

SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2018 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present.

Councillors B Smyth (Chairman), P Bowyer, M Kasasian, S Rimmer, R Robinson, 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.

1. Apologies.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Councillors R Oglesby and W Scott and from PCSO Maggie Ledbury.

2. Declaration of Interests.

There were no interests declared by councillors.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 12 September 2018.

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

4. Community Policing.

PCSO Ledbury of the Community Policing Team had sent the Clerk the September monthly report that he had subsequently sent to all councillors. The Clerk read out that part of the report that dealt with local issues and this is reproduced below (in italics):

ED13 Beat Code Monthly Report for PC Meeting – October 2018 *September's Figures*

Poulshot

No Reports

Bulkington

No Reports

Keevil

14th Theft of Red Diesel from fuel tank in Keevil.

Steeple Ashton

20th Damage to fencing in Sandpits Lane.

20th Damage to wire fencing and crops –Steeple Ashton.

21st Damage to wire and newly planted crops – Sandpits Lane.

Great Hinton

No Reports

Semington

9th Two vehicles RTC – No injuries

11th A vehicle was broken into whilst the IP was working nearby.

A strimmer and blower was stolen - The Orchard.

25th Theft of two reels of barbed wire from side of A361

26th Theft of radiator from a garden at The Knapps.

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Roger Coleman

Clerk to Semington Parish Council

Chairman's Signature _____

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Seed

9th Single Vehicle RTC - Lamb on the Strand – No injuries.

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit - <https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

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

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Temporary Sector Inspector – James Williams – james.williams@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Deputy Sector Sergeant – Jeff Rice – jeff.rice@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Community Coordinator – PC Charly Chilton – charlotte.chilton@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

The Chairman stated that 'No Entry Watch' had recommenced.

5. Adjournment.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the members of the public to raise any matters of interest. Following contributions from the public he reconvened the Parish Council meeting.

6. Wiltshire Council Report.

Cllr. Seed gave a report on the following:

- The Local Government Boundary Review and its likely effect on Semington.
- The impact and possible consequences and opportunities arising from the announced closure of part of Coopers Tires factory at Melksham.

In response to Cllr.Smyth, Cllr. Seed stated that he would make enquiries regarding the results of the recent 'No Entry' Gate traffic survey.

7. Planning.

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

18/08128/OUT	Land West of 5a High Street	Proposed New Dwelling	Pending
18/08168/FUL	Bay Tree Cottage, 5A High Street	Proposed single storey extension & outbuilding	Pending
18/04830/FUL Revised Plans	9 High Street	Two storey rear extension	Approved

b. There were no planning applications received after 10 October 2018.

c. The Clerk stated that the Agent (Stride Treglown) for Westerleigh Group – West Wiltshire Crematorium) – had informed him that he would be unable to attend today's Parish Council meeting to present the plans for the proposed extension of the crematorium that will include a new bereavement suite and second chapel.

8. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 17 October 2018 was as follows:

Lloyds A/C 2149025

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Bank Statement	£	16,582.51
31 August 2018		
(Info. Comm. Cheque No.869 - £40 cashed August not July)		
Total:	£	16,582.51

Credits (1 September 2018 to 30 September 2018):

HMRC PAYE Month 5	£	126.40
WC Precept (Part)	£	6,375.00
Total:	£	6,501.40

Debits (1 September 2018 to 30 September 2018):

Clerk's Salary (August)	£	316.18
Clerk's Back Pay	£	31.20
Clerk's Expenses (July/Aug)	£	31.17
HMRC PAYE Month 6	£	141.50
St Georges PCC	£	550.00
Chew Valley Rees	£	753.96
Village Hall Donation	£	2,000.00
Total:	£	3,824.01

Balance at 30 September 2018:**£ 19,259.90****Credits (1 October 2018 to 17 October 2018):**

HMRC PAYE Month 6	£	141.50
Total:	£	141.50

Debits (1 October 2018 to 17 October 2018):

Clerk's Salary (September)	£	322.50
R Robinson	£	21.10
Total:	£	343.60

Balance at 17 October 2018:**£ 19,057.80****Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:****£ 395.99****Parish Council Balance at 17 October 2018:****£ 18,661.81****Lloyds A/C 7754288**

Bank Statement	£	7,627.14
30-Jun-18		

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Credits

Interest (Approx)	£	0.32
Interest (Approx)	£	0.31
Interest (Approx)	£	0.30
Interest (Approx)	£	0.30

	£	1.25
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Debits

None

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Balance at 17 October 2018:

	£	7,628.39
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Total Balance in Hand at 17 October 2018:

	£	26,290.20
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Payments to be authorised (17 October 2018).

Clerk's Salary (October) To be paid 1 November 2018	£	322.50
Office Expenses (September) - To be paid November	£	1.83
HMRC PAYE Month 7	£	128.80
TOTAL:	£	453.13

b. The Council **resolved** to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above including a payment of £24.75 to Cllr. Scott for the purchase of Yellow Rattle seeds that was agreed at a previous meeting. These seeds would be sown throughout the village.

