

SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2014 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present.

Councillor Robert Oglesby and Councillors P Bowyer, K Lockwood, S Rimmer, W Scott, B Smyth and the Clerk, Roger Coleman.

There were five members of the public present initially.

1. Declaration of Interests.

There were no interests declared.

2. Apologies.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Cllrs. R Robinson and C Wade and from the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16 July 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 had sent the Clerk a written report that the Clerk read out to the meeting as follows (in italics):

1 August: Male released from custody walked along the canal stole a bike from The Barge, then was located along the canal and arrested again for the theft of the bike!

2 September: Steeple Ashton, Ashton Lane Alpacas container broken into and lawnmower and tools taken, also at a similar time although not officially reported yet along the same lane at Mud Mead an insecure car had sat nav taken from dash board

A suspicious male had been seen along the byway at the bottom of St Georges towards the rugby grounds. The male was located and identified, he was suffering from mental health issues but was not a danger to public.

*The Bobby Van talk has now been arranged for **Thursday the 30th October at 11am** to tie in with the coffee morning I believe that Rose will be in attendance*

5. Adjournment.

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

6. Wiltshire Council Report.

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

7. Planning.

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

14/07713/FUL	51 Littlemarsh	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling with detached double garage.	NEW
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The Parish Council objects to this proposed development.

The new dwelling should assume the same building line as the original dwelling i.e. the front of the new dwelling should coincide with the front of the existing dwelling.

The proposed dwelling is much larger than the original dwelling and by moving it southwards it blocks light and is very intrusive. This proposed development is contrary to Policy C38 of the West Wiltshire District Plan 1st Alteration (2004) 'Nuisance' in that there will be a significant loss of privacy and over shadowing of neighbouring properties.

The existing physical separation between Nos. 51, 50 and 52 Littlemarsh should be preserved.

The garage is to remain located as proposed.

14/07757/FUL	15 Church Street	Side extension to ground and first floors	NEW
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The Parish Council has no objections to this proposed development.

b. There were no planning applications received after 1 September 2014.

c. Cllr. Scott reported that the Final Report of the Rural Housing Needs Survey had now been issued and that it contained the statement requested by the Parish Council. Cllr. Scott was asked to contact Wiltshire Council and to enquire whether Wiltshire Council will make use of the report or take account of it when considering planning applications. Cllr. Scott was requested to place copies of the report in the Village Hall and Post Office for parishioners to read.

d. In reply to a question by Cllr. Smyth, the councillors confirmed that they had received the report from him that related to the Appeal Hearing.

8. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 15 May 2014 was as follows:

Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement 30 June 2014	£	11,112.81
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Total:	£	11,112.81
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Credits (1 July 2014 to 31 July 2014):

RP Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 4)	£	113.60
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War Memorial Donation	£	10.00
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Total:	£	123.60
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Debits (1 July 2014 to 31 July 2014):

Clerk's Salary (June)	£	284.67
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Office Expenses (June)	£	19.53
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Office Allowance	£	125.00
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HMRC PAYE Month 4	£	113.60
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Grant Thornton Audit Fee	£	120.00
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Total:	£	662.80
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Balance at 31 July 2014:

£	10,573.61
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Clerk to Semington Parish Council

Chairman's Signature _____

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Credits (1 August 2014 to 31 August 2014):

None	£	-
	Total:	£ -

Debits (1 August 2014 to 31 August 2014):

Clerk's Salary (July)	£	284.67
Semington Social Club	£	100.00
HMRC PAYE Month 5	£	114.00
	Total:	£ 498.67

Balance at 31 August 2014:

	£	10,074.94
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Credits (1 September 2014 to 17 September 2014):

R P Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 5)	£	114.00
	Total:	£ 114.00

Debits (1 September 2014 to 17 September 2014):

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

Balance at 17 September 2014:

	£	9,904.27
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Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:

	£	646.16
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Parish Council Balance at 17 September 2014:

	£	9,258.11
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Lloyds A/C 7754288

Bank Statement 30-Jun-14	£	7,593.98
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Credits

Interest (Approx)	£	0.30
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Debits

None	£	-
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Balance at 17 September 2014:

	£	7,594.88
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Total Balance in hand at 17 September 2014:

	£	16,852.99
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Payments to be authorised (17 September 2014).

