

# SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2017 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

### Present.

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

Wiltshire Council, Cllr. J Seed attended (Part-time).

There were three members of the public present (Part-time).

### 1. **Apologies.**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Cllr. B Smyth.

### 2. **Declaration of Interests.**

There were no interests declared.

### 3. **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 8 March 2017.**

The Council **resolved** that the minutes were a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

### 4. **Community Policing.**

There was no report.

### 5. **Adjournment.**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

The Chairman invited members of the public present to raise any points of interest and concern.

The Chairman then reconvened the Parish Council meeting.

### 6. **Wiltshire Council Report.**

Cllr. Seed stated that in view of the forthcoming election there was very little to report. He commented that the reply from the Chairman of the Air Ambulance Trustees had stated that although it was intended not to relocate the Bus Gate he would review the traffic flows at a later date to establish the seriousness of the problem. Cllr. Seed recommended that this approach was supported by the Parish Council.

### 7. **Planning.**

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

17/00921/VAR	6 High Street	Removal of Conditions 1 & 4 on W/01/01491/FUL to allow for changes to parking arrangements.	Approved
17/00958/FUL	72B High Street	To construct a replacement rear extension to the house. Replace the flat roofs to the front bay windows with pitched roofs and a new central porch to the front door. Two new rear roof lights, internal alterations to improve the layout.	Approved

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Clerk to Semington Parish Council

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17/01053/OUT	Land to the North of Pound Lane	The erection of 75 dwellings including 30% affordable homes, with ancillary public open space and play areas and access from Pound Lane (Outline Application relating to access).	Withdrawn
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b. The following planning application was received after 5 April 2017:

17/02314/OUT 2nd Planning Application	Land to the North of St Georges Road	Outline planning application for residential development of 72 residential units (resubmission of application 16/06956/OUT)	.New - See note below.
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Subsequent to its receipt by the Clerk, this planning application was withdrawn.

c. The Clerk stated that he had received a reply from the Chairman of the Air Ambulance Charity Trustees regarding the relocation of the Bus Gate and that the reply had stated that neither Wiltshire Council nor the Air Ambulance Trust supported the relocation of the Bus Gate. Following the comments from Cllr. Seed earlier in the meeting the Council **resolved** not to pursue the matter immediately but to take advantage of the 'Air Ambulance Ground Breaking Day' on 28 April for the Chairman of the Parish Council to lobby the Chairman of the Air Ambulance Trustees (and others) for the relocation of the Bus Gate.

The Clerk read out correspondence received earlier in the day from a parishioner proposing a solution to the problem. The Clerk was asked to place it on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Wessex Water again regarding the sewage and foul water overflows at Palmer Grove and The Orchard and had received a reply that had been sent to all councillors. The Clerk was asked to write again to Wessex Water and to point out that over the last five years when Wessex Water claim that they had undertaken regular cleaning and maintenance of the drains in question there continued to be 'overflow' incidents and that the main reason for this was the lack of capacity of the drainage system for which regular maintenance would prove ineffective.

d. Cllr. Scott advised the Council that the Richborough and Oxford Law (Framptons) Appeals are to be heard on 27 June 2017 at the Civic Hall, Trowbridge and that the Appeal has been scheduled for eight days. Councillors discussed the Appeal process at some length. The Council **resolved** that it would make an oral submission to the Appeal Hearing in respect of the Richborough and Oxford Law (Framptons) Appeals and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries of the Appeal Inspectorate whether individual submissions would be expected – one for each Appeal (even though both Appeals are both being held together) or whether a single submission would be preferred.

### 8. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that he had completed the Annual Return for FY2016/17 and that all matters were satisfactory. He added that the Internal Auditor was to undertake the audit on 20 April 2017 and commented that the Annual Return would be presented to the Council for approval at the Annual Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that Healthcare 2000 had made a donation of £100 to the Parish Council for the Tennis Court Maintenance Fund in recognition of the permission from the Parish Council to display its advertising banner at the Tennis Court for a longer period.

