

## Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

### Present.

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

PC Emily Thomas 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 Parish Councillors P Bowyer, P Vooght and C Wade and Wiltshire Councillor J Seed.

### **3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 18 May 2011.**

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

### **4. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 18 May 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.

### **6. Neighbourhood Policing.**

PC Thomas stated that there was little to report and her only comment was that a couple of recycling boxes had been stolen. She reported that there had been thefts of lead from church roofs, including one at Steeple Ashton.

She enquired whether the problem of car sales at The Turnpike had been resolved and Cllr. Robinson answered in the affirmative, although he added that the situation did need to be monitored.

PC Thomas stated that she would highlight the abuse of the No Through Road sign on the road through the village as a priority and would commence patrols in the area.

### **7. Planning.**

- a. There were no planning applications to consider.
- b. There were no other matters relating to planning raised.

### **8. Highways.**

Cllr. Oglesby reported that there were nettles overgrowing the pavement between the Canal Bridge and the Semington Brook Bridge and that the contact for the Parish Steward needed to be informed.

### **9. Sports and Social Facilities in Semington – St George's Fund.**

The following projects were reviewed, as shown:

#### Sports/Recreation Field.

Cllr. Lockwood reported that development of the Playing Field is continuing well and that netting has now been obtained from the (old) George Ward School to be used behind the goal post on the Playing Field. He added that some more netting is available that it is hoped will also be used for

the same purpose.

Village Hall Improvements

The Council was informed that the repair work on the wall will commence in the next two or three weeks. Cllr. Rimmer stated that the possibility of attracting grant aid to help with the funding of the repair will be discussed at the Village Hall Management Committee meeting to be held on 16 June.

**10. Finance.**

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

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

		<b><u>Lloyds TSB A/C 2149025</u></b>	
	Bank Statement		£ 9,979.51
	30-Apr-11		
		Total:	<b>£ 9,979.51</b>
	<b>Credits (1 May 2011 to 31 May 2011):</b>		
18-May	HMRC VAT Refund		£ 1,037.37
		Total:	<b>£ 1,037.37</b>
	<b>Debits (1 May 2011 to 31 May 2011):</b>		
01-May	Clerk's Salary (April)	£	258.46
	Office Expenses (April)	£	26.38
	Zurich Insurance	£	635.77
	Office Allowance	£	125.00
	Internal Audit Fee	£	110.00
		Total:	<b>£ 1,155.61</b>
	<b>Balance at 31 May 2011:</b>		<b>£ 9,861.27</b>
	<b>Credits (1 June 2011 to 13 June 2011)</b>		
	None	£	-
		Total:	<b>£ -</b>
	<b>Debits (1 June 2011 to 13 June 2011):</b>		
01-Jun	Clerk's Salary (May)	£	258.46
	J Collins	£	40.00
	Wilts Wildlife Trust	£	36.00
		Total:	<b>£ 258.46</b>
	<b>Balance at 13 June 2011:</b>		<b>£ 9,602.81</b>

**Lloyds TSB A/C 7754288**

# SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Bank Statement 17-Mar-11 £ 11,111.85

## Credits

11-Apr	Interest	£	0.53
09-May	Interest	£	0.43
09-Jun	Interest	£	0.43
		<b>£</b>	<b>1.39</b>

## Debits

None	£	-
	<b>£</b>	<b>-</b>

**Balance at 13 June 2011:** £ 11,113.24

**Total Balance in hand at 13 June 2011:** £ 20,716.05

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

Clerks Salary (June 2011)	£	258.46
Office Expenses (May 2011)	£	80.68
Planning Consultant Invoice	£	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2,339.14</b>

## Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (13 June 2011).

Bobby Van Trust TBA

**TOTAL:** £ -

The Council **resolved** to make a donation of £100 to The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust and to pay the annual subscription of £36.00 to Community First.

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 noted that the previously arranged Litter Pick had been cancelled. Cllrs. Smyth and Lockwood agree to survey the village to establish whether a Litter Pick was necessary and, if so, to arrange a suitable date for it to take place.

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

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Headteacher, St. George's School giving details of the proposal to buy mugs for each child in the school and village. He added that the letter also invited the pupils to propose a design for a mug to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

Cllr. Rimmer promoted the idea of creating a 'Jubilee Wood' locally and following suggestions by councillors as to a possible location for it, the Clerk was asked to write to Wiltshire Council enquiring whether there existed any suitable tracts of land at Semington for such a wood. Cllr. Smyth suggested that some of the land between the bypass and the edge of the village may be

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Roger Coleman  
Clerk to Semington Parish Council

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suitable. Cllr. Lockwood suggested that land at Littlemarsh may be suitable in the area of the promised bund. Land at the crematorium site was also mooted as a possibility.

Cllr. Oglesby suggested that a 'Duck Race' takes place and that such an event would provide funding for other celebration activities in the village. Cllr. Lockwood cautioned against the Parish Council 'going it alone' because the Village Hall and The Somerset Arms and, possibly, the school might wish to put on an event or events and some coordination would be essential. Cllr. Lockwood stated that he would make enquiries of The Somerset Arms.

### **13. Wilts & Berks Canal Trust Working Group.**

Cllr. Smyth reported that the planning process for the canal is progressing steadily. He added that there is an Environmental Report to be produced as part of the planning process. He commented that the proposed Marina is to be privately funded and is not dependent on grant aid.

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

Cllr. Robinson stated that he would talk to Cllr. Seed about the possibility of grant aid for the repair of the Village Hall.

### **15. Tennis Court.**

Cllrs. Smyth and Lockwood stated that they would undertake the minor works to the gate that were required and would remove the weeds that were growing against the wire fence.

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

The Council noted that the letter and an e-mail had been sent to Wiltshire Council Planning Department and to every member, including substitutes, of the Planning Committee stating the Parish Council objections to this planning application.

Cllr. Dobbyn tabled a draft of the 'speaking notes' that he had prepared for delivery at the Planning Committee meeting to be held on 15 June. Cllr. Dobbyn read out the notes in full and this led to a general discussion on the preferred content. Councillors thanked Cllr. Dobbyn for undertaking this task and for being prepared to speak at the Planning Committee meeting. Cllr. Dobbyn stated that he would amend the notes in the light of the comments and that he would send a revised script to all councillors.

The Council discussed and agreed the arrangements for attending, and being represented at, the Planning Committee meeting.

### **17 Any Other Business.**

Exchange of views on matters not requiring a decision:

- Queen Elizabeth 2 – Playing Field Challenge. Details were handed to Cllr. Lockwood.
- Parish Plan - The Clerk stated that he had obtained a CD copy of the Atworth Parish Council Parish Plan that may act as a template for a Semington Parish Plan and passed it to Cllr. Smyth for him to study.

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

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

- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 13 July 2011 at 8.00pm.

The meeting concluded at 9.40 pm.

R Oglesby  
Chairman, Semington Parish Council

13 July 2011.