



SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Seavington Millennium Hall on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Cllr A Doble (Chair), Cllr J Pendleton, Cllr P Parsons, Cllr Reyland, Cllr Dance, Mrs S Doble (Clerk)

Also Present:

There were 2 members of the public present.

Questions and comments from members of the public

It has been brought to the Councils attention that the trees in Rowdells Orchard need pruning. Cllr Parsons advised that the orchard was re-planted approximately 2016 when a grant was received from Wessex Water. The resident managing the orchard at that time has since left the village.

An email has been sent to Cllr Dance asking if the Parish Council or another village organisation could either own or lease the Rowdells Orchard. Cllr Dance will send an email to the appropriate person at Somerset Council.

Members of the public left the meeting at 6.50pm

Reports from Somerset Councillors (limited to 10 minutes in total)

The Somerset Councillors are invited to give short oral or written reports on matters affecting Seavington Parish. Members of the public, as well as Councillors, may ask questions or make comments on matters raised.

Somerset Cllrs report has been received and uploaded onto The Seavingtons website.

Cllr Dance left the meeting at 7.34pm.

3749 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:

Apologies were received from Cllr Taylor and Cllr Roundell-Green

3750 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT)

There were no further declarations of interest.

3751 To receive and approve minutes of the Parish Council from Tuesday 14th November 2023

Members unanimously **RESOLVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 as a correct record and signed.

Proposed Cllr Parsons **Seconded** Cllr Reyland

3752 Chairman's Announcements:

A report about Bier has been sent to the Seavington News.

3753 Clerks Updates:

The Clerk reported that she logged onto the City, Town, and Parish Council Working Group Meeting: Weds 29 Nov 10.30-11.30 which was covering the Asset and Service Devolution.

3754 To receive updates on the Current Village Planning matters:

- A. **Application No 22/03382/REM** Reserved Matters for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of planning consent 19/01070/OUT; Outline application for residential development together with the formation of vehicular access to plots. **(pending)**
- B. **Application No 22/03141/HOU** Removal of two pitched roofs, raising of the eaves, and the construction of one new roof to allow a replacement second bedroom on the first floor. Thyme Cottage, Old A303 Seavington St Michael, Ilminster. **(pending)**
- C. **Application No 21/02654/FUL** Erection of buildings to store and facilitate the construction of carnival floats **(update)**
- D. **Application No 22/00610 Land at Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael (pending)**
- E. **Application No: 23/02010/S73A** – S73A application to vary condition 9 of planning approval 20/00732/FUL for Increase and variation of feedstock (to include additional farm, dairy waste, by-products and farmyard manure) and the installation of a dome on the digestate storage tank to the existing on-farm Anaerobic Digester (AD) plant.
- F. **Application No: 23/02185/FUL.** Erection of a single dwelling and creation of associated access and parking. Alterations to existing access to serve Kelvin Cottage. **(awaiting decision)**

Members **NOTED** that there has been a response from the Agent for Kelvin Cottage on Somerset Councils planning website.

3755 Resolutions (Inc Planning – when applicable):

- A. To discuss and agree which quote to accept for the grass cutting for the playing field along with the play park, hall garden and shop garden for the year 2024.
Members unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the quote given by KM Dike Nurseries – Halcyon Landscapes, for the grass cutting for the year 2024.
Proposed Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr Reyland
- B. To discuss and agree what action is to be taken regarding the fruit trees at Rowdells Orchard further to the email received from a resident.
Members unanimously **RESOLVED** to email Somerset Council regarding owning or leasing Rowdells Orchard.
Proposed Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr Parsons
- C. To discuss and agree the renewal of the website management software.
Members unanimously **RESOLVED** to renew for 3 years with Wix at £5.00 per month
Proposed Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr Parsons
- D. To discuss and agree the renewal process and fees of the website hosting and domain rental for March.
Members unanimously **RESOLVED** to use the Clerks Debit Card.
Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr Parsons
- E. To discuss and agree the transfer of Domain rental from Xilo to Unlimited Webhosting for seavingtonwebmuseum.org.uk Cost unknown until transfer is complete. ****Cost for transferring theseavingtons.org in 2022 was £5.99****
Members unanimously **RESOLVED** to transfer the seavingtonwebmuseum to Unlimited Webhosting.
Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr Parsons