The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 8 March 2017 was as follows:

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## Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement £ 14,631.15  
31 January 2017

Total: £ **14,631.15**

### **Credits (1 February 2017 to 28 February 2017):**

Healthcare 2000 £ 75.00  
HMRC PAYE Month 10 £ 116.40

Total: £ **191.40**

### **Debits (1 February 2017 to 28 February 2017):**

Clerk's Salary (January) £ 290.94  
Office Expenses (January) £ 15.92  
HMRC PAYE Month 10 £ 116.40

Total: £ **423.26**

### **Balance at 28 February 2017:**

**£ 14,399.29**

### **Credits (1 March 2017 to 31 March 2017):**

HMRC PAYE Month 11 £ 116.40

Total: £ **116.40**

### **Debits (1 March 2017 to 31 March 2017):**

Clerk's Salary (February) £ 290.94  
Office Expenses (February) £ 30.94  
Code Water Solutions £ 140.00  
HMRC PAYE Month 11 £ 116.40  
W Scott (Planning Appeal Leaflet) £ 24.96

Total: £ **603.24**

### **Balance at 31 March 2017:**

**£ 13,912.45**

### **Credits (1 April 2017 to 12 April 2017):**

None £ -

Total: £ -

### **Debits (1 April 2017 to 12 April 2017):**

Clerk's Salary (March) £ 290.94  
Victim Support £ 50.00



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c. The Council **resolved** to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above including payments of £1 to BT Payphone (Telephone Kiosk), £25.20 to Cllr. Scott (Photocopying), £24.85 to Cllr. Robinson (Bench Oil) and £20.85 to Cllr. Smyth (Photocopying).

## 9. Wessex Close Play Area.

Cllr. Lockwood confirmed that he had arranged for the following action to be taken:

- Power wash all areas to remove moss and algae.
- Clean matting/bench.
- Refresh the paint work on some of the equipment.
- Install plastic spikes for the top of the play equipment in order to deter pigeons and other birds.

## 10. Highways/Environment.

a. The Council noted that the contract for the acquisition of the Telephone Kiosk had now been signed by both parties and shortly following its disconnection it will become the property of the Parish Council.

b. Cllr. Robinson reported that weeds were growing in the gutters and that they needed clearing.

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

Cllr. Smith stated that he would be attending the next CATG meeting to be held on 23 May 2017 at which he would expect to learn of the possible cost of the safety improvements on the A361 near to The Turnpike.

## 12. Neighbourhood Planning.

The Parish Council noted that the last Housing Needs Survey was undertaken in 2014 and **resolved** that it would commission a further Housing Needs Survey to inform it regarding housing development in the village and that such a survey would be conducted every five years.

## 13. Wilts & Berks Canal.

There was nothing reported in respect of current developments.

## 14. Tennis Court.

The Clerk confirmed that he had placed the order for the maintenance work to be undertaken at the Tennis Court with Neill Newport.

It was noted that new contact names are required for the notice at the Tennis Court.

## 15. Local Government Elections – 4 May 2017.

The Clerk advised the Council that the Semington Parish Council election was a 'non-contested' election and that existing members, with the exception of Cllr. Lockwood, would form the new Council that takes office on 8 May 2017.

## 16. Any Other Business.

The Chairman announced that Cllr. Lockwood had decided after some twenty years as a councillor to retire from the Parish Council. Cllr. Oglesby thanked Cllr. Lockwood on behalf of the Parish Council and parishioners of Semington for his loyal and conscientious service over those years and for his unwavering support for the many activities sponsored by the Parish Council. Other councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr. Lockwood and expressed regret at his retirement. Cllr. Lockwood thanked the Chairman and councillors for their kind words and commented that he valued his time as a Semington parish councillor and intended to continue to support the village in a variety of ways as a parishioner.

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Cllr. Smith – Offered to write an article for the Village Newsletter inviting parishioners to suggest uses for the newly acquired Telephone Kiosk.

Cllr. Wade – It is likely that the building of houses by Hannick Homes will commence mid-2018 and thus the availability of allotments will be after that date.

## **17. Date of Next Meeting.**

The Council noted the dates of the following meetings thus:

Annual Parish Council meeting – 17 May 2017 at 7.30pm.

Ordinary Parish Council meetings – 17 May 2017 at 8pm.  
14 June 2017 at 8pm.  
12 July 2017 at 8pm.

Annual Parish meeting – 17 May 2017 at 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 9.55pm.

R A Oglesby  
Chairman, Semington Parish Council

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