

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 April 2011 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall

### Present.

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

Wiltshire Councillor J Seed attended (Part-time).

PCSO Rose Baldock attended (Part-time).

There was one member of the public present.

### **1. Declaration of Interests.**

There were no interests declared.

### **2. Apologies.**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr. F Dobbyn.

### **3. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16 March 2011.**

The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

### **4. Adjournment.**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for members of the public and for Cllr. Seed to raise any points of interest.

The meeting then reconvened.

### **5. Neighbourhood Policing.**

PCSO Baldock reported that there had been one caution issued for a drug offence and that two drivers had each been fined £120 with three penalty points imposed on their licence for ignoring the 'No Entry' sign at the northern end of the High Street. She commented that there was no other crime to report, except an assault at Steeple Ashton and a burglary at Poulshot.

The Council confirmed that the 'No Entry' sign did apply to taxi drivers.

Cllr. Wade reported that a garden hose had been stolen from a garden in Church Lane but that it had not been reported to the police.

### **6. Planning.**

a. The Clerk reported that planning application W/11/01206/FUL had been received after 7 April 2011 and that this planning application related to the Gypsy and Travellers' site adjacent to the crematorium. He added that it was an application to make the site permanent.

The Council **resolved** unanimously that this application raised a number of important issues that fell outside the expertise of councillors and that the services of a planning consultant is to be investigated.

The Council noted that this planning application was to be an agenda item at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting. It also noted that Cllr. Seed had 'called in' this application to be placed before the full Planning Committee.

c. The Council noted that Mr Jamie Lewis of Hunter Page Planning and Nick Cleverley of Hannick Homes had given a presentation during the Public Adjournment in relation to possible development of the field at St Georges Road. The Chair stated that this proposal, and the wish expressed by the presenters to engage parishioners in the discussion of any possible

developments, would also feature at the Annual Parish Meeting.

There were no other planning matters to consider.

**7. Highways.**

There were no matters reported by councillors.

The Chairman commented that the repair to the drains at the High Street, near to Brook Cottage, may have resolved the flooding problem – although there had been little rainfall recently.

**8. Sports and Social Facilities in Semington – St George’s Fund.**

a. The following projects were reviewed, as shown:

Sports/Recreation Field.

Cllr. Lockwood reported that the development of the sports field was progressing well and that a youngsters’ Football Match was to take place on Good Friday at 3pm with an adult match starting at 4pm. He commented that the event is to be accompanied by a Raffle and a Bar-B-Que.

He added that future work is to include the installation of a cess-pit and the creation of a ‘balancing pond’ to accommodate rain water.

Village Hall Improvements

Cllr. Vooght stated that he is awaiting two further quotations for the installation of the buttresses before applying to the Community Area Board for a grant.

**9. Finance.**

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position was as follows:

**Semington Parish Council - Financial Statement - 13 April 2011**

		<u>Lloyds TSB A/C 2149025</u>
	Bank Statement	£ 4,968.11
	28-Feb-11	
	Total:	<b>£ 4,968.11</b>

NOTE: WC Bus Shelter Grant £1634.41 credited on 25/2/11

**Credits (1 March 2011 to 31 March 2011):**

17-Mar	Transfer from A/C 7754288	£ 2,500.00
	Total:	<b>£ 2,500.00</b>

**Debits (1 March 2011 to 31 March 2011):**

01-Mar	Clerk's Salary (February)	£ 258.46
16-Mar	Office Expenses (February)	£ 15.51
16-Mar	Queensbury Shelters	£ 3,922.58
16-Mar	Seagate Portable Hard Drive	£ 41.77
	Total:	<b>£ 4,238.32</b>

**Balance at 31 March 2011:**

	<b>£ 3,229.79</b>
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## Credits (1 April 2011 to 13 April 2011)

None

	£	-
Total:	£	-

## Debits (1 April 2011 to 13 April 2011):

01-Apr Clerk's Salary (March)

	£	258.46
Total:	£	<b>258.46</b>

**Balance at 13 April 2011:**

**£ 2,971.33**

## Lloyds TSB A/C 7754288

Bank Statement  
09-Dec-10

£ 13,610.17

## Credits

10-Jan	Interest	£	0.60
09-Feb	Interest	£	0.56
09-Mar	Interest	£	0.52
09-Apr	Interest	£	0.55
		£	<b>2.23</b>

## Debits

17-Mar	Transfer to A/C 2149025	£	2,500.00
		£	<b>2,500.00</b>

**Balance at 13 April 2011:**

**£ 11,112.40**

**Total Balance in hand at 13 April 2011:**

**£ 14,083.73**

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### Payments to be authorised (13 April 2011).

