



# SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Seavington Millennium Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 18.39.

**Present:** Cllr A Doble, Cllr C Reyland, Cllr N England, Cllr C Taylor, Cllr B Small, Cllr R Prendergast, Mrs S Doble (Clerk)

**Also Present:**

There was one member of the public present.

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

Councillors were informed that the stile at the end of School Lane has now collapsed. Cllr England reported that he will be meeting shortly with the Rights of Way Officer from Somerset Council, and the condition of this stile will be included in their discussions. He also mentioned that several stiles on Manor Farm are currently being reviewed as well.

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

No reports have been received from Somerset Councillors.

- 3964 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:  
Apologies have been received from Cllr J Roundell-Greene.
- 3965 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT).  
Cllr Reyland declared and interest in minute reference 3969 B.
- 3966 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025.  
**MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 as a correct record and signed.  
**Proposed** Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Small
- 3967 Clerks Updates:
- The clerk reported that there are Discharge of Conditions No. 4 (HMMP) and No. 5 (BGP) of Planning Application 25/00433/FUL. 3 Council Houses, West Street, Seavington St Mary, Ilminster, Somerset. TA19 0QU on Somerset Councils planning portal.
  - The Clerk advised that emails of thanks have been sent to all external speakers who attending our village flood resilience meeting.
  - The Parish have been donated a Bleed Kit which has been donated through funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner. An email has been sent to Seavington Village Shop and Café thanking them for allowing the bleed kit to be positioned on the outside of their building.
- 3968 To receive updates on the Current Village Planning matters:
- A.** Application No 21/02654/FUL Erection of buildings to store and facilitate the construction of carnival floats (awaiting decision)
- B.** Application No 22/00610 Land at Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael (awaiting decision)
- Members noted
- Application 21/02654/FUL – Carnival Floats planning application has been reinstated; The Parish Council is preparing a response to this application, which has a submission deadline of 3rd December. Councillors have arranged a meeting with Dowlish Wake and Kingstone Parish Councils on Wednesday, 26th November, to discuss the matter further.

- Application 22/00610 – Land at Upton Lane. Over the last few months, it has been noted that environmental and ecological reports have been added to Somerset Councils website.

- 3969 Resolutions (Inc Planning - when applicable):
- A. To DISCUSS and APPROVE the signing of the agreement with Somerset Council regarding the placement and use of SID's within the parish.
- **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council is not in a position to progress this matter until further information has been obtained. Cllr Doble will carry out additional research.  
**Proposed** Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Reyland
- B. To DISCUSS and CONSIDER the Appeal Start Notification APP/E3335/W/25/3374472 25/00811/PAMB Gummers Castle, Old A303, Seavington St Michael, Ilminster, TA19 0QB.
- It was noted that there is nothing further that the Parish Council can comment on at this time.
- C. To DISCUSS and APPROVE a request from Seavington Gardening Club to relocate the trough currently positioned at the eastern entrance to the village to an alternative location within the Parish.
- It was stated that the current troughs are located on sites approved by Somerset Highways – other troughs were applied for at the time; however, Somerset Highways did not approve these. They were constructed in situ without a base. For these reasons it was decided that the trough could not be moved; maybe different plants could be looked at that require less maintenance. A suggestion was made that the Gardening Club could install an additional trough by the play park just inside the entrance to the car park if a new trough is wanted. **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Taylor will relay this explanation.  
**Proposed** Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr Prendergast
- D. To DISCUSS and CONSIDER ways to improve the Parish Council's social media outreach.
- **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to add to Seavington News Report to "Follow Us On Facebook" with a QR code.  
**Proposed** Cllr Small **Seconded** Cllr Reyland
- E. To DISCUSS and APPROVE a request from a resident to plant oak saplings, which they have grown, in a suitable location around the playing field.
- **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that this is not possible due to future maintenance involved, but have suggested that local farmers might be willing to plant them in hedgerows.  
**Proposed** Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr England
- F. To DISCUSS and APPROVE the Clerks overtime of 14 hours and 27 minutes for October 2025.
- **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerks overtime.  
**Proposed** Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Small

