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Total:	£	116.40
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Debits (1 September 2015 to 30 September 2015):

Clerk's Salary (August)	£	290.94
HMRC PAYE Month 6	£	116.40
Clerk's Expenses (July)	£	13.96
Clerk's Expenses (August)	£	5.99
St Georges PCC	£	500.00
R Heard (Memorial Book)	£	118.71
S Rimmer (Bulbs)	£	70.20

Total:	£	1,116.20
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Balance at 30 September 2015:

£	11,264.85
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Credits (1 October 2015 to 14 October 2015):

HMRC PAYE (R P Coleman) Month 6None	£	-
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Total:	£	-
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Debits (1 October 2015 to 14 October 2015):

Clerk's Salary (September)	£	290.94
R Heard (Memorial Book)	£	227.47

Total:	£	518.41
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Balance at 14 October 2015:

£	10,746.44
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Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:

£	265.99
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Parish Council Balance at 14 October 2015:

£	10,480.45
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Lloyds A/C 7754288

Bank Statement

£	7,597.45
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31-May-15

Credits

09- Jun	Interest	£	0.30
11- Jul	Interest (Approx)	£	0.31
11- Aug	Interest (Approx)	£	0.31
11- Sep	Interest (Approx)	£	0.31
11- Oct	Interest (Approx)	£	0.28
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Debits

None

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Balance at 14 October 2015:

£	7,598.96
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Total Balance in hand at 14 October 2015:

£	18,079.41
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Payments to be authorised (14 October 2015).

Clerk's Salary (October)	£	290.94
Office Expenses (September)	£	19.64
R P Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 7)	£	116.40
TOTAL:	£	426.98

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

None	£	-
TOTAL:	£	-

b. The Council **resolved** to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above. The Council further **resolved** that it endorsed the recent payment of £227.47 to Mr Ray Heard for the purchase of the Memorial Books. The Clerk reported that he had heard from Mr Heard that a sum of £110 had been donated recently by Calor Gas to the Semington War Memorial Fund.

10. Defibrillator.

The Chairman stated that the defibrillator training took place in the Village Hall on Monday 12 October 2015 and that some seventeen persons attended. He added that it was necessary to make a daily check on the serviceability of the defibrillator and Cllr. Rimmer added that he would raise this matter at the forthcoming meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee.

11. Highways/Environment.

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- a. In the absence of Cllr. Smyth no report was given in respect of Wiltshire Council undertaking local repair/maintenance tasks.
- b. Cllr. Robinson offered to obtain A3/A2 size prints of the proposed Information Board for councillors and the public to examine and for comment. It was agreed that the information presented should include details of local public rights of way. Cllr. Smith suggested that a copy of the proposed Information Board should be posted on the website.
- c. The 'tree planting plan' for the wide verge opposite to the crematorium was discussed and Cllr. Rimmer confirmed that he had ordered 105 saplings and that these should be delivered to him in early November. He stated that he had contacted Wiltshire Council and that Wiltshire Council officers were content for the planting to proceed. He suggested that a Working Party be established and that planting takes place soon after their delivery.
- d. Cllr. Rimmer proposed that a Working Party be established to undertake the pruning of the hedge that runs alongside the Village Hall footpath but that arrangements have to be confirmed regarding the disposal of the arisings and gaining access to the hedge – especially if a trailer is to be employed to collect the arisings. He suggested that the pruning could take place some time over the next few weeks and that he would make enquiries regarding obtaining a trailer and gaining access to the hedge.

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

There was nothing reported.

13. Wilts & Berks Canal.

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Melksham Without Parish Council in respect of the importance of maintaining the 'No Through Road' irrespective of the proposed developments north of Semington.

14. Tennis Court.

Cllr. Robinson reported that it was being well-used although he has had to make a temporary repair to the bottom of the net that was fraying.

15. Any Other Business.

The Clerk reported the following:

- WC – Flood Risk/Living on the Edge
- Habitats Regulations Assessment of 14th Onshore Oil and Gas Licensing Round – Wiltshire Council response to consultation. (NB. The Clerk commented during the report by Cllr. Seed that the response by Wiltshire Council to this consultation was particularly robust. It was not raised again but is reported here to accord with the Agenda).
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust publications.

Cllr. Rimmer reported that a Christmas tree has been obtained and that arrangements have to be made for the collection of the Christmas tree from Hilperton. Councillors agreed that the erection of the tree will take place on 30 November and that the Christmas lights will be switched on the following weekend – 6 December.

Cllr. Robinson reported that there is a lot of litter at the roundabout.

Cllr. Oglesby stated that he had received an invitation to the Annual meeting at the Independent Living Centre to be held on 27 October at 2.30pm and he offered the invitation to councillors.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

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

- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 25 November 2015 at 8pm.
- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 16 December 2015 at 8pm.

The meeting concluded at 9.46pm.

R A Oglesby
Chairman, Semington Parish Council