

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Semington Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 17 May 2017 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, P Smith, B Smyth and C Wade.

There was one member of the public present.

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.

There were no matters raised.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 25 May 2016.

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 2016 – 2017

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

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

Cllr. Lockwood resigned in April after some twenty years as a councillor

10 Ordinary PC Meetings, 1 ExtraOrd Meeting, 1 Annual PC Meeting, 1 Annual Parish Meeting

Consideration of Planning Applications – Around 15 (12 last year).

- Richborough/Framptons applications – now gone to Appeal (27/6/17)

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- Hannick Homes progressing.
- Wiltshire Air Ambulance – ‘No Entry’ gate relocation.
- Attending WC Planning Committee meetings.

Community Policing Team Activities

PCSO Helen Wilson, PCSO Rose Baldock, PCSO Maggie Ledbury, PCSO Simon Partington.

Village Environment/Expenditure:

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

Wilts & Berks Canal Trust involvement.

Website – Development/Maintenance.

Donations/Subscriptions:

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

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

Brambles/Hedge clearance by Tennis Court.

Highways issues:

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

Other Matters:

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

Statement on the Parish Council accounts for Year ending 31 March 2017.

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

The balance brought forward from FY2015/16 had been £16528 and, allowing for the payments and receipts during the year, the balance carried forward at the end of FY2016/17, is £21476 The total receipts for the year to date are £14311, payments for the year to date total £9363 and the value of the fixed assets owned by the Council is £29338.

Out of the balance of £21476 carried forward some £376 represents the remaining donations from the War Memorial Fund and £5312 represents the St George’s Development Fund, namely the Tennis Court Fund.

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The General Reserve at 31 March 2016 was £15788.

Main Receipts in the year were:

Precept:	£12000
HMRC VAT Refund:	£386
HMRC PAYE	£1280
Bank Interest:	£4
Melksham AB Grant	£530

Main Payments in the year were:

Staff Costs:	£3491
Office Expenses:	£358
Information Boards	£1551
Donations:	£50 (Victim Support), £50 (Bobby Van Trust), £500 (St George's PCC – Newsletter/Grass Cutting), £100 (Jubilee Flowers), £196 (Bulbs).
Planning Appeal Leaflets	£50
Website:	£280
HMRC PAYE:	£1280.
Insurance/Subscriptions/Audit Fees:	£962
Hall Hire:	£464

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 7.15pm.

Chairman

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