

# SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Notice is hereby given that a Virtual/Remote meeting of the Semington Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 1 July 2020 at 8.00 pm. and you are invited to attend.**

**This meeting is being held using Zoom technology**

## **AGENDA.**

**Prior to the commencement of the Parish Council meeting, members of the public will be given the opportunity to make any representations that they wish the Parish Council to note.**

**Public Participation.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.**

### **1. Apologies.**

To receive and to accept apologies for non-attendance.

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

Councillors to declare any interests.

### **3. Co-option of a New Member.**

- a. To decide whether to co-opt a new member as a parish councillor.
- b. To co-opt a new member (subject to the decision at 3a above).

### **4. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 20 May 2020 and Decisions taken remotely (post – Lockdown).**

- a. To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting as an accurate record.
- b. To endorse the decisions taken remotely (post – COVID-19 Lockdown).

### **5. Wiltshire Council Report.**

To receive a report from Wiltshire Council, Cllr. J Seed.

### **6. Chairman's Report.**

- a. The Chairman to update the Council on developments since the last meeting. – Refer to Annex (attached).
- b. To decide on the Parish Council's role in taking forward post-lockdown initiatives arising from the village consultation.

### **7. Highways and Environment.**

- a. To note the need for gutter and pavement clearance and to decide the action necessary.
- b. To agree a 'contact point' for the Parish Steward.
- c. To agree a date for the 'Litter Pick'.

### **8. Planning.**

- a. To note the status of extant planning applications:

20/01306/OUT	Land North of St Georges Road, Semington	Residential development of up to 26no entry-level affordable dwellings with associated car parking, access, internal roads, public open space, landscaping, drainage and other associated infrastructure.	Appeal Pending – APP/Y3940/W/20/3253180
20/02822/FUL	6 High Street	Change to position of parking spaces and garden within plot (Amendment to 17/00921/VAR)	Pending

b. To decide the comments to be sent to Wiltshire Council in respect of any planning applications received after 24 June 2020.

c. To note the publication of the Notice of Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation and Publicity on the Draft Melksham Neighbourhood Plan and to agree any action.

d. To note any other planning related matter.

**9. Finance.**

a. To note the report from the Clerk on the current financial position.

b. To agree the payments to be made.

**10. Rights of Way (RoW).**

a. To note any further work undertaken by the RoW Working Party.

b. To agree to engage with landowners formally by writing politely to them to inform them about the parish council's current initiative to maintain RoWs, and to request them to ensure that specified RoWs across their land are maintained to the legal standard.

**11. Village Celebration.**

To note the Chairman's Report and to decide any action to be taken by the Parish Council.

**12. Date of the next meeting.**

To be Agreed.

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24 June 2020

**Decisions taken remotely by Semington Parish Council – Subsequent to Contingency Plan 17 March 2020 and Post – 20 May 2020.**

- Payment of Clerk's June Salary.
- Pay Internal Audit Fee (£120).
- Pay A&M Print & Copy - £30.

The Clerk is to arrange/host a Zoom Virtual/Remote PC Meeting for 8pm, 1 July 2020 and to issue the Agenda and to invite all councillors to participate. Arrangements are to be made for members of the public to participate. Provided the meeting is quorate (minimum three members participating) the meeting will proceed.

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24 June 2020

## Vice Chairman's Report, 1 July 2020

**Rights of Way** – since we last met, the Semington RoW group has met twice to clear overgrown paths. On the second occasion, and in response to increased interest from parishioners on the state of our footpaths, the RoW group put out a message on the Support Group's Facebook page calling for volunteers to help clear a heavily overgrown stretch of SEMI 10. Eight villagers turned up and spent close to 2 hours clearing this long stretch. A wonderful result! An item is in the summer edition of the village magazine encouraging more interest, and Brian Smyth is doing a fine job of coordinating this.

**What post-lockdown initiatives should Semington pursue?** – at our May meeting, we considered how we might encourage the enthusiasm to help others, especially shown by Support Group volunteers during lockdown, to keep going into the future. I have had a couple of Zoom meetings with the core team of the Support Group. I circulated to you all a draft of a paper aimed at asking villagers to say what things they'd like to see improved and whether they'd be willing to join a group to do this. This will soon be in circulation so that, by the time we next meet, we should be able to see what people are saying.

**Village Celebration** – also at our May meeting, we shared some thoughts about what we might do, to include the whole community, to celebrate our unity and resilience in coming through the worst of the pandemic. This was also considered at the two meetings with the Support Group. Planning is afoot and includes most, if not all, of the main village organisations. A Zoom meeting of all these participants will have been held on 30<sup>th</sup> June and I will be able to report the outcome at our 1<sup>st</sup> July meeting.

**Litter Picking** – with the reopening of fast food take-aways, and many more cars on the roads, litter is once again making an unwelcome return to our streets. It would be good to set a date soon for a village litter pick.

**Gutters and Pavements** – we did consider this at our last meeting, but decided to take no further action at present. However, some residents in Highfield Close did their own very good clearance work. As with RoW clearance, I think the community is looking with fresh eyes at where they live and wanting to help get the place in better fettle. I think there is a role for us, as a parish council, to encourage and support these efforts. Like litter picking working parties, in normal times we have had pavement and gutter clearing work groups too. With the easing of some lockdown measures, is this a good time to resume this work?