

# SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2017 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

### Present.

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

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

There were two members of the public present initially.

### **1. Apologies.**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from PCSO Ledbury.

### **2. Declaration of Interests.**

There were no interests declared by councillors.

### **3. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15 November 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):

#### **CRIME EXCEPTIONS**

*These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.*

*There were no crime exceptions in the Melksham Rural Area's throughout the month of November, all crime types were showing at the same level as previously or slightly lower.*

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

*Each Wednesday Inspector Fee chairs a 'Tasking Meeting' for the West Wiltshire Community Policing area. This meeting is attended by the team Sergeants, Community Coordinators, Police Community Support Officers and local partner agencies.*

*The aim of the meeting is to identify issues that may be occurring within our communities and putting a plan into place in order to tackle this.*

*In the last six weeks we have introduced Community Speedwatch into this meeting. A representative from the Community Speedwatch Team attends the meeting, and highlights four locations to be targeted by officers over the following two weeks.*

*Atworth has recently been targeted, with words of advice being given to 5 drivers in total. Poulshot has recently been targeted, with words of advice being given to 6 drivers in total.*

#### **Semington Crimes for November 2017**

7<sup>th</sup> Male arrested under Section 5 Public Order on Berryfields.

14<sup>th</sup> Further attempted to con an elderly male out of money.

23<sup>rd</sup> Caravan Stolen from local address.

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*I would like to take this opportunity to remind the people of small communities to be aware of any vulnerable persons in their area. With colder temperatures many will not leave the house and become isolated which can lead to other medical problems. If you know someone like this then pop in and offer to do some shopping or just have a cup of tea and a chat. This can make all the difference to them*

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.

Cllr. Seed gave a report on the following topics:

### Planning Inspectorate – Appeal Hearings.

Cllr. Seed stated that the Parish Council deserved huge recognition for the leadership that it demonstrated and for the involvement of councillors in representing the views of the village in respect of the proposed development in order to secure dismissal of the Appeals by Richborough and Framptons. He added that many of the arguments forwarded by the Parish Council had assisted Wiltshire Council in presenting their case against the Appeals.

### Village Green.

Cllr. Seed explained the procedure that will now be adopted for determining this application following the recent Planning Committee decision to allow the application to proceed to the formal enquiry stage.

### Council Tax for FY2018/2019.

Cllr. Seed stated that setting a budget for FY2018/2019 is presenting significant challenge and it is inevitable that there will be a modest rise in Council Tax for householders and businesses.

Cllr. Scott enquired whether Wiltshire Council had considered the future for the Semington Salt Tip site which the Parish Council understood will be closed in the near future. Cllr. Seed asked Cllr. Scott to formally request him for an answer to this question.

## Planning.

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

17/10025/FUL	Greenacres, Littleton	Change of use to provide 5 additional gypsy and traveller pitches (14 in total each with 1 static caravan and 1 touring caravan) and associated ancillary works including landscaped amenity areas. This is in lieu of the 3 pitches and 8 caravans approved under permission W/11/01206/FUL and the further 6 pitches and 12 caravans approved under permission 14/10797/FUL. Retention of the existing dayroom approved under 14/04110/FUL. Retrospective approval for stone walled entrance to site	Pending
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At the invitation of the Chairman, Cllr Seed was asked to comment on this application. Cllr. Seed explained that the application had now been resubmitted (as shown above) to more accurately reflect the current and proposed building situation and he gave details of the application.

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He added that the Planning Office, Mr James Taylor, was taking a very robust approach to this application and a decision was awaited. He commented that in view of the history of this site and the nature of the revised application he was not intending to call it in to the Committee.

b. There were no planning applications received after 13 December 2017.

c. The Chairman reported that nothing had been heard from Wiltshire Council on the subject of the Bus Gate and that he had now written directly to the Leader of the Council, Baroness Scott. Cllr. Smith suggested that if there is still no reply by the next meeting the Parish Council may wish to consider lodging a formal complaint against Wiltshire Council and/or specific individuals. It had been noted by councillors that the existing Bus Gate had been removed, presumably temporarily, to allow the connection of services to the Air Ambulance station.

d. The Chairman stated that the Planning Inspector had dismissed the Appeals - Oxford Law (Framptons) and Richborough Appeals (APP/Y3940/W/16/3162997 & APP/Y3940/W/16/3164255) respectively lodged by Richborough and Framptons.

