

# SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2015 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

### Present.

Councillor Robert Oglesby and Councillors P Bowyer, F Dobbyn, S Rimmer, R Robinson, C Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman.

Wiltshire Councillor Cllr. J Seed attended (Part-time)

There was one member of the public present (part-time).

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

There were no interests declared.

### 2. **Apologies.**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Councillors K Lockwood, W Scott, B Smyth and from the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

### 3. **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 18 February 2015.**

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

### 4. **Neighbourhood Policing.**

PC Emily Thomas had sent the Clerk a brief written report prior to the meeting. The Clerk read out this report and it is reproduced below (in italics):

*17/18 March at Great Hinton – A break-in into stables at the crossroads and a couple of small tools taken.*

*18 March at Mud Mead, Ashton Lane – A dog attacked an alpacas and the latter had to be put down.*

Cllrs. Wade and Bowyer each reported sightings of suspicious men walking in the village. Cllr. Wade stated that he had been informed that two men had been seen at night trying garage door handles and when confronted they ran off and escaped in a vehicle.

### 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.**

Cllr. Seed apologised for being unable to attend a number of previous Parish Council meetings but those meetings had coincided with Area Board meetings which had to take priority.

Cllr. Seed explained the latest position with regard to the traveller sites at Greenacres and Lansdowne.

He explained that the revised proposal to add six pitches to the site at Greenacres was unacceptable for reasons already highlighted by the Parish Council and that it conflicted with the Wiltshire Core Strategy. He was hopeful that it would be rejected by the Strategic Planning Committee and cited the refusal by Wiltshire Council of the proposed development at Bromham based on the Wiltshire Core Strategy as evidence of the approach now being adopted by Wiltshire Council.

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Cllr. Seed explained that the site at Lansdowne exhibited some twelve breaches of the extant planning permission and that enforcement notices in respect of each breach had now been served on the occupant by Wiltshire Council.

## 7. Planning.

a. The Council noted the status of the following extant planning application:

14/10797/FUL	Greenacres Mobile Park	Change of use of agricultural land to create 7 additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches with associated ancillary development.	Pending
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The Council noted that this planning application had now been revised to create six pitches and that it was to be heard by the Strategic Planning Committee on 22 April 2015.

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

15/01251/FUL	14 The Knapps	Erection of 4 bed bungalow and attached garage	NEW
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*The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application subject to consideration by the Highways Authority of the possible widening of the road.*

15/02347/CLE	33 Littleton Willows	Residential Use (Certificate of Lawfulness)	NEW
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*This property has been occupied for a continuous period of some thirty years or so as a residential property according to the testimony of the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. Robert Oglesby.*

c. There were no planning applications received after 20 March 2015.

d. The Council discussed this Agenda item under Minute 6 above.

## 8. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 25 March 2015 was as follows:

### Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement	£	7,205.32
31 January 2015		
Total:	<b>£</b>	<b>7,205.32</b>

### **Credits (1 February 2015 to 28 February 2015):**

R P Coleman HMRC PAYE Month 9	£	114.00
(Month 10 - already credited)		
Wiltshire Council Area Board Grant (Defibrillator)	£	1,100.00
Total:	<b>£</b>	<b>1,214.00</b>

### **Debits (1 February 2015 to 28 February 2015):**

26 March 2015

Roger Coleman

Clerk to Semington Parish Council

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

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Clerk's Salary (January)	£	290.94
Clerk's Expenses (January)	£	13.23
HMRC PAYE Month 11	£	116.40
Total:	£	<b>420.57</b>

**Balance at 28 February 2015:** £ 7,998.75

**Credits (1 March 2015 to 25 March 2015):**

R P Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 11)	£	116.40
Total:	£	<b>116.40</b>

**Debits (1 March 2015 to 25 March 2015):**

Clerk's Salary (February)	£	290.94
Total:	£	<b>290.94</b>

**Balance at 25 March 2015:** £ 7,824.21

**Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:** £ 612.17

**Parish Council Balance at 25 March 2015:** £ 7,212.04

**Lloyds A/C 7754288**

Bank Statement 31-Dec-15	£	7,595.87
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**Credits**

Interest (Approx)	£	0.30
Interest (Approx)	£	0.28
Interest (Approx)	£	0.30
	£	<b>0.88</b>

**Debits**

None	£	-
	£	-

**Balance at 25 March 2015:** £ 7,596.75

**Total Balance in  
Hand at 25 March  
2015:** £ 14,808.79

**Payments to be authorised (25 March 2015).**

Clerk's Salary (March)	£	290.94
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Office Expenses (February)	£	9.66
R P Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 12)	£	116.40
Code Water Solutions	£	200.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>617.00</b>

### Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (25 March 2015).

