

# SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2017 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

### Present.

Councillors B Smyth (Chairman), R Oglesby, S Rimmer, W Scott, P Smith, C Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman.

There was one member of the public present.

### 1. Apologies.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Councillors P Bowyer, R Robinson, Wiltshire Councillor Cllr. Seed and PCSO Ledbury.

### 2. Declaration of Interests.

There were no interests declared by councillors.

### 3. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 18 October 2017.

The Council **resolved** that the minutes were a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

### 4. Community Policing.

PCSO Ledbury had sent a written report to the Clerk prior to the meeting that the Clerk had sent to all councillors. This report was a general report but included content specific to Semington that is reproduced below (in italics):

*ED13 (Seend, Bulkington, Poulshot, Keevil, Semington, Great Hinton, Steeple Ashton etc)*

*For the month of October this entire area has seen 10 crimes reported to Police, which is in line with the figures predicted for that month. No one crime type has been assessed as being an exception, with 7 different crime types having experienced less than what was predicted.*

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### *Semington Report for October 2017*

13<sup>th</sup> Male arrested on Travellers site on behalf of A&S (caravan and car destroyed by fire)  
18<sup>th</sup> Vehicle seized no insurance at the Fruit Farm.

*For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...*

**<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>**

**Sector Inspector – Inspector Andy Fee – [andy.fee@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:andy.fee@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)**

**Sector Deputy – Sergeant Gill Hughes – [gill.hughes@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:gill.hughes@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)**

**Community Coordinator – Pc Lee Pelling – [lee.pelling@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lee.pelling@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)**

### 5. Adjournment.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the member of the public to raise any matters of interest. The Chairman then reconvened the Parish Council meeting.

### 6. Wiltshire Council Report.

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

Cllr. Oglesby requested that Cllr. Seed be asked to state the (likely) Wiltshire Council policy for

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setting the precept for FY2018/19.

## 7. Planning.

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

17/05132/FUL	Twyford Farm, The Strand, Keevil	Construction of stable block and re-routing of public footpath Keev22.	Approved
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b. The Council examined the following planning application and resolved to send comments to Wiltshire Council as shown (in italics):

17/10025/FUL	Greenacres, Littleton	Change of use to provide 8 gypsy and traveller pitches with associated ancillary works and retrospective approval for stone walled entrance to site	New
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*The Council objects to this proposed development. This proposed development represents over-development of the site. This development would result in too many pitches on the space available at this site.*

*The absence of any reference to 'family use' or 'use by family members only' in respect of this development would suggest that this proposed development is intended to be a commercial operation – contrary to previous applications/conditions/permissions. Wiltshire Council is invited to make the necessary enquiries.*

The Council **resolved** to request the Wiltshire Councillor, Cllr. Seed to 'call in' this application.

Councillors observed that the standard of drawings showing the proposed development was poor and required careful interpretation.

b. There were no planning applications received after 15 November 2017.

c. The Chairman reported that despite Wiltshire Council receiving correspondence from Michelle Donelan MP and repeated correspondence from him to Wiltshire Council on the subject of the Bus Gate, there had been no reply from Wiltshire Council officers or officials. Councillors commented that this lack of response was unacceptable and the Parish Council **resolved** that the Chairman writes again to the MP requesting her to contact the Leader of the Council directly and to obtain a satisfactory reply.

d. The Chairman reported that he and Cllr. Smith had attended the Wiltshire Council 'Local Plan Briefing Meeting' on 1 November at County Hall. Cllr. Smyth gave a report on the proceedings of that meeting. The Council **resolved** that it had no comments to make in respect of the associated consultation. Cllr. Smyth stated that he would provide a brief summary of the proceedings of this meeting for the Parish Magazine. This Summary is shown attached to these minutes.

e. The Council noted that the result of the Richborough/Framptons Appeal had been delayed and would now be made after 14 November 2017. Cllr. Scott stated that this was because the Appeal Inspector wished to take into account the Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment that had only very recently been published by Wiltshire Council and had been published too late to be taken into account at the Planning Appeal.

*Clerk's Note.*

*Cllr. Scott advised after the meeting that the new Appeal decision date is 'on or before December 14<sup>th</sup>'.*

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f. Councillors noted that The Western Area Planning Committee is to consider the Village Green application at its meeting on 13 December 2017 – 3pm at County Hall. Cllr. Smyth stated that he would attend and make representations on behalf of the Parish Council.

## 8. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 15 November 2017 was as follows:

### Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement – 30 September 2017

	£ 20,753.31
Total:	£ 20,753.31

### **Credits (1 October 2017 to 31 October 2017):**

HMRC PAYE Month 6 (R P Coleman)

	£ 118.80
Total:	£ 118.80

### **Debits (1 October 2017 to 31 October 2017):**

Clerk's Salary (September)

£ 296.79

Clerk's Expenses (September)

£ 7.98

HMRC PAYE Month 7

£ 118.80

R Randall (Financial Review)

£ 100.00

Total: £ 523.57

### **Balance at 31 October 2017:**

£ 20,348.54
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### **Credits (1 November 2017 to 15 November 2017):**

HMRC PAYE Month 7 (R P Coleman)

	£ 118.80
Total:	£ 118.80

### **Debits (1 November 2017 to 15 November 2017):**

Clerk's Salary (October)

£ 296.79

S Rimmer (Bulbs)

£ 22.72

Total: £ 296.79

### **Balance at 15 November 2017:**

£ 20,170.55
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### **Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:**

£ 375.99

### **Parish Council Balance at 15 November 2017:**

£ 19,794.56
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### Lloyds A/C 7754288