3756 To receive any additional information (if any) on the following:

- A. SID's and Community Speedwatch - Cllr Pendleton
Nothing to report
- B. Highways issues - Cllr Pendleton
Further to an email received from some residents, Cllr Pendleton has contacted Lee Norman at Somerset Council Highways regarding Davids Lane and a number of mini land slips which have deposited soil and undergrowth along the edges of the road.
Chris Reyland is going to take the telehandler to Davids Lane and help clear up the mud and leaves (he will be doing this as a local farmer and not Parish Councillor).

Councillors noted that there was flooding around the village, the drains were unable to cope with the volume but the water has now gone.

C. Ranger Scheme - Cllr Reyland

Cllr Reyland has asked if it can be added to the Seavington News report that if anyone has any particular concerns regarding the Ranger or the work undertaken by the Ranger could they be directed directly to him.

D. Village Footpaths - Cllr Reyland

Nothing to report

E. Cherry Tree Site Planting - Cllr Reyland

The ground is far too wet to consider planting a tree.

F. Seavington Playing Field Association - Cllr Doble

Cllr Doble report that there was damage to footpath around the playing field. He is obtaining a quote for the repair.

After a long discussion it has been decided to write a new program for invoices and the booking pack for hall hirers, which is to be implemented in April.

G. Seavington Community Shop & Café - Cllr Parsons

Nothing to report

H. LCN - Cllr Pendleton

Cllr Pendleton reported that there could be opportunities when we know what services Somerset Council are not providing and we could benefit from joining up with other Parish Councils.

I. Defibrillator

Cllr Pendleton has agreed to write an article for the Seavington News, giving instructions and helpful tips on how to use a defibrillator. It was also agreed that Cllr Doble is to arrange for a training course to take place in the village, which is to be paid for by the Parish Council – but other village organisations will be approached to see if they would like to contribute.

Proposed Cllr Pendleton Seconded Cllr Reyland

J. Volunteers and the free strimming course that the Parish Council has in hand with Somerset Council.

Nothing to report

3757 Finance Matters:

A. Balances: Current Account: £4,491.96 & Savings Account £18,935.85

B. To note the items of expenditure that have been pre approvingly paid

Date	Suppliers VAT No	Brief Description of Supply	Payment Type/Chq No	Reference	Invoice No	Ranger	Meeting Venue Hire	Insurance	Grass Cutting Playing Field	Grants	Subscriptions	Clerk Wages	Clerk Additional Wages and Payroll	SPFA Clerk Wages	Clerk Training	Defibs	Sundries	VAT	Total	Reconciled
02/10/2023		SALC Affiliation Fees	BACS	52	INV-2724						£161.40								£161.40	✓
10/11/2023	243 217042	Halcyon-Landscape 1/4 K M Dike Nurseries	BACS	51	1835				£120.00									£24.00	£144.00	✓
28/11/2023		Clerks Salary - Including Increase Back Dated	BACS	54							£326.00	£156.75	£196.15						£678.90	✓
24/11/2023	372 067792	Whitefield Accountants - Clerk Payroll	BACS	55	INV-0413							£35.00						£7.00	£42.00	✓
04/12/2023	131 2544 12	Somerset Council - Ranger - November	BACS	56	30042033	£880.23												£176.05	£1,056.28	☐

C. To agree and note the items of expenditure and approve payments since the last meeting.

Members **NOTED** there were no payments which needed to be approved since the last meeting.

D. To look at and set the budget along with the Precept for 2024/2025.

Members discussed the budget for next year which they have now decided on. However, they would like to look at it again at the next meeting.

3758 Date of next Meeting 16th January 2024

Meeting closed at 9.10pm