



SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at in Seavington Millennium Hall on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 6.30pm.

Present:

Cllr A Doble (Chair), Cllr J Pendleton, Cllr P Parsons, Cllr Reyland, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Dance, Mrs S Doble (Clerk)

Also Present:

There were 3 members of the public present

Questions and comments from members of the public

There were no questions or comments from members of the public

3717 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:

Apologies were received from Cllr Roundell-Green

3718 Potentially Co-Opt a new Councillor & to complete necessary paperwork and forms.

Cllr Taylor has been Co-Opted as a Parish Councillor for Seavington St Michael, and the relevant paperwork was completed.

Proposed Cllr Parsons Seconded Cllr Reyland

Cllr Taylor then joined the meeting as a Councillor

3719 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT)

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in The Gardening Club along with being their Treasurer.

Cllr Parsons declared an interest in The Gardening Club

3720 To receive and approve minutes of the Parish Council from Tuesday 18th July 2023

Members unanimously **RESOLVED** the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2023 as a correct record and signed.

Proposed Cllr Parsons Seconded Cllr Pendleton

3721 Chairman's Announcements:

None

3722 Clerks Updates:

- Plastic files and wallets have been purchased

- Hard Drives have been purchased

- Clerks computer – The Clerk has used Super Clean and has cleared out a lot of dirt from the keyboard and it seems to have cured the keys sticking. Hopefully, the computer will not require to be looked at by E&S Computers.

- Clerk advised that she has booked herself onto a Training Course run by SALC which is for Clerks only for Budget Training.

- Clerk advised at the last meeting in July that she was likely to go over hours and was advised to do the hours required. The Clerk went over hours in July by 7¾ hours.

Members unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Clerks overtime be approved and to be paid in September.

Proposed Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr Parsons

3723 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. **(pending)**
- B. **Application No 22/03141/HOU** Removal of two pitched roofs, raising of the eaves, and the construction of one new roof to allow a replacement second bedroom on the first floor. Thyme Cottage, Old A303 Seavington St Michael, Ilminster. **(pending)**
- C. **Application No 21/02654/FUL** Erection of buildings to store and facilitate the construction of carnival floats **(update)**
- D. **Application No 22/00610/REM Land at Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael (pending)**

The Council noted that there was nothing to report on the above four planning applications.

3724 Resolutions (Inc Planning – when applicable):

A. To discuss and agree the purchase of two defibrillators now that the CLT have agreed a grant towards costs.

Members unanimously **RESOLVED** that the defibrillators are to be purchased and installed. Cllr Doble along with the Clerk to arrange the purchase and installation. It was also decided for Cllr Pendleton to monitor and look after defibrillators.

Proposed Cllr Pendleton **Seconded** Cllr Reyland

B. To discuss and agree if the Parish Council can support the Village Shop and Café with a Grant for the outside area.

Members agreed that the outside area would be a huge asset to the village. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to not grant the monies but for Cllr Doble to go back to the shop management, discuss our financial situation, suggest that the shop/café apply to the CLT and to come back to us if they are unsuccessful.

This was proposed by Cllr Pendleton Seconded by Cllr Doble. Cllr Reyland voted for the motion. Cllr Parsons voted against, and Cllr Taylor abstained due to not having enough back ground information as she has only just joined the Council.

Cllr Parsons then resigned as shop/café Council representative.

- C. **Application No 23/02201/HOU** Two-storey rear extension. South Meade, Meade Lane, Seavington, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0QL.

Members unanimously **RESOLVED** that they had no concerns.

Proposed Cllr Parsons **Seconded** Cllr Reyland

- D. To discuss and prepare feedback on **Application No: 23/02010/S73A** – S73A application to vary condition 9 of planning approval 20/00732/FUL for Increase and variation of feedstock (to include additional farm, dairy waste, by-products and farmyard manure) and the installation of a dome on the digestate storage tank to the existing on-farm Anaerobic Digester (AD) plant.

Cllr Parsons raised a query regarding her concern that there will be an increase in the amount of food stuffs which subsequently would lead to more traffic through the villages of Seavington. Cllr Doble explained that there was no more land between Seavington and Ilminster weight limit and therefore any land available the otherside of Ilminster would have to be accessed by the Ilminster by-pass. Cllr Doble **Proposed** that a response be sent to the planning application “No concerns regarding the application, provided that assurances can be given that there will be no increase in traffic through the villages of Seavington” **Seconded** Cllr Parsons. Members unanimously **RESOLVED** that this was carried.

3725 To receive any additional information (if any) on the following:

- A. **SID’s and Community Speedwatch - Cllr Pendleton**
Cllr Parsons requested that the SID’s are moved more often.

