

# 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 19 August 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 1 July 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 attached Chairman's Report.
- b. To receive a report on Post-Lockdown initiatives, including the responses from the public consultation.

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

- a. To note any current issues and to decide the action necessary.
- b. To note the date and Meeting Point for the 'Litter Pick' – Friday 18 September 2020, 10am at the Village Hall.

### **8. Planning.**

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

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|--------------|--|---|---|
| 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)   | Approved.                               |
| 20/05326/FUL | Aidens Field Farm, Devizes Road BA14 6JD | Extension to integral garage to provide a farm office at first floor level.   | Pending                                 |

b. To agree the comments to be sent to Wiltshire Council in respect of the following planning applications:

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| 20/05482/FUL | Former Poultry Building, Paxcroft Farm, Devizes Road, Trowbridge | Conversion of agricultural building to General B Uses (B1, B2 and B8) and extension of car parking and associated works. | New |
| 20/05710/FUL | 17 Pound Close Semington BA14 6JP                                | 4m single storey rear extension  | New |

c. To decide the comments to be sent to Wiltshire Council in respect of any planning applications received after 12 August 2020.

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 decide whether to make a donation to St Georges PCC and, if so, the amount of the donation.

c. To agree the sum of £150 for bulbs to enhance village appearance.

d. To agree the sum of £150 for printing Community Newsletters to promote communication within the village.

e. To agree the payments to be made.

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

To note any further work undertaken by the RoW Working Party and/or action that needs to be taken.

**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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Clerk to Semington Parish Council

12 August 2020

**Decisions taken remotely by Semington Parish Council – Subsequent to Contingency Plan 17 March 2020 and Post – 1 July 2020.**

Pay A&M Print & Copy - £45

Planning application 20/05326/FUL – Aiden’s Field (4/8/20).

Pay P Smith (Bosch Battery) - £151 (13/8/20).

Other decisions taken at PC Meeting 1 July 2020 and recorded in those minutes.

The Clerk is to arrange/host a Zoom Virtual/Remote PC Meeting for 8pm, 19 August 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.

R P Coleman  
12 August 2020

## **Vice Chairman's Report, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Litter Picking** – 3 informal picks have been done. One, thanks to the enthusiasm of our volunteer parish steward, took us all the way to the roundabout outside Melksham Police station. A village litter pick is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Anti-social problems in Little Marsh at the old A350 gate** – early in July, concerns were raised by a Little Marsh resident about speeding and drug abuse. Throughout the local PCSO has been very helpful and supportive and police visits have been increased. At the time of writing, there had been no incidents for 2 weeks.

**Guttering and Pavements** – our Parish Steward, during July, has amongst other work, dealt with weed growth along the High Street.

**Rights of Way** – there have been 5 maintenance outings for this group since last we met. We had 7 volunteers on the last work group, all socially distanced, which was excellent and made for swift completion on a hot day.

**Planning changes** – Cllr. Scott has written to us all about the government's latest proposals, including the link to the consultation document. Whilst this emerging new framework should be closely monitored, we might also consider what, if anything, we can do to prepare for a scenario which may favour hostile planning applications in villages like Semington.

**Village Celebration** – at a further meeting, the group organising this event felt that the continuance of Covid restrictions meant it would be better to postpone the big event until Spring 2021. However, a smaller event will still happen on 19<sup>th</sup> September, which will be similar to the VE day event, with small street parties around the village. The Somerset Arms is likely to have a live band and BBQ later in the day, too.

All other items for report appear elsewhere on the agenda.

Cllr. P Smith (Vice-Chairman)

(Acting Chairman – Semington Parish Council)