

SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2015 at 8.30pm in the Village Hall

Present.

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

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

PCSO Maggie Ledbury of the Neighbourhood Policing Team attended (Part-time).

There was one member of the public present.

1. **Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr. Lockwood declared that he owned land in the Civil Parish of Melksham Without that may be affected by the proposed Wilts & Berks Canal canal-side development.

There were no other interests declared.

2. **Apologies.**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cllrs. S Rimmer and R Robinson.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr. Dobbyn to be effective forthwith.

3. **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 22 April 2015.**

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

4. **Neighbourhood Policing.**

PCSO Maggie Ledbury reported the following:

There were no reported incidents in Semington. However, the following incidents have been reported in nearby villages:

- Great Hinton and Keevil – Electric Fence energisers stolen together with some fencing.
- Bulkington – Screenwash stolen from a car port, two chain saws and a strimmer stolen from a garage and a large industrial saw stolen from a garden.

PCSO Ledbury also reported a cold-caller at Bowerhill offering to repair a roof of an elderly resident and requesting a large sum of money for doing so. Fortunately, the resident resisted the advantages and the police were alerted.

Cllr. Oglesby stated that at the last meeting he had enquired whether Community Speed Watch scheme could be extended or used to monitor and note vehicles ignoring the No Through Road sign at Semington. He added that he had not yet received a reply.

5. **Adjournment.**

In the absence of any members of the public, the Chairman continued the meeting without an adjournment.

6. **Wiltshire Council Report.**

Cllr. Seed gave a report on the latest developments with the local traveller sites and he requested

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Roger Coleman
Clerk to Semington Parish Council

Chairman's Signature _____

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that the parishioners of Semington remain vigilant in respect of any unauthorised works. He said that he had noted the response from Wiltshire Council, Alistair Cunningham, to the questions posed by Cllr. Scott in relation to the Greenacres site. He commented that he believed that the interpretation of the Appeal Inspector's Report into an earlier planning application at Greenacres by Wiltshire Council officers was wrong and that he was also disappointed that the recent application was determined by the Strategic Planning Committee and not the Western Area Planning Committee.

Cllr. Scott enquired there had been any progress on 'Settlement Boundaries' following the formal consultation period. Cllr. Seed stated that a revised version of the proposed settlement boundaries was to be issued soon.

7. Planning.

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

14/10797/FUL	Greenacres Mobile Park	Change of use of agricultural land to create 6 additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches with associated ancillary development.	Approved
15/01251/FUL	14 The Knapps	Erection of 4 bed bungalow and attached garage	Refused
15/02347/CLE	33 Littleton Willows	Residential Use (Certificate of Lawfulness)	Pending

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

15/03888/FUL	16 Church Street	Single storey extension to front with two storey extension to the rear and detached garage.	NEW
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The Parish Council has no comments.

c. There were no planning applications received after 12 May 2015.

d. The Council noted the Wiltshire Council Consultation – Partial Review of Wiltshire Core Strategy - and it **resolved** that it had no comments.

e. There were no other planning matters raised.

8. Finance.

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

Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement	£	7,940.61
31 March 2015		
Total:	£	7,940.61

Credits (1 April 2015 to 30 April 2015):

Wiltshire Council Precept & Grant	£	9,500.00
HMRC VAT Refund	£	633.67
Total:	£	10,133.67

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Debits (1 April 2015 to 30 April 2015):

Clerk's Salary (March)	£	290.94
HMRC PAYE Month 12	£	116.40
Code Water Solutions	£	200.00
	£	
Clerk's Expenses (Feb)	9.66	
	£	
Clerk's Expenses (March)	21.15	
HMRC PAYE Month 12	£	116.00
Zurich Insurance	£	676.98
Total:	£	1,431.13

Balance at 30 April 2015:
£ 16,643.15
Credits (1 May 2015 to 20 May 2015):

None	£	-
Total:	£	-

Debits (1 May 2015 to 20 May 2015):

Clerk's Salary (April)	£	290.94
SWAS Defibrillator	£	1,600.00
Defibrillator Cabinet	£	594.00
Total:	£	2,484.94

