

SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2015 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present.

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

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

There were two members of the public present (Part-time).

1. Introductions and Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests.

There were no interests declared.

3. Apologies.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr. P Smith and from PCSO Helen Wilson of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

4. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 25 November 2015.

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

5. Adjournment.

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

6. Observations to be sent to Wiltshire Council.

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

15/10766/OUT	Land opposite Outmarsh Farm, High Street	New home for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust including administrative office space, operational offices, multifunctional training facilities and associated ancillary spaces. Operational uses to include hangar, secure medical storage, helipad, approach strip, fuelling and vehicle wash facilities	NEW
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The Parish Council supports this application subject to the following conditions:

1. The location of the Control Gate/No Through Road Barrier is to be as shown as a cross on the attached plan i.e. just to the north of the Newtown Farm entrance.

Clerk's Note: A location plan showing the position of the Control Gate was sent to Wiltshire Council with these comments.

2. The Control Gate is to be a physical barrier enabled to be operated by authorised vehicles only. A 'rising bollard gate' is preferred.

3. The proposed development lies to the south of a green buffer created by the line of the former

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Clerk to Semington Parish Council

Chairman's Signature _____

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railway which marks a boundary between development to the south of Melksham and the open country beyond. This proposed development must not set a precedent for further building/development in this open countryside and this open countryside must remain as such. This issue was also of concern to the Wiltshire Council Principal Conservation Officer.

4. The Parish Council fully endorses and supports the recommendations at Para 4 of the Reptile and Great Crested Newt Survey Report dated August 2015 prepared by Avon Ecology Ltd on behalf of Box Property Group Ltd and the Parish Council requires these recommendations to be implemented in full.

There were no other planning applications received.

7. Finance.

- a. The Clerk gave a brief report on the current financial position.
- b. The Council **resolved** to make a donation of £100 to the Cloth Road Arts Week.
- c. The Council **resolved** to make the following payments:

Clerk's Salary (December):	£290.94
Clerk's/Office Expenses:	£21.51
HMRC PAYE Month 9:	£116.40

The Chairman stated that a parishioner had voluntarily undertaken a series of 'litter-picks' in the village and that it would be appropriate to thank him by way of a small gift and to purchase a Hi-Viz vest for him to use in future. The Council **resolved** that a tin of sweets costing £5 be purchased together with a Hi-Viz vest costing £12.99.

R Oglesby (Hi-Viz Vest etc):	£17.99
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Councillors noted the date of the next Parish Council meeting:

- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 27 January 2015 at 8pm.

The meeting concluded at 9pm.

R A Oglesby
Chairman, Semington Parish Council