



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 19th November 2024 at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr A Doble (Chair), Cllr J Pendleton, Cllr N England, Cllr M Langley, Cllr A Broad, Cllr J Roundell-Green, Mrs S Doble (Clerk)

Also Present:

There were no members 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-Green reported that the LNC meeting has been postponed and is now in January.

3842 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:

Apologies have been received from Cllr C Reyland and Cllr C Taylor.

3843 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT)

3844 To receive and approve minutes of the Parish Council from Tuesday 17th September 2024

MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2024 as a correct record and signed.

Proposed Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Langley

3855 Clerks Updates:

- Cllr Broad has completed The Code of Conduct and Councillors Interests Training.

- The Clerk reported that she has received a letter from Lloyds Bank informing that the Treasurers Account will be changing to a Community Account from the 14th January 2025. This change will incur a £4.25 per month charge. These charges will also apply to the SPFA.

- The Clerk also reported that the Parish Council printer has been causing problems recently. After an explanation from Cllr Doble it was then proposed that a new printer be purchased.

MEMBERS unanimously **DECIDED** to purchase a new colour printer.

Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr Langley

3856 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 To discuss and prepare feedback on 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 to the current planning matters.

The Clerk reported that the Planning Application received recently has been granted an extension by Somerset Planning Department to after our next meeting.

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Resolutions (Inc Planning – when applicable):

A. To DISCUSS and RESOLVE the quote received from G & M Baker Carpentry regarding the potential work to the village benches and fence around the play park. Cllr England and Cllr Langley to report on their findings having examined the items in question.

MEMBERS noted that most benches are only requiring sanding and treating. It was unanimously **AGREED** to repair the ones that need repairing and remove one bench which is not repairable. It was also decided not treat the others.

Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr Broad

B. To DISCUSS and APPROVE the National Pay Award for the Clerk/RFO backdated to 1st April 2024.

MEMBERS unanimously **AGREED** to the National Pay Award for the Clerk/RFO backdated to the 1st April 2024.

Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr England

It was also noted by members that the Parish Councils Accountant had advised the employer's contribution to National Insurance will alter from the 6th April 2025. He advised that even though the personal National Insurance threshold has come down the employer's allowance has increase and therefore this will not affect the Parish Council.

A meeting is to be held before the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the re-banding of the Clerks wages. The Clerk is excluded from this meeting.

Proposed Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Pendleton

C. To DISCUSS and RESOLVE the Parish Councils opinion on the Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation.

MEMBERS unanimously **DECIDED** to reply to the consultation stating that they wish for both the Parish of Seavington St Mary and Seavington St Michael remain together as the Parish Council represents both villages as a whole.

Proposed Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr Pendleton

D. To DISCUSS and COMPLETE the Parish Councils replies to the Somerset Local Plan questionnaire.

It was agreed not to complete the on-line questionnaire as most of the questions do not apply to our Parish.

Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr Doble

7.20pm Cllr Langley left the meeting

F. To DISCUSS and RESOLVE the agreement received by the Clerk for the annual rental of the Parish Rooms from the SPFA.

MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to sign the agreement and arrange for payment of the rent.

Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr Broad

G. The DISCUSS and RESOLVED as to whether Seavington Parish Council would like to purchase a plaque for the new Commonwealth War Memorial being located in The Somerset Wood within the Maidenbrook Country Park, Taunton.

It was agreed that our own village memorial is adequate and therefore not to purchase a plaque.

Proposed Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Broad

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

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

The SIDs are working well. Cllr Pendleton and Cllr England are to move the SIDs to a new location.

B. Highways issues - Cllr Pendleton

Nothing to Report

C. Ranger Scheme – Cllr Reyland

- Nothing to Report
- D. Village Footpaths - Cllr England**
Nothing to Report
- E. Seavington Playing Field Association - Cllr Doble**
Cllr Doble gave an update on the progress of license application. He also advised that the hall has had a fire inspection due to the license application. Fire Risk Assessments have been sent to Fire Officer and Fire doors need adjustment. Along with weekly testing of the fire alarm which Cllr Langley has agreed to do. Hall risk assessments have been put on the notice board.
- F. Seavington Community Shop & Café – Clerk**
Nothing to Report
- G. LCN**
Nothing to Report

3859 Finance Matters:

- A. Balances:**
 - Current Account: £770.13
 - Savings Account: £20,817.17 (£19.34 Bank Interest)
 - Reserves Account: £19,614.78 (£17.72 Bank Interest)

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

21/10/2024	727 255821	Mrs S Doble Amazon - Folder	BACS	45	GB47BMZJMAEUI													£ 4.87	£ 0.97	£ 5.84	22/10/2024		
22/10/2024	110 028092	Mrs S Doble - Amazon - Tea Pots	BASC	46	GB121768831													£ 47.47	£ 9.50	£ 56.97	28/10/2024		
28/10/2024		Clerks Wages	BACS	47																£ -			
28/10/2024	430 987477	Mrs S Doble - Mutts Butts	BACS	48	INV-1120													£ 106.04	£ 21.21	£ 127.25	28/10/2024		
01/11/2024		Seavington Playing Fields Association - Venue	BACS	49	241107		£ 24.00													£ 24.00	01/11/2024		
01/11/2024	372 067792	Whitefields Accountants	BACS	50	INV-0643						£ 40.00									£ 8.00	£ 48.00	01/11/2024	
03/11/2024	243 217042	K M Dike Nurseries (Halcyon Landscapes)	BACS	51	2117				£ 346.67											£ 69.33	£ 416.00	04/11/2024	
08/11/2024	220 430231	Tesco	Debit Card	52																£ 6.17	£ 1.23	£ 7.40	08/11/2024

- C. To agree and note the items of expenditure and approve payments since the last meeting.**
- D. Clerk to give update on the finances for the rest of the year.**
The Clerk gave out Accounts Summary Sheet for November. No questions were asked.

3860 Date of next Meeting: 17th December 2024

Meeting Closed at: 7.35pm