

# SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2017 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

### Present.

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

There were no members of the public present.

### **1. Apologies.**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Cllrs. R Robinson and P Smith and Wiltshire Council, Cllr. J Seed.

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

There were no interests declared.

### **3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 17 May 2017.**

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

### **4. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 17 May 2017.**

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

### **5. Community Policing.**

There was no report from the Community Policing Team.

The Clerk stated that he had responded to a Community Policing Team (CPT) survey initiated by the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner on behalf of Semington Parish Council. He commented that he had made it clear that the contact with the CPT and engagement with the CPT had declined significantly since the introduction of the new policing model which, ironically, was intended to develop and improve that engagement. The Clerk stated that this deterioration in the engagement with the CPT was reflected in other parishes where he is also Clerk.

### **6. Adjournment.**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

The Chairman then reconvened the Parish Council meeting.

### **7. Wiltshire Council Report.**

There was no report.

### **8. Planning.**

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

17/03768/VAR	Lansdowne, Littleton	Variation of conditions 2, 4 and 7 (site layout) of planning approval 15/08789/FUL to allow up to 14 caravans with associated ancillary development.	New
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15 June 2017

Roger Coleman  
Clerk to Semington Parish Council

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

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*The Council objects to this proposed development.*

*The conditions associated with planning application 15/08789/FUL should be strictly enforced and the condition imposed by the Planning Inspector that no commercial activity is to take place should also be strictly enforced.*

b. There were no planning applications received after 7 June 2017.

c. The Council noted the forthcoming appeals to be held commencing 27 June 2017 in respect of the Richborough and Framptons/Oxford Law planning applications and **resolved** that the oral presentation at the Appeal Hearing by the Parish Council is to be as stated in the following document:

'Semington Parish Council input to the Planning Inspectorate re: APP/Y3940/W/16/3162997 & APP/Y3940/W/16/3164255' dated 'Draft at June 7<sup>th</sup>'.

The Council further **resolved** that Cllr. Scott will deliver the presentation on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Council noted that a schedule of councillor attendance at the Appeal Hearing was currently being prepared. The Council **resolved** that a leaflet informing parishioners of the Appeal Hearing will be delivered to each household in Semington. Cllr. Scott agreed to draft suitable wording for the leaflet.

d. The Council noted that there is to be a Wiltshire Council consultation on Settlement Boundaries due to commence following the endorsement of the proposals by Wiltshire Council Cabinet on 20 June 2017. The Clerk was asked to place this subject on the Agenda for the next meeting.

## 9. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 14 June 2017 was as follows:

### **Lloyds A/C 2149025**

Bank Statement	£	19,563.31
30 April 2017		
Total:	<b>£</b>	<b>19,563.31</b>

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

HMRC PAYE Month 1 (R P Coleman)	£	132.40
HMRC VAT Refund	£	250.90
Total:	<b>£</b>	<b>383.30</b>

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

Clerk's Salary (April)	£	296.79
Office Expenses (April)	£	45.52
HMRC PAYE Month 1	£	132.40
Zurich Insurance	£	756.70
Clerk Office Allowance	£	150.00
B Smyth	£	20.85
Total:	<b>£</b>	<b>1,402.26</b>

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**Balance at 31 May 2017:**

	£ 18,544.35
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**Credits (1 June 2017 to 14 June 2017):**

None

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Total:	£ -
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**Debits (1 June 2017 to 14 June 2017):**

Clerk's Salary (May)

	£ 296.79
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R Randall (Internal Audit)

	£ 100.00
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Wiltshire Wildlife

	£ 36.00
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Bobby Van Trust

	£ 50.00
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Dorothy House

	£ 30.00
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Total:	£ 512.79
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**Balance at 14 June 2017:**

	£ 18,031.56
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**Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:**

	£ 375.99
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**Parish Council Balance at 14 June 2017:**

	£ 17,655.57
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**Lloyds A/C 7754288**

Bank Statement

	£ 7,614.01
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31-May-17

**Credits**

Interest (Approx)

	£ 0.30
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**Debits**

None

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**Balance at 14 June 2017:**

	£ 7,614.31
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Total Balance at 14 June 2017:

	£ 25,269.88
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**Payments to be authorised (14 June 2017).**

Clerk's Salary (June)

	£ 296.79
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Office Expenses (May)

	£ 23.24
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HMRC/PAYE Month 2

	£ 118.80
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<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£ 438.83</b>
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## Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (14 June 2017).

None

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

### 10. Wessex Close Play Area.

Councillors confirmed that the refurbishment of the Play Area was in hand although concern was expressed regarding the failure of Wiltshire Council to cut the grass in and in the vicinity of the Play Area. The Chairman stated that he would contact Wiltshire Council via the 'My Wiltshire' app – an action that the Clerk confirmed that he had also taken following the last meeting.

### 11. Highways/Environment.

- a. The Chairman stated that he had passed the latest spreadsheet containing proposed Parish Steward tasks to Cllr. Robinson for action.

The Council **resolved** to form a Working Party to undertake 'weeding' in the village and it was agreed that the Working Party would meet at The Ragged Smock at 10am on Saturday 24 June.

- b. The report on the introduction of additional safety measures on the A361 road was deferred until the next meeting owing to the absence of Cllr. Robinson.
- c. Councillors confirmed that the parishioner had been contacted regarding the refurbishment of the telephone kiosk and it was proposed to clear the area behind the kiosk and to power wash the kiosk with a view to preparing it for repainting.
- d. The subject of dropped kerbs at St Georges was deferred until the next meeting.
- e. The Chairman commented that the Bus Shelters were dirty and required cleaning.

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

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

### 13. Neighbourhood Planning.

Cllr. Scott reported that it was intended that the Chairman of Seend Parish Council and the Chairman of Semington Parish Council meet to discuss a common approach to be adopted in view of any implications to either parish following the development of a Melksham Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr. Scott explained that in his discussions with Wiltshire Council it appeared to be possible to develop a 'Community Led' Plan – sometimes referred to as a 'Parish Plan – that captures key features of a Neighbourhood Plan, such as housing needs - without incurring the large expense and protracted timescale and bureaucracy associated with a Neighbourhood Plan. He stated that he was uncertain regarding the 'authority' of such a plan when commenting on planning applications but he would make further enquiries of Wiltshire Council in respect of developing such a 'Community Led' plan.

### 14. Wilts & Berks Canal.

There was nothing reported in respect of current developments although it was reported by councillors that the project is facing difficulties.

### 15. Tennis Court.

It was reported that the refurbishment of the Tennis Court had commenced.

Cllr. Rimmer stated that he had removed the old sign and the Council **resolved** that a new overlay for the sign be obtained to state that the Parish Council is the nominated contact. Cllr. Rimmer stated that he would arrange for the overlay to be obtained.

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### 16. Any Other Business.

The Chairman stated that he had sent details of the results of the 'No Entry Watch' scheme to all councillors and he gave a brief report on the associated statistics.

The Clerk reported the following item of correspondence:

- Merchant Navy Day.

Cllr. Rimmer proposed that a flagpole be erected at the corner of the Village Hall Car Park – to be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

Cllr. Rimmer also proposed that the May Day celebrations in the village be reinstated - to be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

### 17. Date of Next Meeting.

The Council noted the dates of the following meetings thus:

- 12 July 2017
- 20 September 2017
- 18 October 2017
- 15 November 2017

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

B D T Smyth.  
Chairman, Semington Parish Council

12 July 2017