



# SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Seavington Millennium Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 18.30.

**Present:** Cllr A Doble (Chair), Cllr A Broad, Cllr C Reyland, Cllr N England, Cllr M Langley, Cllr Roundell-Greene, Mrs S Doble (Clerk)

**Also Present:**

There were 2 members of the public present.

**Questions and comments from members of the public**

The Seavington Flower Arrangers have given the Clerk posters for the VE Day Celebration to put on the notice boards. The Seavington Flower Arrangers also asked if the Parish Council would support the VE Day tea. The Parish Council has agreed to underwrite to event and if there is a loss they will make sure that The Seavington Flower Arrangers are reimbursed accordingly, this was a unanimous decision. **Proposed** Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr England

The Village Bier – Cllr Doble is to contact the Shop to make sure that they still wish to use it for displays as there have been lots of changes in committee members. It was agreed for Cllr England to ask Matt Baker for a quote to do any restoration work required.

It has been reported to the Parish Council that the tarmac repairs to Upton Lane are of substandard work. Photos are to be obtained and forwarded to Somerset Highways.

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

The Clerk advised Cllr Roundell-Greene about a report of overhanging vegetation in Upton Lane, Seavington to Somerset Council. Somerset Council has inspected the problem and have advised that no repair/works will be made this time. A further email has been sent to Lee Norman requesting his assistance as a local farmer will need to use the lane for access with a sprayer and combine harvester. The farmer doesn't want any of the vegetation catching and ripping off any pipes on the sprayer thus causing an environmental disaster. Cllr Roundell-Greene suggested that the Parish Council write to the resident asking for them to address the matter.

18.55 - Cllr Roundell-Greene and a resident left the meeting.

**3898 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:**

Cllr C Taylor sent her apologies.

**3899 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT)**

Cllr Reyland declared an interest in minute reference 3903-B.

Cllr Broad has updated his Register of Members Interest and this has been forwarded to Democratic Services.

**3900 To receive and approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 as a correct record and signed.

**Proposed** Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Langley

**3901 Clerks Updates:**

The Clerk reported that:

- The Clerk announced that she has received the Precept money.
- The Clerk advised that she will be going over her hours for the month of April.
- The Clerk reported that she has received communication from the Information Commissioners Office regarding the renewal, she stated that it has gone up by £17.00 from the previous year and that the Direct Debit is due to be taken on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

It was agreed to allow the payment to continue.

**Proposed** Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr Reyland

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**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. (awaiting decision)
- B. **Application No 21/02654/FUL** Erection of buildings to store and facilitate the construction of carnival floats (awaiting decision)
- C. **Application No 22/00610** Land at Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael (awaiting decision)
- D. **Application No: 25/00433/FUL** The formation of a new residential access and parking on agricultural land at 3 Council Houses, West Street, Seavington St Mary, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0QU (awaiting decision)

Members noted that there were no changes to any of the Planning matters

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**Resolutions (Inc Planning - when applicable):**

- A. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** Planning Application No: 25/00704/HOU Change existing brick external finish to render. Luccombe, New Road, Seavington St Mary, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0QQ.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the application.  
**Proposed** Cllr Langley **Seconded** Cllr England
- B. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** Planning Application No: 25/00811/PAMB Prior Approval for the change of use and conversion of existing agricultural building to form No.1 dwelling. Gummers Castle, Old A303, Seavington St Michael, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0QB.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the application after a full explanation was received from the applicant.  
**Proposed** Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr Langley
- C. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the proposed External Communication Policy.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed External Communication Policy.  
**Proposed** Cllr Broad **Seconded** Cllr England
- D. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the quote received for litter/dog bin emptying.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the quote received for the litter/dog bin emptying.  
**Proposed** Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr Langley
- E. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the renewal of SALC membership and payment of their fees.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to renew the SALC membership and process the payment of their fees.  
**Proposed** Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr Doble
- F. To **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the Annual Internal Audit Report for the year 2024/25.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the Annual Internal Audit Report for the year 2024/25  
**Proposed** Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Langley
- G. To **AGREE** and **APPROVE** the Section 1 Annual Governance Statement for the year 2024/25.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Section 1 Annual Governance Statement for the year 2024/25  
**Proposed** Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr Broad
- H. To **AGREE** and **APPROVE** the Section 2 Accounting Statements for the year 2024/25.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Section 2 Accounting Statement for the year 2024/25.  
**Proposed** Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr England
- I. To **AGREE** and **APPROVE** the Explanation of Variances – pro forma.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Explanation of Variances – pro forma.  
**Proposed** Cllr Broad **Seconded** Cllr England
- J. To **AGREE** and **APPROVE** the Bank Reconciliation – pro forma.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Bank Reconciliation – pro forma  
**Proposed** Cllr Langley **Seconded** Cllr Broad
- K. To **AGREE** and **APPROVE** the Confirmation of the Dates of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Confirmation of the Dates of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights.