Clerk's Salary (September)	£	284.67
Office Expenses (July)	£	21.29
Office Expenses (August)	£	27.01
HMRC PAYE (Month 6)	£	113.60
TOTAL:	£	446.57

Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (17 September 2014).

None	£	-
TOTAL:	£	-

b. The Council **resolved** to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above including a payment of £33 (approx.) to Mr Ray Heard for the War Memorial/First World War Commemoration collage.

9. Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD & Settlement Boundaries Consultation.

The Council discussed this document at some length and also noted the comments made by members of the public during the Public Adjournment. The Parish Council resolved to respond to Wiltshire Council as shown below (in italics):

Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations DPD & Settlement Boundaries Consultation.

Do you consider that the criterion for defining the proposed settlement boundaries to be the correct ones?

Comment: No.

Do you consider that the proposed draft settlement boundaries are drawn in accordance with the criterion?

Comment: No.

Are there any areas of the proposed draft settlement boundaries that should be modified?

Comment: Yes.

Are you looking at reviewing your settlement boundary through a neighbourhood plan? If yes what is your anticipated timetable for this work?

Comment: No.

Do you have any additional comments relevant to the boundary review?

Comment: Semington Parish Council cannot understand the reasons for the proposed new boundaries not following the normal curtilages of houses and field boundaries. For example, at Grid Reference G6 there is a horizontal (East/West) division of the field.

The criterion that excludes 'curtilages of properties which have the capacity to extend the built form of the settlement. This includes large residential gardens' is not agreed.

10. Highways/Environment.

a. Cllr. Smyth stated that he had not had a formal meeting with the Wiltshire Council Highways and Streetscene Focal Point, Stuart Renfrew, for some time but he was aware that his team had been in Semington undertaking a number of tasks.

The Parish Council **resolved** that Mr Renfrew be thanked for ensuring that the roundabout grass had been cut regularly this year.

b. The Chairman stated that Cllr. Robinson had contacted Wiltshire Council in relation to possible road safety improvements at Semington and that a reply was awaited.

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c. There were no other matters raised.

11. World War 1 Commemorations/Semington War Memorial.

a. Councillors commented that the Dedication Service at St George's Church, Semington on Sunday 3 August 2014 had been well attended and that it was a success. The Parish Council **resolved** that Mr Ray Heard whose initiative gave rise to the event should be thanked.

b. Cllr. Rimmer reported that an oak tree had been planted to commemorate the anniversary and that a small party of councillors had taken part in the ceremony. He invited that Council to agree to the purchase of a plaque to commemorate the event and for the plaque to be placed near to the oak tree. The Council **resolved** that a plaque be purchased and engraved and Cllr. Rimmer was requested to seek quotations for the plaque and engraving.

Cllr. Rimmer suggested that St George's School may wish to become involved in some way with the War Memorial and the possible commemorations on Remembrance Day in November.

12. Wilts & Berks Canal.

Cllr. Smyth stated that there was nothing significant to report.

13. Tennis Court.

Cllr. Lockwood reported that it was in good order.

14. Any Other Business.

The Chairman stated again that there was a scheme whereby 'defibrillators' were being supplied to local organisations as a community asset. He added that he would obtain further information and report back to the Parish Council.

15. Date of Next Meeting.

The Council noted the dates of the next Ordinary Parish Council meetings thus:

- 15 October 2014.
- 19 November 2014.

The meeting concluded at 9.50pm.

R Oglesby
Chairman, Semington Parish Council

15 October 2014