

Semington Parish Council

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Notice of meeting

Full Council: Wednesday 19th March 2025

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: The Village Hall, Semington

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend the ORDINARY MEETING OF SEMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL for the purpose of transacting the business as set out below.

Under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100 if any members of the public wish to attend and make a statement or raise a question at the meeting, they should contact the Clerk before the meeting via email clerk@semington.org.uk or mobile: 07777 186407

Georgina Berry Parish Clerk
11th March 2025

7:30pm Public Participation

This section (at the Chair's discretion may last **up to 15 minutes**) is not part of the formal meeting of the Council and minutes will not be produced. *At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chair.*

AGENDA

187/25 Welcome and to receive **apologies** for absence and Council and matters relating to the vacant seats.
At the time of publication no apologies had been received.

188/25 To receive any **declarations** of Pecuniary and/or Non-Pecuniary Interests – declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests pertaining to agenda items for this meeting.

189/25 **Dispensations** - Council is asked to note any dispensations the Clerk may have received from Councillors. Dispensations must be received in writing *before* the start of the meeting.

190/25 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The Parish Council may exercise their right to exclude the public and press by resolution from a closed meeting due to the confidential nature to be discussed pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

The Clerk advises Council that there is no requirement to exclude the public.

191/25 **Wiltshire Councillor:** Council is asked to hear a report from Cllr Jonathon Seed.

192/25 **Wiltshire Police:** Council is asked to note the rural areas monthly report from Wiltshire Police, if received in time.

PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

193/25 **Previous meeting minutes:** To receive and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday February 19th 2025.

194/25 **Matters arising:** Council is asked to share updates on the actions spreadsheet.

PLANNING

195/25 There were no **planning applications** received at the time of publication. (Any applications that may be received after the publication of the agenda may still be considered.)

196/54 **Decisions:** Council is asked to note the enforcement notice issued against the owners of the Greenacres site. There were no other decisions made by Wiltshire Council relevant to Semington Parish Council.

FINANCE

197/25 **Banking**

- a. Invoices - Council is asked to approve the payment of the total invoices for this month: £1,284.97 (inc. VAT)

Authority	Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
LGA 1972 s 112(2)	G Berry	Clerks' salary March			
LGA 1972 s 112(2)	HMRC	Month 12 Tax & NI			
LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)	AT&F Solutions Ltd	Playground training x 13 licenses	175.50	35.10	210.60

- b. the bank balances as at 28th February 2025 were:

Treasurers Account:	£1,835.81
Reserves Account:	£71,032.90
Wessex Close Play area account:	£34,201.48
Unity bank:	£489.93
Totals	£107,560.12

198/25 **Community Development Fund:** Council is asked to note that two applications have been approved for CDF funding since it was set up, and to consider any new recommendations for financial support through the fund.

199/25 **Unity Bank:** Council is asked to receive a report on whether to move funds in Lloyds accounts to this bank.

COMMUNITY AND COMMUNICATION

200/25 **The sale of the Somerset Arms:** Council is to hear a brief update and consider what action to take.

201/25 **Village Hall Management Committee:** Council is asked to receive a report on any matters of relevance to the Council.

202/25 **Website development:** Council is asked to receive a report on progress with the shift to a new website.

203/25 **MP Visit:** Council is asked to consider any matters arising from the visit of Dr Brian Mathew MP on March 1st.

204/25 **Annual Village Meeting:** Council is asked to receive an update on preparations for the meeting on May 22nd

205/25 **VE +80:** Council is asked to agree to support community groups wishing to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe.

RECREATION AND WELLBEING

206/25 **Wessex Close Play Area:** Council is asked to receive an update on the agreed refurbishment of broken equipment and foundations, and on the current volunteer training programme.

207/25 **Replacement bucket swings:** Council is asked to approve the purchase of replacement swings.

208/25 **Phone Box changes:** Council is asked to receive a report on the electrical system in the phone box and to decide whether to remove or update it, and whether to remove or repurpose the current display board.

209/25 **Allotment Shed:** Council is asked to hear plans for a risk assessment of its use including any internal storage systems.

210/25 **Accessment to Allotment Land:** Council is asked to receive an update on replacing the grass strip enabling access to the allotments from the carparking area.

211/25 **Land Registry:** Council is asked to note that the Land Registry has confirmed the completion of the registration process relating to the land at Semington, which is to be used for allotments.

ENVIRONMENT AND STREETSCENE

212/25 **High Street:** Council is asked to note the refurbishment of the street furniture on the High Street adjacent to the Ragged Smock.

213/25 **Parish Steward:** Council is asked to identify issues for the parish steward to resolve

214/25 **Parish Steward dates:** Council is asked to note that the steward will be in the village on the following dates: 25/26 Mar, 23/24 Apr, 24/25 Jun, 22/23 Jul, 23/24 Sept, 22/23 Oct, 25/26 Nov, and 17/18 Dec

RIGHTS OF WAY

215/25 **Public Rights of way:** Council is asked to note an update of issues with PROWs.

TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

216/25 **Bus Gate:** Council is asked to receive an update on the use of the bus gate.

217/25 **LHFIG:** Council is asked to receive an update on current applications relating to footpath lighting and speed checks.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

218/25 **Neighbourhood plan:** Council is asked to note that the neighbourhood plan was approved [“made”] at the February 27th referendum with a vote of 234 (for) and 18 (against) – a 93% approval rate on a 31% turn out of the 809 parishioners on the electoral roll.

- 219/25 **Development of the Neighbourhood plan:** Council is asked to agree its relationship with the neighbourhood plan steering group now that the plan has been made.
- 220/25 **Neighbourhood plan guidance:** Council is asked to request that the steering group prepare guidance on [a] the implementation of the made plan, and [b] negotiating with developers.
- 221/25 **Using the Neighbourhood plan:** Council is asked consider a draft document template for developers who propose major house building in the parish.

ADMINISTRATION

- 222/25 **Town and Parish annual report:** Council is asked to note the report from Wiltshire Council.
- 223/25 **Operational Flood Working Group meeting:** Council is asked to consider attending the teams meeting on 20th March at 10am.
- 224/25 **Melksham Area Board meeting:** Council is asked to note the meeting minutes.
- 225/25 **The Clerk:** Council is asked to receive an update on the replacement of the Clerk.
- 226/25 **Council Communications:** Council is asked to note arrangements for the end of March.
- 227/25 **Items for future meetings:** Council is asked to consider any items for next month's agenda.
- 228/25 **Date of meetings:** Council is asked to note that the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting is on *April 16th 2025 at 1930.*