



SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Parish **Sue Doble**

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Seavington Millennium Hall on Tuesday 15th July 2025 at 18.30.

Present: Cllr C Reyland, Cllr N England, Cllr M Langley, Cllr C Taylor, Cllr J Roundell-Greene, Mrs S Doble (Clerk)

Also Present:

There were 2 members of the public present.

Questions and comments from members of the public

There were no questions from the member of the public.

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

- Cllr Roundell-Green reported that a New Finance Officer at Somerset Council has been appointed. She added that there is a deficit regarding the schools budget due to special needs requirements.
- Cllr Roundell-Greene is still working on the drainage works required by the bridge over the A303 at the top of Davids Lane, she has confirmed that this could be escalated within Somerset Council.
- Cllr Roundell-Greene was advised by Cllrs that when they telephoned Somerset Council it took least three quarters of an hour to answer. She did say that this is unacceptable and will look into the matter. The telephone call was to report the fly tipping between Lopen Head roundabout and Frog Mary Green Farm.

18.43 Cllr Roundell-Greene left the meeting.

3926 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:
Apologies have been received from Cllr A Doble and Cllr A Broad.

3927 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT)
No further declarations of interest were given.

3928 To receive and approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting from Tuesday 17th June 2025.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2025 as a correct record and signed.
Proposed Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Reyland

3929 Clerks Updates:

- The Clerk reported that she has replied to Somerset Council regarding Rowdells Orchard. She has received an acknowledgement but nothing further.
- Community Transport South West Limited has sent information regarding volunteer drivers and also about the service they provide. Cllr England gave a good report on how community transport works, however it was decided that as there is already lots of awareness in the village the posters that have been sent do not need to be displayed.

3930 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 Applications.

3931 Resolutions (Inc Planning - when applicable):

3932 To receive any additional information (if any) on the following:

- A. SID's and Community Speed Watch – Cllr England**
- Nothing to Report
- B. Highways issues – Cllr Taylor**
- The Clerk gave out details of the Enhanced Highways Maintenance Pilot Update.
- C. Ranger Scheme - Cllr Reyland**
- Cllr Reyland reported that the "No Mow May" initiative made it much harder and more time-consuming for the Ranger to restore green spaces afterward. Because of the extra work involved, the Parish Council may want to reconsider taking part next year. It's recommended to review the overall benefits versus the added workload before deciding.
 - Cllr England ask if the footpath along the back of St Marys Close could be strimmed by the Ranger.
- D. Village Footpaths - Cllr England**
- Cllr England has reported to Somerset Councils Rights of Way Officer that the gate at the bottom of the footpath from School Lane to Meade Farm needs replacing.
- E. Seavington Playing Field Association - Cllr Doble**
- The Clerk reported that Cllr Doble has been contacted by Crewkerne Rangers Football Club regarding hiring the football pitch and changing rooms. After a discussion the Cllrs showed some interest, however they would only allow the hire of the pitch to the junior sections as it would require too much work to bring the shower block up to standard. They also said that if senior team did require the showers this could have a possible impact on hall hirers.

19.08 - One member of public left meeting

- F. Seavington Community Shop & Café – Cllr Taylor**
- Cllr Taylor reported that the Community Shop & Café annual accounts have been signed and a report was given to the Cllrs.
 - It was also reported that staff contracts are in the process of being signed.
 - Cllr Taylor went on to report that the rules of the association are being updated.
 - An annual event for the volunteers is being hosted by Ian and Diane.
- G. LCN – Clerk**
- The Clerk reminded Councillors of the online LCN Highway Meetings.
- H. Village Facebook Group - Cllr Broad**
- Nothing to Report
- I. Village Flooding**
- Cllr Taylor has walked the stream with Harry Dale regarding quoting for the work required, but as yet no costs have been received. Harry Dale did advise the contact FWAG as they may be able to advise on grants that are available. He did also stated that if FWAG did get involved they would require a pond to be made in the field.

- Neil Chapman has inspected the stream with Cllr England he has advised that it would take four or five days to complete any work required. His costs at present are £530.00 plus VAT per day but this could go up in the future.
- It was decided to invite all the land owners of the steam to the Parish Council meeting in October to discuss the boundaries of properties. It was also suggested to invite FWAG and Bel Deering from The Rivers Authority for their assistance. It was also concluded to hold a Village Flood meeting in October, dates and times to be confirmed.
- It was also asked if the two drains in the village car park are part of flood alleviation scheme.
- The Clerk reported that a resident has been appointed as the Flood Warden for the villages. They will serve as a point of contact for local flood-related concerns. Residents can reach the Flood Warden via email at flooding@theseavingtons.org.
- Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day – Wednesday 15th October 2025 9.15am until 4pm. Taunton Racecourse Conference Centre. It was suggested that the new Flood Warden should be asked to attend the conference.

3933 Finance Matters:

A. Balances:

Current Account: £561.05
 Savings Account: £38,082.58 (Bank Interest £22.91)
 Reserves Account: £32,347.97 (Bank Interest £18.60)

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

						£2,871.67	£2,542.50	£112.00	£0.00	£505.60	£0.00	£0.00	£309.04	£65.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.42	£108.88	£1,713.86	£1.84	£883.09	£12.75	£1,119.69	£10,256.34		
Date	Suppliers VAT No	Brief Description of Supply	Payment Type/Chq No	Ref	Invoice No	Ranger	Grass Cutting Playing Field	Meeting Venue Hire	Bin Emptying	Insurance	Maintenance	Assets Purchased	Subscriptions	Payroll	Training	Audit	Website & Emails	Stationery	Sundries	Clerks Wages	Clerks HMRC	SPFA Clerks Wages	Bank Charges	VAT	Total	Date Left Bank	
23-May-25	372 067792	Whitefield Accountants Ltd	BACS	18	INV-0798									£65.00										£13.00	£78.00	20-Jul-25	
17-Jun-25		Lloyds Bank - Charges	Direct																						£4.25	£4.25	17-Jun-25
27-Jun-25		Mrs S Doble - Clerks Wages	BACS	19																					£454.65	£727.92	30-Jun-25
01-Jul-25		Seavington Millennium Hall	BACS	20	250705			£28.00																	£28.00	£28.00	01-Jul-25
30-Jun-25	131 505120	Parsons Landscapes Limited	BACS	21	18161	£922.88	£701.00																		£324.78	£1,948.66	07-Jul-25

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

- Unlimited Web Hosting - £27.59
MEMBERS unanimously AGREED to the payment to Unlimited Web Hosting.
Proposed Cllr England Seconded Cllr Taylor
- Information Commissioner's Office – Data Protection Fee - £52 (due to being paid by direct debit it will renew with a £5.00 discount giving a total payment of £42.00)
 Members noted that this matter has mistakenly been added to the agenda as it had already been agreed back in April.

3934 Date of next Meeting: 16th September 2025

Meeting Closed at 19.53