**Proposed Cllr Broad Seconded Cllr England**

- L. To AGREE and APPROVE** the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return.  
**Proposed Cllr Langley Seconded Cllr Broad**
- M. To AGREE and APPROVE** the Asset Register for 2024/25.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to Approve the Asset Register for 2024/25  
**Proposed Cllr Doble Seconded Cllr Reyland**
- N. To AGREE and APPROVE** the VAT which is to be reclaimed for the year 2024/25.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the VAT which is to be reclaimed for the year 2024/25.  
**Proposed Cllr Langley Seconded Cllr Broad**
- O. To RECEIVE and NOTE** the Annual Accounts and Financial Report from the Seavington News.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the Annual Accounts and Financial Report from the Seavington News.  
**Proposed Cllr Reyland Seconded Cllr England**
- P. To DISCUSS and APPROVE** the overtime worked by the Clerk in March 2025 (6 hours & 24 minutes).  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the overtime worked by the Clerk in March 2025 (6 hours & 24 minutes).  
**Proposed Cllr Broad Seconded Cllr Reyland**

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

- A. SID's and Community Speed Watch – Cllr England**
- Cllr Reyland will forward a telephone number for an electronics company who may be able to help with the repair of the SID.
- B. Highways issues – Cllr Taylor**
- It has been reported that there is a meeting in May for the Councillors to discuss drains and gully clearing with Lee Norman.
- C. Ranger Scheme - Cllr Reyland**
- The new Ranger has been working hard throughout the villages and has cut around the seat at the top of Easterdown, along with many of the road splays.
  - It has been requested that The Ranger cut further along the main road when he cuts the road splay at the bottom of Boxstone Hill to help vision when pulling out of the junction.
  - Cllr England asked if the Phone Box could be painted.
  - The Parish Council had a discussion regarding no mow May and it was decided that areas of visibility and the first foot of the road side should be cut. Other areas will be left for the wildlife.
- D. Village Footpaths - Cllr England**
- It has been brought to the Parish Councils attention that the footpath is over grown/blocked in Water Street, Seavington St Mary. After a discussion it was decided to send a letter to the landowner to address the situation.
- E. Seavington Playing Field Association - Cllr Doble**
- Cllr Doble reported that the Seavington Playing Fields Association accounts have been audited and a date needs to be set for the Seavington Playing Field Association AGM. It was decided to hold the AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
  - The Parish Council discussed the hall hire request for a pop-up shop. They have agreed to allow the hire on this occasion but will have a further discussion should it become a regular event.
  - The Parish Council have been approached by a resident who wishes to use the playing field as a launch site for a hot air balloon. – The Parish Council decided that they would not allow this as it is a public place with too many people and dogs walkers. Safety is also an issue with the children's play park.

19.35 – Cllr Broad left the meeting.

- The Clerk asked if the notice board on the side of the Millennium Hall could be refurbished. It was decided to get a quote for the refurbishment and a price for a new notice board to see if this is viable.
- The Shed on the playing field is beginning to fall apart. It was agreed that the SPFA doesn't have a use

