



# 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 was/were members of the public present.

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

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

**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)**  
No further declarations were made.

**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 **Seconded** Cllr

**3901 Clerks Updates:**  
The Clerk reported that:  
She will be going over her hours for the month of April

**3902 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)

**3903 Resolutions (Inc Planning - when applicable):**

**A. To DISCUSS and RESOLVE** the Ranger Scheme for 2025/26.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to contract Parsons Landscape Ltd; this is due to the fact that as they will be cutting the playfield grass there shouldn't be a conflict in jobs.  
**Proposed** Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Langley

- B. To APPROVE and RESOLVE** the overtime worked by the Clerk in February (4 hours & 47 minutes).  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to pay the Clerks overtime of 4 hours & 47 minutes.  
**Proposed** Cllr Taylor **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**  
The Clerk has approached the company in which the Parish Council purchased the SID, they have advised that there is a £145.00 inspection charge on all out of warranty repairs. Cllr Doble is to investigate if another company could repair the SID. Cllr Doble is to source a replacement battery first.
- B. Highways issues – Cllr Taylor**  
Cllr Taylor is to advise Lee Norman (Highways – Somerset Council) of a couple of dates so he can meet with Councillors to go through the gully system.  
The corner of School Lane, there is an old fashion drain which has sunk exposing cables. Lee Norman will refer it to BT as it is thought that the problem could be theirs.  
The bollards outside The Volunteer/Swan Thatch may be replaced with solar ones if this is the case they will need to disconnect the electric supply.
- C. Ranger Scheme - Cllr Reyland**  
Cllr Doble and Cllr Reyland will meet to sort a schedule for the work which needs to be undertaken by the new contractor.
- D. Village Footpaths - Cllr England**  
Nothing to Report.
- E. Seavington Playing Field Association - Cllr Doble**  
**Including Update regarding HEC - Cllr Broad.** HEC weekly sessions have caused some concerns about the misuse of the hall and facilities. It has been agreed with HEC that all children will be told about the concerned and a rota put in place for adult supervision during their sessions. Another review has been scheduled for next week and each month after that.
- F. Seavington Community Shop & Café – Clerk**  
The bins at the side of the shop are being locked due to environmental health inspection. The Government have changed policy and multiple bins will be required from 2027 for recycling done on site rather than at the companies sorting centre. The SPFA are in communication with shop with regards to possibility sharing this facility.
- G. LCN - Clerk**  
Nothing to Report
- H. Village Facebook Group - Cllr Broad**  
Cllr Broad is going to be added as an admin to the Seavington Villages Facebook page.
- I. Village Flooding**  
Cllr England and Cllr Taylor have walked the stream, a resident has cleared part of the stream with a digger. The Parish Council are looking at obtaining quotes for a digger to clear the rest of the stream and look at obtaining a grant for the cost, if no grants are available then the Parish Council will need to contact homeowners regarding the upkeep.

Drainage throughout the village is being assessed by Lee Norman (Highways - Somerset Council) and where needed he will send the drainage team to carry out any works. A meeting is to held in May 2025 with Lee Norman to discuss the layout of the drains.

19.57 - One member of the public left the meeting

It has been suggested that the Parish Council contact the landowner about flooding the field by Rookmead Lane, hopefully a grant can be obtained for compensation.

Sandbags – The Parish Council is to ask the resident who have expressed an interest in the traditional sandbags if they would like to purchase the gel sandbags as there are not enough orders for the traditional sandbags. An order can then be placed and divided between the residents and SPFA and Shop.  
**Proposed** Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr England.

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**Finance Matters:**

**A. Balances:**

Current Account: £859.07  
 Savings Account: £6,914.21  
 Reserves Account: £19,678.80

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

						£ 9,248.30	£ 277.00	£ 405.08	£ 4,160.04	£ 4,466.99	£ 3,341.99	£ 203.78	£ 265.00	£ 25.00	£ 210.00	£ 38.97	£ 30.13	£ 1,487.16	£ 4,648.38	£ 28,807.82			
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	Assets Purchased	Subscriptions	Payroll	Training	Audit	Website & Emails	Stationery	Sundries	VAT	Total	Date Left Bank		
21/02/2025	292 466867	G & M Baker	BACS	73	142															£ 203.77	£ 1,222.60	21/02/2025	
28/02/2025		Clerks Wages	BACS	74						£ 1,018.83											£ -		
28/02/2025	372 067792	Whitefields Accountants	BACS	75	INV-0759								£40.00								£ 48.00	28/02/2025	
28/02/2025		HMRC - Clerks Tax/National Insurance	BACS	76																	£ 6.39	28/02/2025	
28/02/2025	989 668423	Unlimited Web Hosting (Mrs S Dobie)	BACS	77	988076740											£7.99					£ 9.59	03/03/2025	
01/03/2025		Seavington Playing Fields Association - Venue	BACS	78	250307		£28.00														£ 28.00	03/03/2025	
09/03/2025	292 466867	G & M Eisner	BACS	79	142						£960.00										£192.00	10/03/2025	
10/03/2025	243 217042	K.M Dite Nurseries (Halcyon Landscapes)	BACS	80	2209				£693.34												£138.66	£ 832.00	10/03/2025

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

3897 **Date of next Meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Meeting Closed at 20.23