

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Semington Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 25 May 2016 at 7 pm in the Village Hall

PRESENT:

Robert Oglesby, Chairman, Semington Parish Council and Chairman for the meeting.

Roger Coleman, Clerk.

The following Parish Councillors were present: P Bowyer, S. Rimmer, R Robinson, W Scott, P Smith, B Smyth and C Wade.

There were fourteen members of the public present that included eight councillors.

1. Introduction and Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and he explained the nature of an Annual Parish meeting.

2. To consider matters raised by those present.

The following matters were raised by parishioners:

- Commemoration of 100 years Anniversary of the First World War and the work undertaken by a parishioner to record the history of individuals directly involved plus an offer to provide a display of this work in the Village Hall.
- The request for the availability of broadband in the Village Hall.
- A request for projects that the Parish Council can undertake, including suggestions for locations for further tree planting.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 8 April 2015.

The Minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

4. Annual Report of the Parish Council.

The Chairman presented his Annual Report of the Parish Council in which he described the activities of the Parish Council during the year.

A summary of his report and the topics are shown below (in italics):

Annual Report from the Parish Council - Year 2015 – 2016

9 councillors for whole year - Full Council (9 members).

The following is a summary of some of the activities of the Parish Council on behalf of the parishioners of Semington:

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Roger Coleman

Clerk to Semington Parish Council

Chairman's Signature _____

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11 Ordinary PC Meetings, 1 Annual PC Meeting, 1 Annual Parish Meeting

Consideration of Planning Applications – Around 12 (20 last year).

- Travellers’/Gypsy Sites etc.
- Hannick Homes/Richborough etc.
- Attending WC Planning Committee meetings.

War Memorial Book Project (Thanks to Ray Heard)

- Community Policing Team Activities
- PCSO Helen Wilson, PCSO Rose Baldock, PCSO Maggie Lebury.

Village Environment/Expenditure:

- A361 Road (opp. Crematorium) Tree Planting.
- St George’s PCC – Churchyard & Grass Cutting.
- St George’s PCC – Village Newsletter.
- Christmas Tree/Christmas Lights.

Defibrillator Project.

Wilts & Berks Canal Trust involvement.

Website – Development/Maintenance.

Information Boards Project.

Donations/Subscriptions:

- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust
- Cloth Road Arts Week.
- Bobby Van Trust.

Parish Steward - Footpath Clearance/Brambles/Grass Cutting/Overgrown Hedges.

Footpath by Village Hall – Reduced/Removed hedge.

Highways issues:

- ‘No Through Road’ Watch.
- Grass Cutting (e.g. at Roundabout)

Other Matters:

- Melksham Community Area Board involvement plus Area Board grant.
- Consideration/Consultation on numerous WC Documents.

Statement on the Parish Council accounts for Year ending 31 March 2016.

The Clerk presented the following report (shown in italics):

The balance brought forward from FY2014/15 had been £15211 and, allowing for the

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payments and receipts during the year, the balance carried forward at the end of FY2015/16, is £16528 The total receipts for the year to date are £11643, payments for the year to date total £10327 and the value of the fixed assets owned by the Council is £27941.

Out of the balance of £16528 carried forward some £376 represents the remaining donations from the War Memorial Fund and £5309 represents the St George's Development Fund, namely the Tennis Court Fund.

The General Reserve at 31 March 2015 was £10843.

Main Receipts in the year were:

Precept:	£9500
HMRC VAT Refund:	£634
HMRC PAYE	£1396
Bank Interest:	£4
War memorial Donation	£110

Main Payments in the year were:

Staff Costs:	£3491
Office Expenses:	£369
Defibrillator	£2194
Donations:	£100 (Carer Support), £50 (Bobby Van Trust), £50 (Grass cutting), £500 (St George's PCC – Newsletter/Grass Cutting), £100 (Social Club).
War Memorial Book	£346
Website:	£160
HMRC PAYE:	£1396.
Insurance/Subscriptions/Audit Fees:	£1043
Hall Hire:	£450

The Annual Return has been completed and the Internal Auditor has undertaken the Internal Audit and the Annual Return has been approved by the Parish Council. It will now be sent to Grant Thornton, the External Auditor.

In the years that I have been Clerk, that is from 2002, the auditors – Internal and External – have found no matters that had to be brought to the attention of the Council.

5. Any Other Business.

There was no other business.

6. Close.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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Chairman

Chairman's Signature _____