

SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2016 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present.

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

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

There were seventy-four members of the public present initially.

1. Apologies.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from PCSO Helen Wilson of the Community Policing Team.

2. Declaration of Interests.

There were no interests declared.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 27 April 2016.

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

4. Neighbourhood Policing.

PC Barry Dalton had sent the Clerk a written report before the meeting and his report is reproduced here in italics:

Here is a report for the Semington Parish Council.

Having viewed our logs for the last month it's good to be able to report that there have been no recorded crimes or incidents of ASB in Semington.

The No Entry Watch scheme have continued with the good work and it is believed that they are having a positive effect on the mentality of motorists who have used this in the past as a rat run. There have been calls from the group for more support from the Police and this has been noted by the NPT and we have also sounded out the local Special Constables who also may be able to assist in the future.

It is no secret that the nature of front line policing is seeing an overhaul and Melksham is in line to be incorporated in to these changes. What does this mean to the future of NPT and the policing of Melksham?

In Trowbridge and Warminster they have ran a trial Community Policing Team project A Community Policing Team pilot has been taking place in the Trowbridge and Warminster area since 14 September 2015.

Initial evaluation has suggested that the Community Policing pilot could deliver a more efficient, effective and streamlined service to the public through a 'one team' approach to policing local areas. As we continue to move through a period of unprecedented austerity, it is ever more important that we are innovative and creative in the way we provide our policing services within the county.

The pilot was built upon 18 months of data gathering which included a large element of public consultation. During this consultation the public told us they saw the role of Wiltshire Police as 'to

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keep me safe and protect my community' through local, community based visible and accessible policing services – upon which the pilot model was built.

Neighbourhood policing is a core part of our proposed Community Policing Teams. Local officers will be policing local communities – dealing with local issues. The introduction of larger Community Policing Teams means that we would be broadening the size of local teams to include our response officers and investigators giving the public a more visible and accessible police presence in their local areas. Supporting this would be the development of a model in the control room to assist with decision making.

By introducing a Community Policing concept, we anticipate that this will deliver an even better service to the public because issues can potentially be resolved at the first point of contact (101 and 999 call-takers). A member of public will be provided with a named officer who they will be able to keep in touch with during the investigation.

It has been suggested that Melksham NPT will be incorporated in to this Community Policing Team later this year and A/Sgt Fulbrook-Smith and Insp Mawson have planned meetings with the Inspector on the Community Policing team, where they have listed all the current commitments, meetings , action groups, parish councils that NPT have involvement in with the aim in allow a smooth transition of Melksham NPT officers linking in with the Community Policing Team without losing any service to Melksham itself. It is expected that the current NPT officers in Melksham who have a wealth of local knowledge will be evenly distributed among the Community Policing Teams so that Melksham still has that local officer knowledge Policing the area.

Regards
Barry Dalton
PC 1947
Melksham NPT

5. Adjournment.

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

Cllr. Scott gave details of a recent meeting that had taken place with Richborough Estates in respect of a proposed development near to the canal.

Wiltshire Council Cllr. Seed took the floor and participated in a Question and Answer session with the parishioners present in respect of the proposed development.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

6. Wiltshire Council Report.

There was nothing further reported by Cllr. Seed.

7. Planning.

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

15/12704/FUL	29 High Street	Conversion of outbuilding to create ancillary (annexe) accommodation	Pending
16/00054/LBC	29 High Street	Conversion of outbuilding to create ancillary (annexe) accommodation	Pending
16/01678/OUT	Land at St Georges Road	Erection of up to 24 dwellings with associated access and parking and land for allotments (Reserved matters: Access.	Pending

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b. There were no planning applications relating to Semington received after 18 May 2016. The Clerk reported that there was one application received that was in the Civil Parish of Keevil, namely 16/03900/FUL, Twyford Farm, 101 The Strand. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

c. There were no other planning matters.