*Clerk's Note.*

*Further details of the reasons given by the Planning Inspector are given as an attachment to these minutes.*

Councillors commented on the valued support given to them in opposing these appeals and **resolved** the following:

The Parish Council would like to thank the large number of residents who commented on the applications and made their views known - it made a difference. Our thanks also go to Wiltshire Councillor Jonathon Seed for his continued and unstinting support of our efforts to prevent excessive housing development in the village. In addition, we would like to acknowledge the professionalism of the Wiltshire Council planning officers in countering this inappropriate development.

The Parish Council **resolved** that a letter is written by the Chairman of the Parish Council to the Director Economic Development & Planning, Wiltshire Council thanking Wiltshire Council for their robust and determined approach in opposing the Appeals by Richborough and Framptons. The Clerk stated that he would prepare a form of words for the Chairman.

e. Cllr. Wade commented that he understood that the Motel field had been placed on the open market for sale.

## 8. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 20 December 2017 was as follows:

### Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement (31 October 2018)	£	20,348.54
Total:	£	<b>20,348.54</b>

### **Credits (1 November 2017 to 30 November 2017):**

HMRC PAYE Month 7 (R P Coleman)	£	118.80
HMRC PAYE Month 8 (R P Coleman)	£	118.80
Total:	£	<b>237.60</b>

### **Debits (1 November 2017 to 30 November 2017):**

21 December 2017

Roger Coleman

Clerk to Semington Parish Council

Chairman's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Salary (October)	£	296.79
Clerk's Expenses (October)	£	16.34
HMRC PAYE Month 8	£	118.80
Fellowes Shredder (Shared)	£	48.00

Total: **£ 479.93**

**Balance at 30 November 2017:** **£ 20,106.21**

**Credits (1 December 2017 to 20 December 2017):**

None £ -

Total: **£ -**

**Debits (1 December 2017 to 20 December 2017):**

Clerk's Salary (November) £ 296.79

Southview Nurseries £ 196.00

Total: **£ 492.79**

**Balance at 20 December 2017:** **£ 19,613.42**

**Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:** £ 375.99

**Parish Council Balance at 20 December 2017:** **£ 19,237.43**

**Lloyds A/C 7754288**

Bank Statement (30 September 2018) £ 7,615.30

**Credits**

11/10 (Approx) Interest £ 0.32

11/11 (Approx) Interest £ 0.32

11/12 (Approx) Interest £ 0.32

**£ 0.96**

**Debits**

None £ -

**£ -**

**Balance at 20 December 2017:** **£ 7,616.26**

**Total Balance at 20 December 2017:** **£ 26,853.69**

**Payments to be authorised (20 December 2017).**

Clerk's Salary (December) £ 296.79

Office Expenses (November) £ 8.36

HMRC PAYE Month 9 £ 118.80

**TOTAL: £ 423.95**

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## Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (20 December 2017).

None

	£	-
<b>TOTAL:</b>	£	-

b The Council **resolved** that a payment of £131.18 be made to Cllr. Rimmer in respect of the trees bought and planted and that a further payment of £60.90 be made to Cllr. Rimmer for Telephone Box lights – as per previous Council resolutions. The Council **resolved** to make a payment of £26 to Cllr. Smyth for photocopying (Flyers for distribution throughout the village relating to the recent Appeal decisions).

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

### 9. Highways/Environment.

a The Chairman reported that the new Parish Steward Schedule for 2018 had now been published.

Cllr. Oglesby stated that there was sufficient litter in the village to justify a 'Litter Pick'. The Chairman stated that he had recently received correspondence from Wiltshire Council (Rhys Schell) regarding a 'Clean Up Wilts/Great British Spring Clean' to be held 2 March to 4 March 2018. The Council **resolved** to participate in this initiative and agreed to undertake a Litter Pick on Saturday 3 March – to meet at the Village Hall at 9.30am. Cllr. Smyth agreed to ensure that an advert for the 'Litter Pick' inviting parishioners to participate is included in the Parish Magazine.

b. Cllr. Smith stated that the refurbishment of the telephone box continues but at a slower pace because of the adverse weather. He commented that the following uses of the telephone box had been suggested by parishioners: Art Display, Tourist Information, Library, Eggs and Veg 'Exchange', Plant Exhibition/Display and a Solar panel charging point for phones. Cllr. Oglesby suggested that it could house a coffee machine and be used as a 'café' – as had been demonstrated in London.