B. Highways issues – Cllr Pendleton

1. Road collapse on Rooksmead Lane. Highways have confirmed that this is on the list for a scheme in the next financial year (commencing April 24).
2. Many areas of mud and detritus on our lanes, particularly at the top of Easterdown Hill at the junction with Longforward Lane. Advice is to request the sweeper when we have concerns! Easterdown/ Longforward will be examined. No apparent action as yet except the erection of warning signs of skid risk! (See also 4 below).
3. Cllr Pendleton reported the state of the emergency access to the A303 bypass, apparently this is a National Highway issue.
4. (See also 2 above) Cllr Pendleton recently reported quite deep flooding at the junction of Easterdown and Longforward complete with photograph and suggested the cause may be related to the mud build up. It will be looked into!
5. Cllr Pendleton received a report from a resident of Falcon Close of problems with potholes in the unfinished frontage, he reported this to Somerset Highways. At the moment this is an issue for the developer as the frontage has not yet been adopted. In reporting this he asked for Highways help in resolving the completion of the frontage as he has been attempting to get this completed by the developer via his role on the board of the CLT. Highways will contact him.

7.30pm - Cllr Dance joined the meeting.

C. Ranger Scheme - Cllr Reyland

Karen brought in the tractor and hedge-cutter to the villages. Wooden posts outside playing field have gone rotten so Cllr Reyland will arrange for new posts and help Karen to replace them.

D. Village Footpaths - Cllr Reyland

Cllr Reyland keeps chasing regarding footpath clearing.
The footpath between Seavington and Lopen has not be reinstated by the farmer, Cllr Reyland to raise this will Somerset Council.

E. Cherry Tree Site Planting - Cllr Reyland

Nothing to report.

F. Seavington Playing Field Association – Cllr Doble

Tree by Harrison seat is not looking well, however Cllr Doble and Parsons inspected said tree after the meeting and can confirm that it has some buds. They will monitor the tree in the coming months.

Cllr Parsons has two bowls left from the Old Oak Tree, it has been decided to auction one bowl at harvest supper.

G. Seavington Community Shop & Café – Cllr Parsons

Nothing to report after the discussion of the grant application.

H. LCN – Cllr Pendleton

The next meeting is on 21th September 2023. Cllr Pendleton to bring to their attention that any planned road closers are not to go through the villages of Seavington as it is classed as a “C” road.

I. Defibrillators in the two villages

See above discussion

J. Volunteers and the free strimming course that the Parish Council has in hand with Somerset Council.

Nothing to report

Reports from County Councillors

Cllr Dance gave their report, a copy of which has been uploaded onto the village website.

A. Balances: Current Account £11,446.09 & Savings Account £18,876.05

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	Grants	Clerk Wages	Clerk Additional Wages and Payroll	Sundries	VAT	Total	Reconciled
19/07/2023	172 6705 02	Clerk Expenses - Postage	D/Card	21	N/A								£0.92	£0.18	£1.10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21/07/2023	220 4302 31	Clerk Expenses - Plastic Folders	D/Card	22	N/A								£6.25	£1.25	£7.50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20/07/2023		Clerk Expenses - 2 x External Hard Drives	D/Card	23	N/A								£168.00		£168.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27/07/2023		Clerks Salary	BACS	24	N/A						£306.00	£137.70			£443.70	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
28/07/2023		Seavington Millennium Hall Hire	BACS	25	230716		£24.00								£24.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
04/08/2023	131 5051 20	Parsons Landscape Ltd - July	BACS	26	16905				£750.40					£150.08	£900.48	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
04/08/2023	131 2544 12	Somerset Council - Ranger - July	BACS	27	30024880	£704.18								£140.84	£845.02	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
08/08/2023	372 067792	Whitefield Accountants - Clerk Payroll	BACS	28	326							£20.00		£4.00	£24.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
31/08/2023		Clerks Salary	BACS	29	N/A						£306.00				£306.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
31/08/2023	131 5051 20	Parsons Landscape Ltd - August	BACS	30	16959				£923.10					£184.62	£1,107.72	<input type="checkbox"/>
06/09/2023		Seavington Millennium Hall Hire	BACS	31	230906		£24.00								£24.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
12/09/2023	131 2544 12	Somerset Council - Ranger - August	BACS	32	30029908	£880.23								£176.05	£1,056.28	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

As per the resolution it has been agreed and approved for the Defibrillators and installation fees.

3727 Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 17th October 2023

Cllr Taylor has given apologies for the next meeting

Meeting Closed at 8.17pm