Clerks Salary (April 2011)	£	258.46
Office Expenses (March 2011)	£	26.38
Village Hall Hire	£	400.00
Aon Allianz Insurance (Bus Shelter addition)	£	15.44
<b>TOTAL:</b>	£	<b>700.28</b>

### Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (13 April 11).

None

The Clerk stated that he had completed the Annual Return and had undertaken a Bank Reconciliation and that everything was in order. He added that there remained some £5000 in the St George's Fund for disbursement.

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

Cllr. Vooght stated that a Kid's Party had been planned for the forthcoming Royal Wedding. Councillors indicated their support for this event and **resolved** to make a donation of £50 towards its cost.

## 10. Environment.

The Council decided that there should be further bulb planting in the Autumn and **resolved** that Cllr Rimmer be authorised to spend up to £200 in acquiring new bulbs.

Cllr. Smyth stated that there was moss growing on the footpath nearby and that it was slippery and dangerous. He confirmed that Angela Weston, as the Parish Steward contact, had been informed.

The Clerk was asked to enquire from Wiltshire Council when the bunding at Littlemarsh was to be installed as this was a precursor to the more extensive bulb planting planned for the Autumn.

## 11. Wilts & Berks Canal Trust working Group.

Cllr. Smyth reported that he and Cllr. Robinson had attended the recent Working Group meeting on the 17 March. He stated that there was little to report as most of the issues had been covered at the previous meeting. He commented that Chippenham and Melksham are each keen to have a spur of the canal in the town centre. He added that a recent Ecotec Report had stated that the Kennet & Avon Canal was financially sound. He concluded his report by stating that once the public consultation in relation to the Melksham Campus had been completed a new public consultation in relation to the Wilts & Berks Canal would commence.

He advised the Council that the next meeting was to be held on 12 May.

## 12. Community Area/Area Boards.

Cllr. Bowyer reported that the Area Board meeting was held the previous evening and that the subject of the meeting was the new 'Localism Bill' which was designed to encourage local, voluntary involvement in a wide range of activities.

The Council discussed briefly the need or desirability of a Community Plan that would provide an agreed strategy for the development of Semington such that it could be incorporated in the Core Strategy for the region. It was mooted that such a plan should be developed professionally and that funding from it may be possible from the residue of the St George's Fund.

## 13. Tennis Court.

Cllrs. Vooght stated that the St George's Primary School had requested the use of the Tennis Court for an 'after school' Club. The Council **resolved** that the school could use it for this purpose and that there would be no charge.

## 14. Any Other Business.

Exchange of views on matters not requiring a decision:

The Clerk stated that there were no matters to draw to the attention of the Council.

Councillors commented on the following:

- Cllr. Oglesby – Semington Website.

- Cllr. Vooght – Royal Wedding bunting.
- Cllr. Rimmer – Rights of Way maps and the need to regularly inspect the local footpaths and bridleways. The Clerk stated that he would ask Wiltshire Council to provide copies for councillors.
- Cllr. Bowyer – Village ‘Litter Pick’. It was agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Cllr. Oglesby – The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and the provision of commemorative mugs for school children. It was agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

**15. Date of the next meeting.**

a. The Council noted the date of the next Parish Council meetings:

- Annual Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 18 May 2010 at 8.00pm.
- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 18 May 2010 at 8.00pm.

b. The Council noted the date for the Annual Parish Meeting thus:  
Wednesday 20 April 2011.

The meeting concluded at 9.50 pm.

R Oglesby  
Chairman, Semington Parish Council

18 May 2011.