Cllr. Smith commented that a decision regarding its use would be made in due course and that St George's School should be invited to suggest uses for the kiosk. Cllr. Smith agreed to contact the Headteacher.

c. Cllr. Oglesby reported that parishioners had complained again about the vehicle parking in Pound Lane near to the school citing the congestion and obstruction by vehicles at Tuesday lunchtimes when parents/carers are collecting 'Pre-School' children. The Chairman stated that he would discuss this problem with the Headteacher.

Cllr. Rimmer requested that the Parish Council should note that Wiltshire Council intended planting trees to commemorate the ending of World War 1 and that the Parish Council had indicated its intention to plant a number of trees locally – possibly ten oak trees. He was keen that this project should not be forgotten by the Parish Council.

Cllr. Wade reported that the roots of cleared vegetation at the Tennis Court needed removing before they start providing new growth. This was noted by councillors.

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

There was nothing reported.

### 11. Assets of Community Value.

The Chairman again 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. The Clerk was asked to send the Briefing Note to all councillors.

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## 12. Wilts & Berks Canal.

There was nothing reported in respect of current developments.

## 13. Tennis Court.

There was nothing reported other than the need to clear the existing roots – See Agenda item 9b above.

## 14. Any Other Business.

The Clerk tabled the Wiltshire Wildlife magazine.

Cllr. Scott stated that he and Cllr. Smith intended attending the Village Green Enquiry when it is held at Marlborough.

Cllr. Oglesby alerted the Council to the new regulations relating to Data Protection – the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 - that will become law in May 2018. The Clerk replied that he was aware of this new legislation and would take action to assess the effect of the new legislation on existing Parish Council processes.

Cllr. Oglesby stated that the Council should seek a new co-opted member for the existing vacancy and Cllr. Smyth stated that he would put an appropriate advert in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr. Wade stated that owing to the failure of an existing set of lights on the Christmas Tree it would be necessary to purchase a replacement set for next year. He agreed to investigate possible products.

## 15. Date of Next Meeting.

a. The Council noted the dates of the following meetings thus:

- 24 January 2018
- 21 February 2018

b. The Council agreed that subsequent Ordinary Parish Council meetings be held on the following dates:

- 28 March 2018
- 18 April 2018

The Clerk stated that he would speak to the Booking Officer.

The meeting concluded at 9.50pm.

Brian Smyth  
Semington Parish Council

24 January 2017

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**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeals by Oxford Law, RICHBOROUGH ESTATES  
Site Addresses: LAND TO THE NORTH OF POUND LANE, SEMINGTON, WILTSHIRE, BA14  
6LP and LAND NORTH OF ST GEORGE'S ROAD, SEMINGTON, BA14**

Appeal Decision Inquiry Held on 27-30 June, 3 July-7 July and 5-8 September 2017 Site visit made on 19 July 2017 by Lesley Coffey BA Hons BTP MRTPI an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Decision date: 14 December. 2017.

**Appeal Ref: APP/Y3940/W/16/3164255 Land North of St Georges Road, Semington BA14  
6GA**

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant outline planning permission.
- The appeal is made by Oxford Law against the decision of Wiltshire Council.
- The application Ref 16/06956/OUT, dated 15 July 2016, was refused by notice dated 4 November 2016.
- The development proposed is residential development for up to 50 dwellings.

## **Decision 1. The appeal is dismissed.**

83. Looked at in the round the proposal would not represent sustainable development. The benefits of the proposal and other material considerations do not outweigh the harm that would arise from the proposal, or justify a decision other than in accordance with the development plan. Therefore the appeal should be dismissed.

### Conclusion

84. For the reasons given above I conclude that the appeal should be dismissed.

Lesley Coffey INSPECTOR

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**Appeal Ref: APP/Y3940/W/16/3162997 Land to the North of Pound Lane, Semington,  
Wiltshire BA14 6LP**

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant outline planning permission.
- The appeal is made by Richborough Estates against the decision of Wiltshire Council.
- The application Ref 16/05783/OUT, dated 13 June 2016, was refused by notice dated 7 October 2016.
- The development proposed is the erection of 75 dwellings, including 30% affordable homes, with ancillary public open space and play areas and access from Pound Lane.

## **Decision 1. The appeal is dismissed.**

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