Balance at 20 May 2015:
£ 14,158.21
Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:
£ 612.17
Parish Council Balance at 20 May 2015:
£ 13,546.04
Lloyds A/C 7754288

Bank Statement	£	7,596.80
31-Mar-15		

Credits

09-Apr	Interest (Approx)	£	0.30
09-May	Interest (Approx)	£	0.30
			£ 0.60

Debits

None	£	-	
			£ -

Balance at 20 May 2015:
£ 7,597.40

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Credits

None £ -

Debits

None

Balance at 20 May 2015:

£	7,597.40
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Total Balance in
hand at 20 May
2015:

£	21,143.44
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Payments to be authorised (20 May 2015).

Clerk's Salary (May)	£	290.94
Office Expenses (April)	£	24.88
Clerk's Office Allowance	£	125.00
R P Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 2)	£	116.40
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	£	36.00
Internal Audit Fee	£	110.00
TOTAL:	£	703.22

Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (22 April 2015).

Independent Living Centre
Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

TBA
TBA

	£	-
TOTAL:	£	-

- b. The Parish Council **resolved** to make the following payments:
Carers Wiltshire (Independent Living Centre: £100 and Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust: £50)
- c. The Council **resolved** to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above.

9. Defibrillator.

The Clerk stated that the defibrillator had been received from South West Ambulance Service and that it had been passed to Cllr. Oglesby for safe keeping. He added that the order for the cabinet had been placed and that he was expecting to take delivery of that in the near future.

10. Highways/Environment.

- a. Cllr. Smyth reported that he had had a meeting with Wiltshire Council, Andy Cadwallader and that a number of tasks were agreed and that some of these tasks, such as grass cutting on the bank, had already been completed. He added that weed killing was scheduled for tomorrow.
- b. Cllr. Smyth reported that he and Cllr. Rimmer had examined the Information Boards at Bowerhill and Berryfields and had concluded that something similar would suit Semington. The Chairman asked Cllr. Smyth to make enquiries of Melksham Without Parish Council and/or

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Melksham Town Council regarding the manufacturer of these boards and the origin of the artwork and to report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

c. Cllr. Smyth reported that Wiltshire Council has confirmed that some tree planting can take place on the wide verge opposite to the crematorium provided such trees are no further than three metres from the existing fence. Cllrs. Smyth and Rimmer were requested to prepare a planting plan for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

d. The Council was informed that Cllrs. Smyth, Scott and Rimmer undertook a litter-pick in the village with support from Lee Norris and Joseph Pinnell. Councillors expressed thanks to all those involved.

Cllr. Wade mentioned that the local Scout Group was looking for funds to support its development and that it may approach the Parish Council. The Clerk suggested that it may be better for the Scout Group to apply to the Area Board for a grant. Councillors commented that although the Scout Hut is in Semington it is a Trowbridge based Scout Group.

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

Cllr. Bowyer reported that he had attended the recent CATG meeting and that he had been informed that it was too early for the CATG to consider the application for yellow lines on the Canal Bridge.

12. Wilts & Berks Canal.

The Clerk out the letter from the parishioner that related to the proposed canal-side development. The Clerk was requested to advise the parishioner that she should also send her letter to Wiltshire Council and to Jock MacKenzie – the Project Manager for the development.

The Clerk was asked to include an item on the Agenda for the next meeting to address how best to handle representations from parishioners in relation to the proposed canal-side development

13. Tennis Court.

There was nothing reported.

14. Any Other Business.

The Clerk advised the Council of the correspondence from The Pensions Regulator.

15. Date of Next Meeting.

The Council noted the date of the next Parish Council meetings thus:

- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 17 June 2015 at 8pm.
- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 29 July 2015 at 8pm.
- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 16 September 2015 at 8pm.
- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 14 October 2015 at 8pm.
- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 11 November 2015 at 8pm.
- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – 16 December 2015 at 8pm.

The meeting concluded at 10.05pm.

R Oglesby
Chairman, Semington Parish Council