

# SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

### Present.

Councillor R Oglesby (Chairman) and Councillors P Bowyer, F Dobbyn, K Lockwood, S Rimmer, R Robinson, B Smyth (Part-time), P Vooght, C Wade (Part-time) and the Clerk, Roger Coleman.

Wiltshire Councillor J Seed (Part-time).

There were eighteen members of the public present (for Agenda items 1 to 4 inclusive).

### *Clerk's Note.*

*Prior to the meeting, commencing at 7 pm, the plans and supporting documents in relation to these two planning applications were on view to the public.*

### **1. Introductions and Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting and extended a particular welcome to the representatives from the Orders of St John Care Trust, including the Architect, who had been invited to give a presentation on Planning application 09/03542, the 'Care Village'.

The Chairman explained that the purpose of this meeting was to allow the Parish Council to decide on the observations to be sent to Wiltshire Council in respect of the following planning applications:

- 09/03542/FUL – Orders of St John Care Trust 'Care Village'.
- 09/03469 – Playing Field (Change of Use), West of Crematorium.

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

Cllr. Lockwood declared a prejudicial interest in Planning application 09/03469. There were no other interests declared in accordance with the Revised Model Code of Conduct.

### **3. Apologies.**

All parish councillors were present.

The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Councillor Seed had expressed a wish to attend but attendance at a Wiltshire Council Planning Committee meeting might delay his arrival.

### **4. Adjournment.**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

The representatives from the Orders of St John Care Trust gave their presentation on the proposed development of a Care Village after which the members of the public were invited to raise any points of interest.

The Chairman invited Kevin Lockwood, the applicant in respect of Planning application 09/03468, to give a short presentation on his planning application that addressed the development of a Playing Field, west of the West Wiltshire Crematorium. A short Question & Answer session followed his presentation.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

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### 5. Observations to be sent to Wiltshire Council.

Planning application: 09/03542/FUL 'Care Village'

The Parish Council examined this planning application in detail and reviewed the comments that had been made by members of the public.

The Council resolved unanimously that the following observations be sent to Wiltshire Council (shown in italics):

*The Parish Council objects to this proposed development, unless the following conditions are met:*

- *The applicant is to enter into an agreement (e.g. s106 Agreement) that it will provide improved facilities in the village (e.g. Disabled WC in the Village Hall, Village Hall roof improvements) that will directly benefit the parishioners of Semington and the residents of the Care Village and will facilitate integration of both communities.*
- *The buildings associated with the development are to be commenced at a point further eastwards to permit the creation of a substantial open grassed area between the road (High Street) and the westernmost buildings. A grassed area akin to a Village Green would have benefits for the Care Village residents and for the parishioners of Semington.*
- *The proposed shop is to be as large as is practicable with regular daily opening hours. A survey undertaken in the village 3 years (approx) ago confirmed that some 200 residents would use a 'local' shop. The project to provide a 'Village Shop' failed because of the unavailability of a viable site for a shop in the village.*
- *The intended gas supply as the energy source for the Care Village is to be planned with a view to it being extended to provide a gas supply to the residences in Semington. Earlier representations to the gas provider for a gas supply to the village failed to secure a supply because of the prohibitive cost per household.*

Planning application: 09/03469 'Playing Field'

Cllr. Lockwood left the meeting and the Meeting Room at this point.

The Parish Council examined this planning application in detail and reviewed the comments that had been made by members of the public.

The Council resolved unanimously that the following observations be sent to Wiltshire Council (shown in italics):

*The Parish Council supports this proposed development.*

### 6. Closing Remarks.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 pm.

R Oglesby  
Chairman, Semington Parish Council

24 February 2010.