

**Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2014 at
8.00pm in the Village Hall**

Present.

Councillors R Oglesby (Chairman), K Lockwood, S Rimmer, R Robinson, W Scott, B Smyth, C Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team, PC Emily Thomas and PCSO Rose Baldock attended the meeting (Part-time).

There were ten parishioners present initially.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman, Cllr. Oglesby, reported that a previous long-serving parish councillor - Jim Walker - had died that day. The Chairman and councillors expressed their regret and sadness at his passing.

1. Declaration of Interests.

There were no interests declared.

2. Apologies.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllr. P Bowyer and from Wiltshire Councillor Cllr. J Seed.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 19 February 2014.

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

4. Neighbourhood Policing.

PC Thomas of the Neighbourhood Policing Team reported that there had been an incident at the Garage but this had resulted in civil proceedings. She added that there had been some disorder at the Crematorium associated with a group of homeless alcoholics.

PC Thomas reported that some individuals had been targeted by cold callers offering investment opportunities and that this was a scam that had resulted in one person losing many tens of thousands of pounds. She advised all parishioners to be particularly vigilant regarding 'unusual' telephone calls.

There were no matters raised by councillors.

5. Adjournment.

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

6. Wiltshire Council Report.

In the absence of Cllr. Seed no report was given.

7. Planning.

a. The Council examined the following planning applications and **resolved** to send comments to Wiltshire Council as shown in italics:

14/01696/FUL	7 The Hunt Close	Proposed rear extension	NEW
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The Parish Council has no objections to the planning application.

14/02279/FUL	30 Semington House	Replace existing lean-to with garden room. Reface south end of eastern lean-to. Minor alteration works.	NEW
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The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.

14/01401/LBC	30 Semington House	Replace existing lean-to with garden room. Reface south end of eastern lean-to. Minor alteration works.	NEW
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The Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to any comments from the Conservation Officer.

14/02026/FUL	Littleton Stables	Retention of existing dwelling and construction of a single storey extension	NEW
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The Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the Planning Officer confirming that this building and the proposed extension represents a 'temporary structure' and is not and will not be classified as a permanent building. If it is classed as a permanent building the Parish Council objects to this proposed development.

- b. There were no planning applications received after 12 March 2014.
- c. The Council noted that Planning application 13/06123/FUL had been an Agenda item on the Western Area Planning Committee meeting and Cllrs Smyth and Scott who had both represented the Parish Council at that meeting confirmed that the Planning Committee had refused the application. Cllrs. Smyth and Scott each briefed the Council on the proceedings of the Planning Committee meeting.
- d. The Clerk confirmed that Wiltshire Council has accepted that the proposed 'Rural Housing Needs Survey' form will include the additional questions requested by the Parish Council and that the survey will now take place.
- e. The Clerk reported that he is still awaiting a response from Wiltshire Council in respect of the unauthorised Day Room (Planning application W/12/02148/FUL and Appeal Hearing APP/Y3940/A/11/2156159 and that he will pursue Wiltshire Council for a response.
- f. The Council decided to defer discussion on whether to develop a Neighbourhood Plan to a subsequent meeting.

8. Finance.

- a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 19 March 2014 was as follows:

Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement	£	7,004.04
31 January 2014		
Total:	£	7,004.04

Credits (1 February 2014 to 28 February 2014):

RP Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 10)	£	113.60
War Memorial Donation	£	35.00

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War Memorial Donation	£	20.00
War Memorial Donation	£	20.00
War Memorial Donation	£	50.00
Wiltshire Council Area Board Grant	£	1,500.00
Total:	£	1,738.60

Debits (1 February 2014 to 28 February 2014):

Clerk's Salary (January)	£	284.67
Office Expenses (January)	£	22.89
War Memorial (R Heard)	£	67.95
HMRC PAYE Month 10	£	113.60
Total:	£	489.11

Balance at 28 February 2014:

£	8,253.53
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Credits (1 March 2014 to 19 March 2014):

HMRC PAYE Month 11	£	114.00
HMRC PAYE Month 12	£	114.00
War Memorial Donation	£	50.00
War Memorial Donation	£	10.00
Total:	£	288.00

Debits (1 March 2014 to 19 March 2014):

Clerk's Salary (February)	£	284.67
Total:	£	284.67

Balance at 19 March 2014:

£	8,256.86
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Minus Semington War Memorial Donations

£	3,590.00
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Parish Council Balance at 19 March 2014:

£	4,666.86
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Lloyds A/C 7754288

Bank Statement 31-Dec-14	£	7,592.10
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Credits

Interest	£	0.32
Interest (Approx)	£	0.30
Interest (Approx)	£	0.28
Total:	£	0.90

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Debits

None

£	-
£	-

Balance at 19 March 2014:

£	7,593.00
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Total Balance in hand at 19 March 2014:	£12,259.86
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Payments to be authorised (19 March 2014).