Independent Living Centre		TBA
Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust		TBA
	£	-
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>-</b>

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

### 9. Defibrillator.

The Clerk stated that the Melksham Area Board had given a grant of £1100 to the Parish Council for the acquisition of a Defibrillator and that the Parish Council was now in a position to proceed with the purchase. The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Julia Doel, South West Ambulance Service (SWAS), and that she required certain information to enable the defibrillator to be supplied. The Council provided this information to the Clerk which the Clerk stated would now be sent to SWAS to allow the Invoice and Memorandum of Understanding to be prepared by SWAS. The Clerk stated that it was essential to obtain the cabinet and for it to be affixed to the Village Hall wall before the defibrillator is supplied. Cllr. Robinson agreed to contact Cllr. Smyth to progress the purchase and installation of the cabinet. The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator to be supplied is the following model: Cardiac Science Powerheart G5.

Cllr. Rimmer confirmed that the Village Hall Management Committee had agreed to install the cabinet and to provide the required electricity supply.

### 10. Highways/Environment.

a. Cllr. Smyth provided a written report for the meeting that was read by Cllr. Rimmer on his behalf. The following matters were addressed:

- There is a meeting at County Hall on 21 April 2015 to discuss the services that are to be delivered by Wiltshire Council in FY2015/16 and that Cllr. Smyth was intending to attend that meeting.
- The contact details to report any issues to Wiltshire Council are:  
[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts) or telephone 0300 456 0105.
- The next Community Day is in May.
- Grass cutting has started and the recent grass cutting carefully avoided the daffodils. It may be preferable to cut the grass in the areas of the daffodils by ourselves to allow them to die slowly and to flower again next year.
- The National Clear-up Day was missed but the Council noted that the local litter-picker, Lee, had been active in the village and had been collecting litter.
- The Council did not think that an organised 'Litter-Pick' in the village was necessary at this stage but that it would be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.
- The highway repairs on the A350 Bypass have been completed.

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b. The Council **resolved** that there would be further bulb planting in the village and the Chairman asked that this subject be included on the Agenda for the July meeting.

## 11. Melksham Community Area Board/Community Area Transport Group Meetings.

The Council noted the next Area Board meeting is to be held on 15 April 2015 at Semington Village Hall.

## 12. Wilts & Berks Canal.

a. There was nothing significant to report.

b. Cllr. Robinson confirmed that Paul Lenaerts, who is the Project Manager on the Melksham Link, and Jock MacKenzie, who has drawn up the MasterPlan for the area, will give a presentation at the Annual Parish meeting on 8 April at 8pm. Councillors confirmed that leaflets advertising this presentation have been distributed to households throughout the village by councillors.

The Chairman suggested that the presentation and subsequent discussion lasted from 8pm to 8.45pm and that the formal Annual Parish meeting commenced thereafter at, or the latest, 9pm.

## 13. Tennis Court.

Councillors suggested that the availability of the Tennis Court for general use be better advertised. Cllr. Rimmer stated that he would ensure that it is advertised in the Village Newsletter.

## 14. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Rimmer stated that Cllr. Smyth had offered to lead on the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition. The Clerk passed details of the competition to Cllr Rimmer for him to pass on to Cllr. Smyth.

Cllr. Dobbyn explained that he was moving home to Buckinghamshire and would be resigning from the Parish Council.

Cllr. Wade – The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day is to be celebrated on 8 May 2015 and he enquired whether the Parish Council had intended to organise any events associated with that celebration. The Council decided that a Bar-B-Que would be held on the Saturday afternoon (9 May) and that there would be a Music Evening on the Saturday evening.

## 15. Date of Next Meeting.

a. The Council noted the date of the next scheduled Ordinary Parish Council meeting thus:

- 22 April 2015.

b. The Council noted the date of the Annual Parish Meeting thus: 8 April 2015

The meeting concluded at 9.45pm.

R Oglesby  
Chairman, Semington Parish Council