Bank Statement – 30 June 2017

£ 7,614.33

### **Credits**

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	Interest	£	0.34
		£	<b>0.34</b>
<b>Debits</b>			
None			
		£	-
		£	-
<b>Balance at 15 November 2017:</b>			<b>£ 7,614.67</b>

Total Balance in Hand at 15 November 2017:

**£ 27,409.23**

**Payments to be authorised (15 November 2017).**

Clerk's Salary (November)		£	296.79
Office Expenses (October)		£	16.34
HMRC PAYE Month 8		£	118.80
Fellowes Shredder - £144.99 Shared		£	48.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>£ 479.93</b>

**Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (15 November 2017).**

None

		£	-
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>£ -</b>

b The Council resolved to adopt the amended Financial Regulations, now dated 18 October 2017.

c The Council **resolved** that a 'Shredder' be purchased at a shared cost of £48. The Council **resolved** to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above.

**9. Highways/Environment.**

a The Clerk stated that Wiltshire Council had confirmed that Path SEMI17/20 had now been cleared along its entire length.

Councillors commented that as a result of vehicle parking in the village some roads were now impassable for emergency vehicles. It was agreed that mention of this matter should be included in the Parish Magazine requesting vehicle owners/drivers to act more reasonably.

b Cllr. Smith stated that with the assistance of a parishioner and Cllr. Smyth some initial cleaning (power-washing) of the telephone kiosk had been undertaken. He added that he had also abraded some of the metal framework and had applied, experimentally, a metal priming paint to gauge its suitability for more general use. He commented that he would continue with the refurbishment of the telephone kiosk.

Following a request from Cllr. Rimmer the Parish Council resolved that a maximum of £75 be expended on Christmas lights to illuminate the telephone kiosk during the Festive Season.

c The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Headteacher, St Georges School regarding the parking of vehicles in Pound Lane during school 'drop-off' and 'pick-up' times and commenting that some residents were unable to exit their own properties because their driveways had been blocked. A reply from the Headteacher stated that she had referred the letter to the Chair of

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Governors for it to be tabled at the forthcoming Governors meeting and that she would continue to be proactive in addressing this problem with those responsible for the vehicle parking.

d. The Clerk confirmed that the Canal Swing Bridge that is an integral part of the public footpath SEMI45/10 and MELW42/10 remains unrepaired and that he had contacted the Canal & River Trust for an explanation but, to date, without success.

*Clerk's Note.*

*Subsequent to the Parish Council meeting the following reply was received from the Canal & River Trust:*

*The Pintle bearing on the bridge (Bridge 158) broke some months ago, rendering it inoperable. It was swung off the navigation and chained open.*

*An application was made to Wiltshire Council for a footpath closure. This was granted and the attached notice was erected locally.*

*There is a diversion in place, which adds a short distance to the route, with pedestrians needing to cross the main road bridge and walk up the towpath to reach the same location.*

*The repairs are in our Direct Services plan for April 2018. This is one of the first tasks they will undertake after the winter stoppage season.*

f. Cllr. Rimmer confirmed that he had taken action regarding replacing the three dead trees in the village and that the cost of the new trees was £131.18. The Council **resolved** to meet this cost. He added that they would be delivered towards the end of November.

Discussion on the subject of further tree planting opposite to the Crematorium was deferred until a subsequent meeting, early in the New Year.

g. There were no other matters raised.

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

There was nothing reported.

## **11. Parking Charge Consultation.**

The Council noted this Wiltshire Council consultation and following a brief discussion **resolved** that it had no comments to send to Wiltshire Council.

## **12. Assets of Community Value.**

The Chairman requested all councillors to study the Briefing Note and to consider whether any artefacts in the village should be designated as an 'Asset of Community Value', He asked this subject to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

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

There was nothing reported in respect of current developments.

## **14. Tennis Court.**

There was nothing reported.

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

The Clerk tabled the following:

- Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter.

Cllr. Wade – A request for a Working Party to assist in the erection of the Christmas tree at 10am on Saturday 25 November and to decorate the tree on Sunday 26 November.

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Cllr. Smyth wished to record the thanks of the Parish Council to Edna Jones for the donation of Christmas tree decorations.

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

The Council noted the dates of the following meetings thus:

- 20 December 2017
- 24 January 2018
- 21 February 2018

The meeting concluded at 10.00pm.

B D T Smyth.  
Chairman, Semington Parish Council

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## Local Plan Briefing Summary.

- Local Plans are required to have a 15 year time span, the last one was produced in 2011 and due to expire 2026. This is known to be out of date now so WC will produce a new one which will run from 2021 to 2036.
- Wiltshire Council and Swindon Council will continue to produce their own Local Plans but the Joint Spatial Framework will be the umbrella strategy for ensuring consistency between the two.
- The Local Plan comprises the Wiltshire Core Strategy, 'Saved' Planning Policies, the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan and the various Mineral and Waste Plans. It will be evidence-based drawing on Housing Needs Surveys and Neighbourhood Plans.
- The future housing need for Wiltshire is assessed as 44,000 over the 20 year period 2016 - 2036 (of which 23,500 have been built or committed).
- Semington, like Melksham, is in the Chippenham Housing Market Area and its share of the housing need is assessed as 22,500 over the 20 year period (of which 9,000 have been built or committed).
- Timetable for consultation period is 7 Nov to 19 Dec 2017 with the aim of achieving an agreed 20 year Local Plan by 2021.
- For further information, search on line for 'Wiltshire Council Local Plan Review'.