



SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Seavington Millennium Hall on Tuesday 17th December 2024 at 6.30pm.

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

Also Present:

There was 1 member of the public present.

Questions and comments from members of the public

There were no questions or comments from members of the public.

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

Cllr Roundell-Greene reported that the new planning policies framework has been published and advised that any objections to planning applications will need to have a very good reason.

She went on to advised that a devolution white paper has been published which state that Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset are being put together as a devolved area and they want us to have a new Mayor.

It was also advised that there is a measles epidemic mainly in people in their 20's and early 30's, we must therefore encourage people to get vaccinated.

There was a highways meeting on the 11th December in Crewkerne, during the meeting it was discovered that there were no clarifications on what parishes can do, Cllr Roundell-Greene will keep us updated.

3861 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:

No apologies were received.

3862 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT)

No further declarations of interest were declared.

3863 To receive and approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting from Tuesday 19th November 2024.

MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 as a correct record and signed.

Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr Broad

3864 Clerks Updates:

- After approval from the Cllrs at the previous meeting the new printer has been purchased.
- The Clerk has received an email from the Gardening Club requesting permission to put temporary signs up for the plant sale and flower show at the top of Water Street. These will be erected about a week before the events and removed immediately after the events have taken place.

The Gardening Club have also asked if they can use the field for parking.

- The drainage work along Barrington Main is hopefully taking place on the 19th and 20th December 2024.

3865 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: 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)
- E. Application No: 24/01364/FUL** The proposal of the provision of a 20-bay lorry park including screening banking remodeling at Branston Potatoes, Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0BT. (awaiting decision)

Members noted that there were no changes in any of the planning matters.

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Resolutions (Inc Planning – when applicable):

- A. Application Number: 24/02665/HOU** To discuss and prepare feedback on the proposed single storey rear extension, first floor extension and partial loft conversion, and associated alterations to fenestration and external appearance. Upton Lodge, Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael Ilminster, Somerset TA19 0PZ.

MEMBERS unanimously agreed to support the application.

Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr England

- B.** To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** if the Parish Council wishes to keep paying for the grass cutting of the playing field, play park area, hall gardens and community shop garden. To further **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** which quote to accept.

MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will continue to pay for the grass cutting for another year.

Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr Doble

MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that they would also like to accept the quote from Parsons Landscapes Limited.

Proposed Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr Reyland

18.40 Cllr Roundell-Greene joined the meeting.

Cllr Roundell-Greene gave her report.

18.47 Cllr Roundell-Greene left the meeting.

- C.** To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the appointment of the new Ranger.

MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that they would like to give Karen the contract as she does a fantastic job and works using her own initiative. It was agreed that The Parish Council should pay £25.00 per hour. The initial contract will be from the beginning of January to the end of March, with a review at Februarys Parish Councils meeting.

Proposed Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr Pendleton

- D.** To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the current situation of the Village Car Park, due to a vehicle that has been parked for long period of time.

It has been noted that a small car which has been SORN'd has been parked on the village car park for a couple of years. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the owner, however Cllr Reyland has offered to go around and see the owner.

MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Reyland will visit the owner.

Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr England

- F.** To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the budget along with the Precept for 2025/2026, this will also include a discussion regarding Council Tax.

After a lengthy discussion **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that the budget for The Grouped Parish Council of Seavington St Michael and Seavington St Mary is set at £47,000.00 for year 2025/2026.

Proposed Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr Pendleton

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

- A.** SID's and Community Speed Watch - Cllr Pendleton

The SID's has been moved within the village. There is a wiring issue with one of the SID's, Cllr England has got the SID working but it may need further attention.

B. Highways issues - Cllr Pendleton

Many potholes marked throughout the village have been repaired, however, two or three on Scots Hill and Townsend have been missed, Cllr Pendleton has agreed to send email to Lee Norman at Somerset Council Highways.

C. Ranger Scheme – Cllr Reyland

Nothing further Report

D. Village Footpaths - Cllr England

Nothing to Report

E. Seavington Playing Field Association - Cllr Doble

The Race Night was a success and raised over £650.00

Somerset Landscapes have confirmed that the zip wire will be completed and ready for February half-term.

The dishwasher pump has been an issue and is a result of a plumbing issue. It has also been noted that the kitchen requires a water softener. "On Tap" have quoted £1,600.00 which includes installation, commissioning and a years' worth of salt.

MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council purchase a water softener and donate it to the Seavington Millennium Hall.

Proposed Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr Broad

F. Seavington Community Shop & Café – Clerk

Nothing to Report

G. LCN

Nothing to Report

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Finance Matters:

A. Balances:

Current Account: £774.80
 Savings Account: £15,923.71 (£14.15 increase due to Bank Interest received)
 Reserves Account: £19,629.83 (£15.05 increase due to Bank Interest received)

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	Maintenance	Subscriptions	Payroll	Training	Audit	Website & Emails	Sundries	VAT	Total	Date Left Bank	
06/11/2024		SPFA - Parish Rooms Rental	BACS	53	241111		£ 1.00											£ 1.00	20/12/2024	
14/11/2024	131 254412	Somerset Council - Ranger October 2024	BACS	54	30089735	£ 1,689.79												£ 337.96	£ 2,027.75	20/12/2024
21/11/2024	753 646903	Making It Green - Bentham Ltd - New Printer	BACS	55	SINB80253											£ 282.00		£ 56.40	£ 338.40	25/12/2024
28/11/2024		Clerks Wages	BACS	56																
01/12/2024	24 3217 42	K M Dixie Nurseries (Halcyon Landscapes)	BACS	57	2143				£ 346.67									£ 69.33	£ 416.00	04/12/2024
02/12/2024		Seavington Playing Fields Association - Venue	BACS	58	241205		£ 24.00												£ 24.00	04/12/2024
03/12/2024	131 2544 12	Somerset Council - Ranger November 2024	BACS	59	30092639	£ 1,351.83												£ 270.37	£ 1,622.20	04/12/2024
07/12/2024		The Somerset Association of Local Councils Ltd	BACS	60	1419								£ 25.00						£ 25.00	10/12/2024
08/12/2024	727 255821	Mrs S Doble - Amazon - Laminating Pouches	BACS	61	GB48ZX93NAEUI											£ 14.12		£ 2.83	£ 16.95	

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

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Date of next Meeting: 21st January 2025

Meeting closed at 19.59