

## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2011 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall

### Present.

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

There were three members of the public present.

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

There were no interests declared.

### **2. Apologies.**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Wiltshire Councillor J Seed.

### **3. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 13 April 2011.**

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

### **4. Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 27 April 2011.**

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

### **5. Adjournment.**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for members of the public to raise any points of interest. The meeting then reconvened.

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

In the absence of a representative from the Neighbourhood Policing Team, no report was given.

Cllr. Robinson reported that the problem of car sales at the roundabout had been resolved, although there was now evidence of car sales taking place at the entrance to The Turnpike.

### **7. Planning.**

a. There were no planning applications to consider.

b. The Clerk stated that an appeal has been lodged in respect of planning applications W/10/02972/FUL and W/10/02973/LBC – both relating to developments at The Somerset Arms. The Council **resolved** that the Clerk writes to the Planning Inspectorate along the same lines as previously outlining the objections of the Parish Council to this proposed development. Councillors also observed that comment should also be made in respect of the applicant implying that he had ownership of a greater area of the proposed development land than was the case. Cllr. Smyth agreed to provide the Clerk with the appropriate additional wording.

### **8. Highways.**

Cllr. Oglesby commented that there were nettles overgrowing the pavement between the Canal Bridge and the Semington Brook Bridge. It was agreed that this matter should be reported to the Parish Steward.

### **9. 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 quotations for the installation of a cess-pit are being obtained and that netting – to prevent the footballs being kicked into the road - has become available at the (old) George Ward School. He added that electricity is presently being connected to the site.

Village Hall Improvements

Cllr. Vooght stated that he has obtained quotations for the repair of the Village Hall wall and that a meeting the following night would decide which contractor would be invited to undertake the work. He added that a grant for financial assistance is now to be made to the Area Board.

**10. Finance.**

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

**Semington Parish Council - Financial Statement - 18 May 2011**

		<u>Lloyds TSB A/C 2149025</u>	
	Bank Statement		£ 3,229.79
	31-Mar-11		
		Total:	<b>£ 3,229.79</b>
	<b>Credits (1 April 2011 to 30 April 2011):</b>		
26-Apr	WC Precept FY2011/12		£ 7,500.00
		Total:	<b>£ 7,500.00</b>
	<b>Debits (1 April 2011 to 30 April 2011):</b>		
01-Apr	Clerk's Salary (March)	£	258.46
	Office Expenses (March)	£	26.38
	Village Hall Hire	£	400.00
	Aon Ltd (Bus Shelter Insurance Premium)	£	15.44
	Royal Wedding Kid's Party Donation	£	50.00
		Total:	<b>£ 750.28</b>
 <b>Balance at 30 April 2011:</b>			<b>£ 9,979.51</b>
	<b>Credits (1 May 2011 to 18 May 2011)</b>		
	None	£	-
		Total:	<b>£ -</b>
	<b>Debits (1 May 2011 to 18 May 2011):</b>		
01-May	Clerk's Salary (April)	£	258.46
		Total:	<b>£ 258.46</b>
 <b>Balance at 18 May 2011:</b>			<b>£ 9,721.05</b>

Lloyds TSB A/C 7754288

Bank Statement	£ 11,111.85
17-Mar-11	

**Credits**

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09-Apr	Interest	£	0.55
09-May	Interest	£	0.75
		<b>£</b>	<b>1.30</b>

## Debits

None

£	-
<b>£</b>	<b>-</b>

**Balance at 18 May 2011:**

**£ 11,113.15**

**Total Balance in hand at 18 May 2011:**

**£ 20,834.20**

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### Payments to be authorised (18 May 2011).

Clerks Salary (May 2011)	£	258.46
Office Expenses (April 2011)	£	26.38
Julian Collins	£	40.00
Zurich Insurance Premium	£	635.77
Internal Auditor Fee	£	110.00
Clerk's Office Allowance	£	125.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,195.61</b>

### Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (18 May 2011).

Wiltshire Wildlife Fund Subscription	£	36.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>36.00</b>

The Council resolved to pay the annual subscription of £36.00 to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

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

## 11. Environment.

a. There were no specific matters reported by councillors.

b. The Council **resolved** that the 'Litter Pick' will take place on Wednesday 1 June, commencing at 6pm at the Village Hall.

## 12. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration 2012.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to the Headteacher, St. George's School inviting the pupils to propose a design for a mug to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The Council **agreed** that once a suitable or winning design had been chosen, the Parish Council would arrange for mugs containing the design to be made and for each child in the village and school to receive one.

The Clerk was asked to place a notice in the Village Newsletter inviting parishioners to suggest ideas for celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

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Roger Coleman  
Clerk to Semington Parish Council

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

**13. Wilts & Berks Canal Trust working Group.**

Cllr. Smyth reported that the next meeting of the Working Group meeting is on 19 May and that he would give a report on that meeting in the usual way.

**14. Community Area/Area Boards.**

There was nothing reported.

**15. Tennis Court.**

Cllrs. Vooght stated that the Tennis Court appeared in good order although some minor works to the gate were required. He added that he had received a report that weeds were growing against the wire fence.

**16. Planning Application W/11/01206/FUL.**

The Chairman proposed that the public are excluded from the meeting because of the nature of the business to be discussed would be prejudicial to the public interest. The Council **resolved** to adopt this proposal.

The remaining member of the public left the Meeting Room.

This matter is recorded separately.

At the conclusion of this Agenda item, the Council **resolved** that the public be readmitted.

**17 Any Other Business.**

Exchange of views on matters not requiring a decision:

- Melksham Civic Celebrations – Invitation (5 June 20110

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

**18. Date of the next meeting.**

The Council noted the date of the next Parish Council meeting:

- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 15 June 2011 at 8.00pm.

The meeting concluded at 9.55 pm.

R Oglesby  
Chairman, Semington Parish Council

15 June 2011.