9. **Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations and Electoral Review Consultations.**

The Council **resolved** that the following comments be sent to the Local Government Boundary Commission:

Semington Parish Council strongly supports the proposal by Wiltshire Council to create a new Electoral Division called Melksham Rural Without and comprising Broughton Gifford, Semington, Steeple Ashton, Keevil, Great Hinton and Melksham Berryfields. Traditionally and historically Semington has a greater affinity and connection to Melksham than it has to other nearby conurbations and these connections include strong social, cultural and business links with the Melksham area that do not exist elsewhere. Moreover, Semington shares a common boundary with Melksham Civil Parish.

As Chairman of Semington Parish Council and on behalf of the parishioners of Semington I would be grateful if you would take note of the above in your deliberations and ensure that Semington is an integral part of the new Melksham Rural Without Electoral Division.

10. **Highways/Environment.**

a Councillors commented that the arisings are still awaiting collection by Wiltshire Council at Wessex Close Playing Field despite reminders being sent. It was also noted that Wiltshire Council had promptly removed the fly-tipped rubbish that was in the Trowbridge Road layby.

Cllr. Smyth stated that a resident in St Georges Road had repeatedly requested Wiltshire Council to cut back trees in Wessex Close Play Area that were overhanging his property and were potentially dangerous. The Clerk replied that he had contacted Wiltshire Council on behalf of the resident and reminded Wiltshire Council that Wiltshire Council is the owner of the Wessex Close Play Area and that the Parish Council had no responsibility for that area. He had also commented that he had a legal document supporting this view and had suggested that Wiltshire Council consults its own Legal Department for confirmation.

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Cllr. Smyth stated that he would request Emma Putnam – someone who may be able to undertake relatively minor tasks within the village – to contact the Clerk.

b. Cllr. Smyth confirmed that he is awaiting the results of the recent 'No Entry' Gate traffic survey before discussing this subject further. Councillors stated that the subject of new and additional signage in respect of this Gate and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance request for signage was to be raised at the forthcoming CATG meeting. Cllr. Smith stated that he would attend that meeting and represent the Council's views.

c. Cllr. Rimmer reported that the commemorative Oak trees had now been planted and commented that a number of councillors and parishioners had assisted in that task. The Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council thanked all those who had helped to plant the trees. Cllr. Rimmer stressed that it was now necessary to ensure that they are regularly watered and he expressed his thanks to all those who had offered to help.

Cllr. Rimmer proposed that there could be a Memorial tablet at the site of the trees to indicate why they had been planted.

The Council **resolved** that the following wording would be appropriate:

'These Oaks were planted in 2018 on the anniversary of the 1918 Armistice to commemorate Semington parishioners who gave their lives in WW1'.

He indicated that the cost would be in the order of £400 to £500. The Council **resolved** to defer a decision on acquiring a memorial tablet.

d. The Council noted the recent correspondence from the Ramblers Association regarding identification of the two paths where the stiles needed repairing. The Chairman identified the exact locations on a map and the Clerk stated that he would communicate this information to Mr Micklam.

e. Cllr. Wade reported that he had contacted the Nursery that had previously supplied a Christmas Tree for the village and that it did not have a suitable tree this year – the only available tree was too large. However, he had sourced an alternative tree – some sixteen feet in height – at a cost of around £157. The Council resolved that this tree be purchased and that a new set of lights for the tree and an additional set of lights for the Telephone Box be procured. It was agreed that the overall cost (tree plus lights) is not to exceed £250.

It was stated that the Christmas Tree 'Switch-on' will take place on Sunday 2 December with the erection of the tree and lights a week earlier.

11. War Memorial.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council was awaiting the Final Report from the parishioner regarding the case of adding two additional names to the War Memorial before making any further comment.

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

Cllr. Smith confirmed that he would be attending the CATG Meeting to be held on 18 October.

13. Wilts & Berks Canal.

Cllr. Robinson reported that there was to be a 'Canal and River Trust User Group' meeting at Bradford on Avon on 21 November and that he would be attending that meeting.

14. Tennis Court and Wessex Close Play Areas.

Councillors noted that there was still a need to clear vegetation from the edge of the playing area of the Tennis Court that was now becoming entwined with the Tennis Court fence.

15. Any Other Business.

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Cllr. Robinson handed out a revised copy of the proposed design of the Information Board that was to be positioned in the Telephone Box and requested that comments are sent to him no later than 26 October.

Cllr. Smyth reported that one of the play equipments in the Wessex Close Play Area was defective and he invited all councillors to visit the site and to confirm his observation.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

a. The Council noted the following meeting dates thus:

- 17 October 2018
- 14 November 2018
- 12 December 2018.

The meeting concluded at 9.50pm.

b. The following dates were proposed for subsequent Ordinary Parish Council meetings:

- 9 January 2019
- 13 February 2019
- 13 March 2019
- 10 April 2019

Note.

These dates are now confirmed.

Brian Smyth
Semington Parish Council

14 November 2018