



# 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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 18.30.

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

**Also Present:**

There was 14 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)**

- Somerset Council has launched a Transformation Programme aimed at improving efficiency, accelerating workflows, and reducing costs through the use of Artificial Intelligence.
- The Council has engaged Newton Consulting following a directive from the auditors.
- Cllr Roundell-Greene met with South Petherton councillors at the attenuation pond located beneath the A303 bridge near Frogmary Green Farm. It was noted that the area has not been properly maintained by the Highways Authority.
- There is a significant backlog of planning applications awaiting review. This has been compounded by a 12-week embargo during which no contact with the Planning Department at Somerset Council was permitted.

18:37 - Cllr Roundell-Greene left the meeting.

3938 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:  
Apologies have been received from Cllr C Taylor

3939 Potentially Co-Opt a new Councillor & to complete necessary paperwork and forms.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Small to be Co-Opted as a Parish Councillor for Seavington St Mary, the relevant paperwork was completed.  
**Proposed** Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Langley

3940 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT).  
No further declarations of interest were received.

3941 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 as a correct record and signed.  
**Proposed** Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr England

3942 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 as a correct record and signed.  
**Proposed** Cllr Broad **Seconded** Cllr Reyland

3943 Discussion with Landowners regarding the Flood Alleviation Scheme.

- Councillors and landowners held a detailed discussion regarding the Flood Alleviation Scheme. The primary objective of the Parish Council was to determine ownership and liability for each section of the stream, and to explore the possibility of securing access to enable necessary works to be carried out.

10 members of the public left the meeting.

3944 Clerks Updates:

- The Clerk has received the Heads-Up Agreement from Somerset Council regarding Rowdells Orchard. However, she is still waiting for Somerset Council to come back to her with a valuation which is required for the Solicitors to be able to quote regarding the conveyancing involved.
- The Defibrillator in the phone box in St Michaels has been repaired.

3945 To receive updates on the Current Village Planning matters:

- 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)
- Application No 21/02654/FUL Erection of buildings to store and facilitate the construction of carnival floats (awaiting decision)
- Application No 22/00610 Land at Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael (awaiting decision)
- 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)
- Application 25/01888/HOU Replacement of existing single storey extension, with new part two storey and part single storey side extension to existing property. 1 West Street Corner, West Street, Seavington St Mary, Ilminster, Somerset. TA19 0QU (awaiting decision)

- Members noted that application 25/00433 has been approved.

3946 Resolutions (Inc Planning - when applicable):

- To DISCUSS and RESPOND to Planning Application 25/02072/FUL – Re-roofing of existing factory including the installation of solar PV panels together with the erection of a screening structure to existing water tanks externally. Branston Potatoes, Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0QB.

**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the application.

**Proposed** Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr Langley

- To DISCUSS and RESPOND to the amends received for Planning Application 25/01888/HOU 1 West Street Corner, West Street, Seavington St Mary, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0QU

**Cllr Small declared an interest**

**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the application

**Proposed** Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr Langley

- To DISCUSS and AGREE the date for the Village Flood Meeting.

**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to set the meeting for the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025. It was also suggested by Cllr England that Simon Madge and Ewan Cameron are invited.

**Proposed** Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr England

- To DISCUSS and APPROVE the National Pay Award for the Clerk/RFO backdated to 1st April 2025

**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the National Pay Award for the Clerk/RFO backdated the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

**Proposed** Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Reyland

3947 To receive any additional information (if any) on the following:

- SID's and Community Speed Watch – Cllr England
  - It was decided to move the SID to the village car park by the bus stop.

- B. Highways issues – Cllr Taylor**
  - Nothing to Report
  
- C. Ranger Scheme - Cllr Reyland**
  - There has been another incident with a car window whilst the Ranger is strimming. It has therefore been decided that the Ranger will put bollards out so that no one can park in the overflow car park whilst work is being undertaken.
  
- D. Village Footpaths - Cllr England**
  - It was noted that the new footpath in Seavington St Mary has been completed. The Council would like to thank Mr Bowler for his assistance with the project. The new path should help prevent people from walking along St Mary's Close and around the back of nearby houses, which is not an official footpath.
  - The stiles at Meade Farm and along Dark Lane have been reported as broken and potentially dangerous. Somerset Council has confirmed that they will undertake the necessary repair work.
  
- E. Seavington Playing Field Association - Cllr Doble**
  - Agreed an SPFA meeting for September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025
  
- F. Seavington Community Shop & Café – Cllr Taylor**
  - Nothing to report
  
- G. LCN – Clerk**
  - Cllr Small has agreed to attend the online Highways meetings
  
- H. Village Facebook Group - Cllr Broad**
  - Nothing to report
  
- I. Village Flooding**
  - Clerk is attending the Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Taunton Racecourse.
  - A ditch next to Swan Thatch has been cleaned out.

3948 Finance Matters:

**A. Balances:**

- Current Account: £293.96
- Savings Account: £34,453.51 (Bank Interest x2 months £43.54)
- Reserves Account: £32,386.35 (Bank Interest x2 months £38.38)

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

06-Sep-25		06/09/2025				£4,717.43	£3,097.00	£154.00	£0.00	£505.60	£0.00	£0.00	£309.04	£125.00	£0.00	£0.00	£22.99	£10.42	£108.88	£2,623.16	£1.84	£1,395.21	£21.25	£1,616.34	£14,708.16	
Date	Suppliers VAT No	Brief Description of Supply	Payment Type/Chq	Reference	Invoice No	Ranger	Cutting Playing Field	Meeting Venue Hire	Bin Emptying	Insurance	Maintenanc	Assets Purchased	Subscriptions	Payroll	Training	Audit	Website & Emails	Stationery	Sundries	Clerks Wages	Clerks HMRC	SPFA Clerks Wages	Bank Charges	VAT	Total	Date Left Bank
19-Jun-25	889 668423	Unlimited Web Hosting	BACS	22	888105673												£22.99							£4.60	£27.59	17-Jul-25
21-Jul-25		Lloyds Bank - Charges	Direct																				£4.25		£4.25	21-Jul-25
30-Jul-25		Mrs S Doble - Clerks Wages	BACS	23															£454.65			£279.08			£733.73	30-Jul-25
31-Jul-25	131505100	Parsons Landscapes Limited	BACS	24	10241	6692.76	£350.50																	£208.53	£1,251.19	07-Aug-25
14-Aug-25		Seavington Millennium Hall	BACS	25				£14.00																	£14.00	14-Aug-25
19-Aug-25		Lloyds Bank - Charges	Direct																				£4.25		£4.25	19-Aug-25
29-Aug-25		Mrs S Doble	BACS	26																£454.65		£233.04			£687.69	29-Aug-25
01-Sep-25		Seavington Millennium Hall	BACS	27	250908			£28.00																	£28.00	02-Aug-25
31-Aug-25	131505100	Parsons Landscapes Limited	BACS	28	10300	£1,753.60	£204.00																	£271.62	£1,628.12	06-Sep-25
06-Sep-25	372 067732	Whitefield Accountants Ltd	BACS	29	INV-0884								£60.00											£12.00	£72.00	06-Sep-25

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

3949 Date of next Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Cllr Langley resigned his position on the Parish Council  
 Cllr Broad resigned his position on the Parish Council

Meeting Closed at 19.59