8. Finance.

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

Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement	£	8,927.35
31 March 2016		

Total:	£	8,927.35
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Credits (1 April 2016 to 30 April 2016):

HMRC PAYE (R P Coleman) Month 1	£	116.00
Wiltshire Council Precept (Part)	£	6,000.01
Wiltshire Council Grant (Part)	£	530.00

Total:	£	6,646.01
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Debits (1 April 2016 to 30 April 2016):

Clerk's Salary (March)	£	290.94
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Total:	£	290.94
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Balance at 30 April 2016:

£	15,282.42
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Credits (1 May 2016 to 25 May 2016):

None	£	-
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Total:	£	-
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Debits (1 May 2016 to 25 May 2016):

Clerk's Salary (April)	£	290.94
Clerk's Expenses (March)	£	38.97
HMRC PAYE Month 1	£	116.00
Zurich Insurance	£	705.87
Internal Audit	£	100.00
S Rimmer (Lock)	£	29.99

Total:	£	1,281.77
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Balance at 25 May 2016:

£	14,000.65
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Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining:

£	375.99
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Parish Council Balance at 25 May 2016:

£	13,624.66
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Lloyds A/C 7754288

Bank Statement

31-Mar-16

£	7,600.58
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Credits

Interest (Approx)

£	0.30
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Interest (Approx)

£	0.40
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£	0.30
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Debits

None

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Balance at 25 May 2016:

£	7,600.88
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Total Balance in hand at 25 May 2016:

£	21,225.54
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Payments to be authorised (25 May 2016).

Clerk's Salary (May)

£	290.94
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Office Expenses (April)

£	14.37
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R P Coleman HMRC/PAYE (Month 2)

£	116.40
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Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

£	36.00
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TOTAL:

£	457.71
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Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (25 May 2016).

None

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£	-
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TOTAL:

£	-
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The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had also received an HMRC PAYE refund of £385.67.

- b. The Council **resolved** that the order for the Interpretation Boards be placed at a cost of £1385.40.
- c. The Council **resolved** to make a donation of £50 to the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.
- d. The Council **resolved** to subscribe to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust at an annual cost of £36.
- e. The Council **resolved** to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above

9. Highways/Environment.

a. Cllr. Scott reported that the large pothole that he had previously reported had now been filled in, although there were signs that the repair may not be permanent.

Cllr. Smyth reported that spreadsheet identifying tasks within the village had been completed and that it was now with Wiltshire Council. He added that some weed clearance had taken place and it was intended that the remainder will be tackled at a later stage. Cllr. Smyth stated that the transfer

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of responsibilities by Wiltshire to the new contractor, Ringway, is well advanced although the Parish Steward scheme is currently only at around 70% strength with further recruitment underway.

b. The Council **resolved** that the preferred location for the second Information Board was on the site normally occupied by the Christmas Tree. Cllr. Smyth stated that he would contact Wiltshire Council, Stuart Renfrew regarding using this site and councillors commented that it would be courteous to inform the local residents of this proposed location.

c. The Parish Council noted the correspondence from Wiltshire Council regarding the designation of new footpaths in the village and **resolved** that it supported paths annotated A to H and A B C D E F G H on the map supplied by Wiltshire Council. The Parish Council did not support the paths annotated K J L M N.

d. The Council noted the correspondence from a parishioner regarding the need for a safe pedestrian crossing near to the roundabout on the A361 road and the Council fully supported this proposal. Cllr. Robinson commented that a previous, similar, request had been refused by Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Council had insisted that no further road safety improvements would be undertaken on that stretch of A361 for the foreseeable future. Notwithstanding this, Cllr, Robinson said that he would report this request to Wiltshire Council and seek its view regarding this proposal.

Councillors commented that the stile at the bottom of Pound Lane had now been cleared and the Council **resolved** that a letter of thanks be sent to John and Julia Masters who had undertaken this work.

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

It was reported that the next Area Board meeting is to be held on 16 June at the Fire Station.

11. Wilts & Berks Canal.

There was nothing significant reported. Cllr. Smyth stated that the acquisition of land for the canal was proving challenging.

12. Tennis Court.

There was nothing reported.

13. Any Other Business.

Cllr. Oglesby proposed that the Parish Council purchased a sign warning drivers that the 'No Entry Watch' scheme operates in this area. There was no decision by the Parish Council.

Following a suggestion by Cllr. Scott, the Parish Council **resolved** that a letter of thanks be sent to John and Julie Masters for clearing the stile at the bottom of Pound Lane.

Cllr. Smyth reported that Janet Sweetman of 'Dementia Aware' attended the recent Coffee Morning and that she confirmed that she would regularly attend once a month to be available for providing advice, if required.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

The Council noted the date of the next meetings thus:

- 15 June 2016, commencing at 8pm – Ordinary PC Meeting.
- 20 July 2016, commencing at 8pm – Ordinary PC Meeting.

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The meeting concluded at 10.05pm.

R A Oglesby
Chairman, Semington Parish Council