Clerk's Salary (March)	£	284.67
Office Expenses (February)	£	17.81
HMRC PAYE (Month 11)	£	114.00
HMRC PAYE (Month 12)	£	114.00

TOTAL:	£	530.48
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Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (19 March 2014).

None

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

9. Highways/Environment.

a. Cllr. Smyth stated that he has regular meetings with Stuart Renfrew, the Wiltshire Council Highways and Streetscene Focal Point and that he had reported the poor state of the path between Highfield Close and the Bus Stop in the High Street.

b. Cllr. Robinson stated he had now determined the exact coordinates of the rotunda and subject to the wording being agreed the engraving could be undertaken. The Council **resolved** that the decision on the wording to be used would be delegated to Cllrs. Robinson and Bowyer and the Council **resolved** that a sum of approximately £35 could be expended on the engraving.

c. Cllr. Rimmer reported that the daffodils in the village were impressive and he asked all councillors to note any areas in the village that would benefit from additional planting schemes. He added that photographs of likely areas should be taken.

Cllr. Scott reported the presence of very large potholes in the road at Pound Lane and Cllr. Smyth stated that he would contact Mr Renfrew.

The Council **resolved** that it had no comments to send to Wiltshire Council in addition to those proposed by Cllr. Scott in relation to the proposed Wiltshire Council Drainage Byelaw.

Clerk's Note.

The comments made by Cllr. Scott were (in italics):

- *Query – I presume that this applies to the K&A (and other) canal as well as to rivers, brooks, streams, rills, etc. This is not clear, however.*

- *Comment – Section #26b refers to the British Waterways Board which was abolished in July 2012. Thus, the reference probably ought to be to the Canal & River Trust.*

Councillors noted and discussed the representations made by a member of the public during the earlier Adjournment in relation to road safety in the vicinity of the Semington Turnpike roundabout and more generally along the A361 road. Councillors expressed their concern also at the increasing danger in that area from road vehicles and commented on the difficulty of safely crossing the A361 road especially with young children. The Council asked the Clerk to write to Wiltshire Council to alert it to the dangers and to invite Wiltshire Council Highways to propose possible road safety measures to ameliorate those dangers, including reducing the speed limit.

10. Semington War Memorial.

a. The Clerk reported that £3597 had been donated to date and that he had put James Long (Masons) on notice that the Parish Council intends to commission work to renovate the War Memorial and to undertake directly related tasks to commemorate the First World War. The Council noted that there is to be a Dedication Service at St George's Church, Semington on Sunday 3 August 2014.

b. The Clerk reported that this project is progressing smoothly and that no further action was required at this stage except enquiring into the progress of the grant application to the War Memorials Trust.

11. Wilts & Berks Canal.

Cllr. Smyth reported that this project is progressing and that he had nothing specific to report.

12. Tennis Court.

There was nothing to report.

13. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Smyth – A ground anchor had been purchased for the Christmas Tree and Leigh Swinden had offered to undertake the ground work necessary.

Cllr. Smyth – Wiltshire Council has embarked upon an initiative entitled 'Big Pledge' and he handed out details to the councillors present.

Cllr. Smyth – There is to be a Quiz Night at the Village Hall on 11 May 2014.

The Clerk handed Cllr. Smyth details of this year's CPRE 'Best Kept Village' competition. There were no other matters reported by councillors.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

The Council noted the date for the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting:

- 16 April 2014

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on 26 March 2014.

The Council noted the dates for the following Parish Council meetings thus:

- 14 May 2014 – Annual PC Meeting and Ordinary PC Meeting.
- 18 June 2014 – Ordinary PC Meeting.
- 16 July 2014 – Ordinary PC Meeting.
- 17 September 2014 (Provisional) – Ordinary PC Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10.15 pm.

R Oglesby
Chairman, Semington Parish Council

16 April 2014