



# SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Seavington Millennium Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 18.30.

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

**Also Present:**

There were 3 members of the public present.

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

The members of the public thanked the Parish Council for arranging the Flood meeting held in the village. They went on to thank Cllr England and Cllr Reyland for representing the village at the meeting held by our local MP Adam Dance. They also asked how the Parish Council are going to proceed after the meeting and asked who the best person to contact regarding drainage clearing at Somerset Council, Cllr Roundell-Greene offered to be copied into all emails.

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

Cllr Roundell-Greene thanked the Parish Council for holding the flood meeting.

She advised that Somerset Rivers Authority are offering grants between £3,000 and £20,000 for projects within the village, the closing date is 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025. She went on to say that it is really important that anyone whose homes were flooded must register on the Somerset Councils website as there is Government money available for carpets, kitchens and damaged items, this registration will not affect home insurance due to GDPR. She also informed us that we must promote self-help.

The budget has to be completed for Somerset Council by 11<sup>th</sup> March, they are confident that Somerset Council can balance and announce the budget shortly.

18.38 Cllr Roundell-Greene left the meeting.

**3879 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:**

Apologies have been received from Cllr A Dance.

**3880 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT)**

No further declarations were made.

**3881 To receive and approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.**

**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 as a correct record and signed.

**Proposed** Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Langley

**3882 To receive and approve minutes of the Confidential Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

**MEMBERS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Confidential Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 as a correct record and signed. Cllr Taylor and Cllr Langley both abstained as they were both absent from the meeting. Cllr Doble abstained due to a conflict of interest.

**Proposed** Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Broad

- 3883 Clerks Updates:**  
The Clerk reported that she will be going over her contracted hours of work for February, she will report back during the March meeting.
- 3884 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 Application Number 23/02185/FUL has been refused.
- 3885 Resolutions (Inc Planning - when applicable):**
- A. To DISCUSS and RESOLVE** the election of a Vice Chairman for Seavington Parish Council. **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to the election of Cllr Broad as Vice Chairman for Seavington Parish Council.  
**Proposed** Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Taylor
  - B. To DISCUSS and RESOLVE** the situation regarding the fallen trees in St Mary's Orchard. Cllr England reported that a local gardener is to saw up and clear away the fallen trees with no charge to the Parish Council. He will also inspect and attend to the other trees within the orchard.
- 3886 To receive any additional information (if any) on the following:**
- A. SID's and Community Speed Watch – Cllr England**  
The black SID is faulty and requires looking at professionally. The Clerk is to contact the company it was purchased from to find out if this is possible.
  - B. Highways issues – Cllr Taylor**  
The bollards outside Swan Thatch do not light up, Cllr Taylor is to contact highways.
  - C. Ranger Scheme - Cllr Reyland**  
Cllr Reyland has still not heard anything from Karen. It has been decided that the Parish Council is to obtain quotes from other companies. The Clerk is to email Parsons Landscapes Ltd and Somerset Landscapes Ltd for quotes.
  - D. Village Footpaths - Cllr England**  
Nothing to report
  - E. Seavington Playing Field Association - Cllr Doble**  
The zip wire has been inspected by Proludic Ltd, they have confirmed that even though the wire rubs on a plastic housing of a bolt it has passed their inspection, Cllr Doble has this in writing from Proludic Ltd. It was unanimously decided to leave the heras fencing up until the grass is established.  
HEC – Cllr Broad to liaise with HEC regarding their hire.
  - F. Seavington Community Shop & Café – Clerk**  
Nothing to Report
  - G. LCN – Clerk**  
The Clerk reported that Crewkerne and Ilminster LCN are holding a Local Plan Mini Workshop on

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 9.30-11am via MS Teams.

**H. Village Car Park**  
Nothing to Report.

**I. Village Facebook Group - Cllr Broad**  
Cllr Broad is still to make contact with the page admin.

**J. Village Flooding**

- The Clerk has received an email from a resident complaining about the damage to the road surface in School Lane. The Clerk has reported this to Lee Norman at Somerset Highways who has confirmed that he has asked the Superintendent to undertake a safety inspection.
- The Parish Council have noted that the mud has been cleared from outside Swan Thatch.
- Cllr Doble has been in contact with National Highways and they are happy to meet with the Parish Council and Somerset Highways to discuss the matters raised at the top of David Lane. Other matters to be raised at the same time to Somerset Highways.
- A resident has offered to draw up a map of the village drains; the Parish Council are to contact Lee Norman of Somerset Highways asking for a map of any known drains that can be added to with other drains that have been lost over the years.
- Cllr England and Cllr Taylor are to walk ditch/stream which is part of the flood alleviation scheme to see if there are any areas of concern.
- It was also stated that property owners must be responsible to their own flood defences.
- It was felt that this is not a rare occurrence and that money should be spent to manage the water before any properties are flood rather than the flooding itself.
- Cllr England questioned the possibility of cleaning out or reinstating ditches, this could be something in which FWAG may help with and Cllr Doble will investigate.
- Somerset Rivers authority grants may help with a gully emptying machine. Cllr Doble is in the process of obtaining quotes for gully clearing, potentially teaming up with another local Parish to cost save between the two Parish Councils.
- Grants are available to home owners who have been flooded through the local authority “property flood resilience”, it must be noted that Somerset Council are not able to report back to insurance companies due to GDPR.
- It has been suggested that the Parish Council could do a bulk order for sandbags/gel sandbags and air brick covers in which residents could purchase. The Clerk is to put a form in the community shop to gauge interest.
- It has been suggested to start a village flood watch scheme with a flood warden, a notice is to be put in the Seavington News to ask if anyone from the village would be interested.

**3887 Finance Matters:**

**A. Balances:**

Current Account: £661.21  
Savings Account: £11,234.68 (£11.41 increase due to Bank Interest received)  
Reserves Account: £19,663.72 (£17.22 increase due to Bank Interest received)

19.40 two members of the public left the meeting.

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

						£ 9,248.30	£ 249.00	£ 405.08	£ 3,466.70	£ 4,732.80	£ 203.78	£ 225.00	£ 25.00	£ 210.00	£ 30.98	£ 2,608.25	£ 4,104.35	£ 25,509.24		
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	
23/01/2025	712 880243	On Tap South West	BACS	67	INV-95421											£ 1,325.00	£ 265.00	£ 1,590.00	24/01/2025	
29/01/2025		Clerks Wages	BACS	68														£ -		
25/01/2025	989 668423	Unlimited Web Hosting (Mrs S Doble)	BACS	69	988073368										£ 7.99		£ 1.60	£ 9.59	29/01/2025	
01/02/2025		Seavington Playing Fields Association - Venue	BACS	70	250205		£ 28.00											£ 28.00	03/02/2025	
02/02/2025	243 217042	K M Dine Nurseries (Halcon Landscapes)	BACS	71	2192				£ 346.67									£ 69.33	£ 416.00	03/02/2025
04/02/2025	827 480112	NBB Recycled Furniture - Bench	BACS	72	147764											£ 669.56	£ 133.91	£ 803.47	06/02/2025	

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

**3888**      **Date of next Meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

It was decided to discuss the continuation of the Seavington News at the March meeting (Annual Parish Meeting) with a final decision being made at the Parish Council meeting in April, should no one come forward to take over from Stephen Morris as editor.

Meeting Closed at 19.50