

SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2017 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Present.

Councillors B Smyth (Chairman), P Bowyer, R Oglesby, S Rimmer, P Smith, C Wade and the Clerk, Roger Coleman.

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

1. **Apologies.**

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Parish Cllrs. R Robinson, W Scott and Wiltshire Council, Cllr. J Seed.

2. **Declaration of Interests.**

There were no interests declared.

3. **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 12 April 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.**

There was no report.

7. **Planning.**

a. The following planning application was received after 10 May 2017:

17/03728/FUL	18 Pound Close	Proposed two storey side extension with front porch. Conversion of existing outbuilding to annexe.	New
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The Council examined this application and **resolved** to send the following comments (shown in italics) to Wiltshire Council:

The Council has no objections to this proposed development.

The Council was advised that the following planning application had been registered with Wiltshire Council, although no details had yet been received by the Clerk:

17/03768/VAR Lansdowne, Littleton Variation to allow up to 14 caravans etc.

The Council **resolved** that this planning application will be discussed at the next Parish Council

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b. The Parish Council noted the correspondence received from a parishioner in respect of the Bus Gate and the need to retain control over the traffic flow through the village and commented that in principle it represented the view of the Council.

The Parish Council, again, **resolved** to pursue a determined campaign to ensure that the Bus Gate is relocated to deter the movement of vehicles through the village to and from the Wiltshire Air Ambulance development both during construction and when fully operational. Councillors observed that there was strong support from parishioners for this stand by the Parish Council, although it had become evident to councillors that support from Wiltshire Council had been less than enthusiastic and this attitude appeared to be directly influencing an otherwise helpful approach by the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Trustees.

The Council **resolved** that the 'Bus Gate' is to feature as a regular Agenda item at subsequent Parish Council meetings.

The Parish Council further **resolved** that the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. Smyth, should seek further discussions with Wiltshire Air Ambulance Trustees regarding the Bus Gate and its relocation. As an additional measure the Parish Council **resolved** that in the absence of an early relocation of the Bus Gate it would consider how the additional traffic flow through the village could be monitored.

c. The Council noted the forthcoming appeals to be held commencing 27 June 2017 in respect of the Richborough and Framptons/Oxford Law planning applications. The Clerk stated that he had received a letter from Framptons/Oxford Law confirming that it was intended to ask the Inspector to make a ruling based on 50 dwellings and not the original 72 that were proposed and that any comments regarding this proposal had to be sent to the Inspector by 2 June 2017. The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Inspectorate to confirm this date and, notwithstanding this, the Council **resolved** that comments from the Parish Council will be sent to the Inspector. The Chairman confirmed that he and Cllr. Scott were finalising the text of the presentation to be given by the Parish Council at the Appeal hearing.

Clerk's Post-Meeting Note.

The date of 2 June 2017 was confirmed by the Planning Inspectorate.

d. There were no other planning matters.

8. Finance.

a. The Clerk reported that the current financial position at 17 May 2017 was as follows:

Lloyds A/C 2149025

Bank Statement	£	14,399.29
28 February 2017		
Total:	£	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
HMRC PAYE Month 11	£	116.40

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Codewater Solutions	£	140.00
W Scott	£	24.96
Total:	£	603.24

Balance at 31 March 2017: **£ 13,912.45**

Credits (1 April 2017 to 30 April 2017):

HMRC PAYE Month 11	£	116.40
Healthcare 2000	£	100.00
Wiltshire Council Precept (Part)	£	6,000.00
Total:	£	6,216.40

Debits (1 April 2017 to 30 April 2017):

Clerk's Salary (March)	£	290.94
Office Expenses (March)	£	22.23
Clerk Back Pay (1/4/16 to 31/3/17)	£	34.92
HMRC PAYE Month 12	£	116.40
W Scott	£	25.20
R Robinson	£	24.85
BT Payphone	£	1.00
B Smyth	£	20.85
Total:	£	536.39

Balance at 30 April 2017: **£ 19,592.46**

Credits (1 May 2017 to 17 May 2017):

None	£	-
Total:	£	-

Debits (1 May 2017 to 17 May 2017):

Clerk's Salary (April)	£	296.79
Total:	£	296.79

Balance at 17 May 2017: **£ 19,295.67**

Minus Semington War Memorial Monies Remaining: **£ 375.99**

Parish Council Balance at 17 May 2017: **£ 18,919.68**

Lloyds A/C 7754288

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Bank Statement £ 7,612.45
31-Dec-16

Credits

Interest	£	0.32
Interest	£	0.32
Interest	£	0.29
Interest (Approx)	£	0.27
Interest (Approx)	£	0.30
	£	1.50

Debits

None	£	-
	£	-

Balance at 17 May 2017: **£ 7,613.95**

Total Parish Council Balance at 17 May 2017: **£ 26,533.63**

Payments to be authorised (17 May 2017).

Clerk's Salary (May)	£	296.79
Office Expenses (April)	£	22.23
HMRC/PAYE (Month 1 - Includes tax on Back Pay)	£	132.40
Zurich Insurance Renewal	£	756.70
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	£	36.00
Internal Audit Fee	£	100.00
TOTAL:	£	1,344.12

Donations/Subscriptions to be considered (17 May 2017).

None	£	-
TOTAL:	£	-

- b. The Council **resolved** to make a donation of £50 to Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust.
- c. The Council **resolved** to make all the payments under 'Payments to be authorised' above including the following additional payments: Dorothy House - £30, Clerk's Annual Office Allowance - £150

9. Wessex Close Play Area.

Councillors confirmed that the refurbishment of the Play Area was in hand. The Chairman reported that a letter from a parishioner indicated that, similarly to last year, only part of the grassed area had been cut. The Chairman stated that he would make enquiries.

10. Highways/Environment.

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a. There were no highways issues raised.

b. The Clerk confirmed that the Telephone Kiosk had been disconnected and was now owned by the Parish Council and that in his view it needed to be painted having been neglected for several years. He added that he had sent full maintenance details to all councillors, including details of the paint to be used. Councillors commented that there was a parishioner who has experience with refurbishing a telephone box and it was agreed to contact him with a view to determining what work was needed. Cllr P Smith agreed to take the lead on managing the refurbishment. Councillors agreed to continue to ask parishioners for suggestions (including a note in the Newsletter) as to how it could be used as a community asset and asked that this subject is placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

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

In the absence of Cllr. Robinson, no report was given. However, it was noted that Cllr. Robinson would be attending the next CATG meeting and would be expecting to obtain further information regarding the cost of the proposed safety measures on the A361. It was also noted that he would be raising the subject of 'dropped kerbs' at St Georges.

12. Neighbourhood Planning.

There were no further developments to report.

13. Wilts & Berks Canal.

There was nothing reported in respect of current developments.

14. Tennis Court.

It was reported that the refurbishment of the Tennis Court had not yet been commenced. It was re-stated by councillors that new contact names are required for the notice at the Tennis Court. The Clerk stated that if he is given the old sign and the new contact names he would arrange for a new sign to be made.

15. Any Other Business.

The Clerk reported the following items of correspondence:

- The War Memorials Trust Newsletter.
- Trowbridge Area Community Link.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

The Council noted the dates of the following meetings thus:

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

Councillors agreed that subsequent meetings are to be held on the following dates:

- 20 September 2017
- 18 October 2017
- 15 November 2017

The Clerk stated that he would confirm these dates with the Hall Booking Officer.

The meeting concluded at 9.50pm.

B D T Smyth.
Chairman, Semington Parish Council

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