3970 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
- It has been noted that the blue horse box is being used for accommodation. Cllr Taylor will email Somerset Council Highways for their advice.
- C. Ranger Scheme - Cllr Reyland
- It was noted that the Ranger did not attend the village last Friday but completed an additional day the following week. Cllr Taylor will act as temporary Ranger liaison while Cllr Reyland is unavailable for a couple months.
- D. Village Footpaths - Cllr England
- Nothing further to report.
- E. Seavington Playing Field Association - Cllr Doble
- Christmas Market is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

- Councillors agreed not to put back the blue noticeboard that has fallen down. It was further agreed to fit Perspex over the other noticeboard to prevent unauthorised posters and leaflets being displayed. The Clerk will request a quotation from Matt Baker on behalf of the SPFA.
- The goal post has broken again. It was agreed that a 16ft x 7ft goal would be an appropriate size for village use. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to fund the replacement with a pair of new metal goal posts.  
**Proposed** Cllr Small **Seconded** Cllr Taylor
- Car Park Lights – It was agreed in principle to replace the existing bulbs with LED units and to install an exterior switch on the hall, fitted with a timer, enabling shop staff to use the lights when leaving the shop in the dark. The Council will obtain quotations for the work.

**F. Seavington Community Shop & Café – Cllr Taylor**

- Nothing to Report

**G. LCN – Clerk**

- Nothing to Report

**H. Village Facebook Group – Cllr Small**

- This has already been covered in resolution 3969 D.

**I. Village Flooding**

- Cllr Doble advised that FWAG will revisit the proposed sites.
- It was noted that the Cllrs were disappointed in the number of residents who attended the flood resilience meeting – despite this; it was extremely useful for those that did attend and well worth doing.
- It was agreed that letters will be sent to residents reminding them of their legal responsibility to keep the stream clear. Letters will be addressed by name and hand delivered.

**Proposed** Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Doble

3971 Finance Matters:

**A. Balances:**

Current Account: £279.00  
Savings Account: £28,297.11  
Reserves Account: £32,419.36

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

Date	Brief Description of Supply	Ranger	Grass Cutting Playing Field	Meeting Venue Hire	Bin Emptying	Insurance	Subscriptions	Payroll	Training	Audit	Website & Emails	Stationery	Sundries	Clerks Wages	Clerks HMRC	SPFA Clerks Wages	Bank Charges	VAT	Total	Date Left Bank
12-Nov-25		£6,563.19	£4,440.90	£252.00	£676.00	£505.60	£309.04	£125.00	£0.00	£210.00	£22.99	£14.50	£236.92	£3,675.21	£1.84	£2,047.00	£29.75	£2,454.00	£21,563.94	
20-Oct-25	Lloyds Bank - Charges												£13.50				£4.25		£13.50	20-Oct-25
22-Oct-25	Mrs S Doble - Clerk Expenses																		£405.60	22-Oct-25
19-Oct-25	Somerset Council				£338.00														£859.04	31-Oct-25
31-Oct-25	Mrs S Doble - Clerks Wages													£498.94		£360.10			£9.00	28-Oct-25
28-Oct-25	Tesco - Milk & Biscuits												£8.50						£0.50	28-Oct-25
01-Nov-25	Seavington Millennium Hall			£28.00															£28.00	03-Nov-25
31-Oct-25	Parsons Landscapes Limited	£1,153.60	£496.40																£330.00	08-Nov-25
06-Nov-25	Somerset Council				£338.00														£67.60	08-Nov-25
11-Nov-25	Mrs S Doble - Mutts Butts												£106.04						£21.21	11-Nov-25

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

**D. To receive information regarding next year's budget which will be discussed at December Parish Council meeting.**

- **Precept Planning** – Cllrs were given budget sheets to consider next year's precept at the December Parish Council meeting.

3972 Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Meeting Closed at 20.32