



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 20th May at 18.37.

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

Also Present:

There were 2 members of the public present.

Questions and comments from members of the public

The Flower Arrangers donated £75.00 to SPFA from the donations received at VE Day Celebration tea. The Flower Arrangers have also donated a pedal bin to go in the kitchen at the Millennium Hall.

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

There was no report received from Somerset Councillors

3907 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:

Apologies have been received from Cllr J Roundell-Greene.

3908 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT)

3909 To receive and approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting from Tuesday 15th April 2025. MEMBERS unanimously RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th April 2025 as a correct record and signed.

Proposed Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Langley

3910 Clerks Updates:

The Clerk reported that:

- The Clerk announced she has received the VAT money and she has transferred it to the Reserves Account.
- Defibrillator at Manor Farm, Seavington St Mary is back having been repaired. It has been put back on-line and the emergency services advised.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money amounting to £899.30 has been received.
- A resident had reported that lorries belonging to Branstons were speeding through the village. The Clerk has emailed Branstons and advised they will speak to the drivers. However, there should be a decrease in the number of lorries coming through the village due to the end of the season.
- The Clerk reported that we need some more dog poo bags, it was unanimously decided that the Parish Council will purchase some more. **Proposed** Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Langley
- The Clerk has received an email from Somerset Council Asset Devolution. The Parish Council had expressed an interest in taking on Rowdells Orchard, they wish to know if we are still interest so that the matter can progress. The Cllrs agreed that they would like to visit Rowdells Orchard before making a decision.

3911 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)
 - E. Application No: 25/00704/HOU** Change existing brick external finish to render. Luccombe, New Road, Seavington St Mary, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0QQ. (awaiting decision)
 - F. Application No: 25/00811/PAMB** Prior Approval for the change of use and conversion of existing agricultural building to form No.1 dwelling. Gummers Castle, Old A303, Seavington St Michael, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0QB. (awaiting decision)
- Members noted that application 25/00704/HOU has been approved.

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Resolutions (Inc Planning - when applicable):

- A. To DISCUSS and RESOLVE** Planning Application No: 25/00902/LBC Repair of external fabric to existing barn. Court Farm, Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0PZ.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the application.
Proposed Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Reyland
- B. To DISCUSS and RESOLVE** the blocked footpath in West Street, Seavington St Mary. Cllr England reported that he had spoken to the landowner who is happy to assist with this matter. Cllr England will contact the Footpath Officer at Somerset Council regarding a replacement stile. Cllr England also stated that the finger sign is over grown and he will arrange for this to be cut back.
- C. To DISCUSS and RESOLVE** for the Parish Council to pay for the safety inspection of the children play equipment within the play park.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council is to pay for the safety inspection for the children play equipment within the play park.
Proposed Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr England
- D. To DISCUSS and APPROVE** the insurance renewal.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the insurance renewal and pay the premium for the coming year.
Proposed Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr Taylor
- E. To RECEIVE and APPROVE** the Revised Annual Internal Audit Report for the year 2024/25, Revised Section 1 Annual Governance Statement for the year 2024/25 and the Revised Section 2 Accounting Statements for the year 2024/25.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the Revised Annual Internal Audit Report for the year 2024/25, Revised Section 1 Annual Governance Statement for the year 2024/25 and the Revised Section 2 Accounting Statement for the year 2024/25.
Proposed Cllr Reyland **Seconded** Cllr Taylor
- F. To DISCUSS and APPROVE** the overtime worked by the Clerk in April 2025 (11 hours & 10 minutes).
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** to pay the overtime worked by the Clerk in April 2025. After a discussion regarding employment, it was decided that the Clerks contract should be amended. Cllr Doble to draft an amendment.
Proposed Cllr Langley **Seconded** Cllr Taylor

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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

- Three road signs have been reported to Traffic Management at Somerset Council; it has been confirmed that they have been placed on the schedule for works.
- With regards to the subsidence of the drain/pavement at top of school lane, Cllr Taylor received an email from Somerset Council advising that they are wanted to put kerb stones to fix this problem but unfortunately this will only be once Somerset Council have funding.
- A resident in School Lane is mowing and damaging a bank which belongs to the Council. Cllr Taylor has spoken to the resident and advised them that they should not be doing this as it is feared that should it rain heavily all of the mud and silt will deposit in the road.
- A resident who lives next to the village carpark has dug out drain.

C. Ranger Scheme - Cllr Reyland

- Ranger is doing a fantastic job.
- The Ranger will be asked to strim outside St Michaels Church along the roadside.
- He has cleared off the top of the drains in Davids Lane and also the drain by St Marys Church.
- It has been asked if the Ranger can strim around the village gateway by Falcon Close.

D. Village Footpaths - Cllr England

- Nothing to Report

E. Seavington Playing Field Association - Cllr Doble

- The Broadband at the Millennium Hall is out of contract and Cllr Doble has arrange for fiber broadband to the door. This is cheaper than the old contract.
- PAT Testing at the Millennium Hall has been completed.
- The door from the kitchen into the hall needs repairing and Matt Baker will undertake any work required
- The dishwasher engineer is still to fit the new pump.

F. Seavington Community Shop & Café – Clerk

- It was reported that the Community Shop and Café would like the Village Bier once it has been restored.
- It has also been confirmed that they will clear all their possessions from the shed on the playing fields.

G. LCN – Clerk

- Nothing to Report

H. Village Facebook Group - Cllr Broad

- It has been requested that the Parish Council Facebook page is promoted within the Parish Councils Seavington News report. Clerk has confirmed she will put this in the report.

I. Village Flooding

- An email has been received from a resident regarding a blocked drain outside their home. This matter is to be discussed with Lee Norman.
- An Email has been received from a resident at Townsend asking if the Parish Council has access to funding for a flood prevention project they are undertaking at their property. They would also like to know if there is anything the farmer to the rear of their property is able/willing to undertake to help with the problem. Cllr Doble is to reply to this email.
- Cllr Doble, Cllr Taylor, the local landowner, a FWAG representative, and the Clerk met to discuss village flooding. FWAG will develop ideas with the farmer and report back to the Parish Council. Funding was discussed but it was advised that although it is available it will most likely be prioritised for areas within Somerset with more affected properties.

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Finance Matters:

A. Balances:

Current Account: £1,395.70

