

SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2016 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present.

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

There were seventy-one members of the public present initially.

1. Apologies.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllrs. Scott and Smyth, PCSO Helen Wilson of the Community Policing Team (received 21 July) and from Wiltshire Council Cllr. J Seed.

2. Declaration of Interests.

There were no interests declared.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15 June 2016.

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

4. Community Policing.

PCSO Helen Wilson had sent the Clerk a written report the day following the Parish Council meeting and her report is reproduced here in italics:

17/06/2016 – Turnpike Close, Semington - Vehicle stopped ref an expired MOT and breath test carried out. Driver arrested after blowing 69 at the roadside.

Update on the No Entry Watch – to date I have sent out 120 letters advisory letters and 599 vehicles have turned on seeing the volunteers. There will be a PNC Course for 2 of the volunteers hopefully in November, this will enable them to take on all of the admin with regards to No Entry.

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5. Adjournment.

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

The Chairman explained the current situation with respect to planning application 16/05783/OUT and he read out the letter from the applicant, Richborough Estates, dated 15 July 2016.

Members of the public present raised numerous points regarding the planning application.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council had also received notice of a planning application, a few days ago, from 'framptons' to build houses on land north of St George's Road. He added that representatives from framptons had requested to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss, in public, this application – a request that the Council was keen to grant. It was likely that representatives from framptons would attend a September or October Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

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6. Wiltshire Council Report.

In the absence of Cllr. Seed, there was no report.

7. Planning.

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

16/01678/OUT	Land at St Georges Road	Erection of up to 24 dwellings with associated access and parking and land for allotments (Reserved matters: Access.	Pending
16/04513/FUL	Fairfields, Devizes Road	Single Storey Side Extension	Approved

b. Planning application 16/05783/OUT:

16/05783/OUT Matthew Perks	Land to the North of Pound Lane	The erection of 75 dwellings including 30% affordable homes, with ancillary public open space and play areas and access from Pound Lane (Outline Application relating to access).	New
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The Chairman commented that the representations by members of the public in respect of this planning application during the Public Adjournment had been noted by the Parish Council and that a further Parish Council meeting will be held on 27 July to decide the comments to be sent to Wiltshire Council. He stated that it was clear, following a show of hands during the Public Adjournment, that there was almost unanimous opposition to this application and that the members of the public present objected to the planning application on the following grounds:

- Lack of consultation with the village community.
- The scale of the development.
- The impact on the Kennet & Avon Canal.
- Unsuitable highways access.
- Impact on the village sewerage system.

The Chairman and councillors urged those present to make their opposition to, or support for, this planning application known to Wiltshire Council.

The Chairman stated that Cllr. Scott would be requested to formulate draft comments to be sent to Wiltshire Council on behalf of the Parish Council and that these draft comments will be the subject for discussion at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 27 July.

c. There were no planning applications relating to Semington received after 13 July 2016.

d. There were no other planning matters raised.

8. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 20 July 2016 was as follows:

Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement	£	14,502.72
31 May 2016		
	Total:	£ 14,502.72

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Credits (1 June 2016 to 30 June 2016):

HMRC PAYE Month 3	£	116.40
Total:	£	116.40

Debits (1 June 2016 to 30 June 2016):

Clerk's Salary (May)	£	290.94
Clerk's Expenses (April)	£	14.37
HMRC PAYE Month 2	£	116.40
Wiltshire Wildlife	£	36.00
Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust	£	50.00
Office Allowance	£	125.00
Clerk's Expenses (May)	£	17.82
HMRC PAYE Month 3	£	116.40
Queen Birthday Flowers	£	100.00
Melksham TH Hall Hire	£	14.00
Total:	£	880.93

Balance at 30 June 2016:

	£	13,738.19
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Credits (1 July 2016 to 20 July 2016):

None	£	-
Total:	£	-

Debits (1 July 2016 to 20 July 2016):

Clerk's Salary (June)	£	290.94
Filcris Ltd (Information Boards)	£	1,385.40
Total:	£	1,676.34

Balance at 20 July 2016:

	£	12,061.85
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Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:

	£	375.99
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Parish Council Balance at 20 July 2016:

	£	13,362.20
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Lloyds A/C 7754288

Bank Statement 31-May-16	£	7,601.21
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Credits

Interest	£	0.32
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Roger Coleman

Clerk to Semington Parish Council

Chairman's Signature _____

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Interest (Approx)	£	0.30
	£	0.62
Debits		
None	£	-
	£	-
Balance at 20 July 2016:	£	7,601.83
Total Parish Council Balance at 20 July 2016:	£	20,964.03

Payments to be authorised (20 July 2016).

Clerk's Salary (July)	£	290.94
Clerk's Salary (August)	£	290.94
Office Expenses (June)	£	9.24
R P Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 4)	£	116.40
TOTAL:	£	707.52

Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (20 July 2016).

None £ -

- b. The Council **resolved** to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above.

The Council noted the letter of thanks from Mrs Bailey for the donation for the flowers purchased in respect of the Queen's Birthday celebrations.

9. Highways/Environment.

a. The Council noted the representations made during the Public Adjournment in respect of improving the road safety for parishioners crossing the A361 – especially those crossing from Littlemarsh. Cllr. Robinson stated that he and Cllr. Smyth would undertake a full survey of the area and that they would propose road safety improvements that would be presented to Wiltshire Council for implementation.

b. The Clerk confirmed that the two Information Boards had been delivered and that they would now be installed in the village. He added that he intended to add a display beneath the Information Boards showing the date, in roman numerals, of their installation – 2016. He commented that the permanent fixings e.g. shackles for affixing the support ropes for the Christmas tree would be installed soon.

c. There were no other matters reported.

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

Cllr. Robinson stated that he would be attending the CATG Meeting to be held on 21 July and that he would be making initial representations regarding road safety at Littlemarsh/A361 at that meeting.

11. Wilts & Berks Canal.

There was nothing reported.

12. Tennis Court.

Cllr. Robinson reported that he had made an initial repair to the net.

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13. Any Other Business.

There was no other business.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

The Council noted the date of the next meetings thus:

- 27 July 2016, commencing at 7.30pm – Extraordinary PC Meeting.
- 14 September 2016, commencing at 8pm – Ordinary PC Meeting.
- 12 October 2016, commencing at 8pm – Ordinary PC Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.55pm.

R A Oglesby
Chairman, Semington Parish Council

27 July 2016