



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 15th September 2026 at 18:30.

Present: Cllr A Doble Cllr B Small, Cllr R Reader, Mrs S Doble (Clerk)

Also Present:

Four members of the public were present.

Questions and comments from members of the public

- A member of the public asked what could be done to ensure Seavington benefited from the recently announced £50,000 flood funding for Somerset, and how residents could promote the need for local improvements. He commented that the arrangements appeared very vague and that it was unclear who was responsible for administering the funding. The Parish Council advised that the details of the funding were still being developed, with the rules and allocation process yet to be confirmed. The Parish Council also advised that the Government had allocated the funding to the Levels area, and that Somerset Council hoped to distribute it across the county.
- A resident raised concerns regarding the drains in David's Lane, stating that they had not been cleared for a considerable period. The Parish Council advised that the matter would be reported to Somerset Council.
- A resident also raised concerns regarding two drains in School Lane. The Parish Council advised that these would also be reported to Somerset Council.

18.53 - Two members of the public left the meeting

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

There was no report from Somerset Councillors.

- 4055 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:
- Apologies were received from Cllr N England Cllr R Prendergast, Cllr C Taylor, Cllr C Hughes and Cllr A Dance.
- 4056 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT).
- No further declaration of interest where received.
- 4057 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 21st July 2026. **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting both held-on Tuesday 21st July 2026 as a correct record and signed.
Proposed Cllr Small **Seconded** Cllr Reader
- 4058 Clerks Updates:
- The Clerk reported that the annual external audit had been completed. All required documentation had been made available on the parish notice boards for the statutory period and had also been published on the Parish Council website.
 - The Clerk reported that the second instalment of the annual precept had been received from Somerset Council and transferred to the Parish Council's savings account.
 - The Clerk reported receipt of the City, Town & Parish Preparedness Survey from Somerset Council. Cllr Small agreed to complete the survey and email it back to Somerset Council.
 - SALC are offering - The Worker Protection Act 2023, Specialist HR Training.
 - Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day is on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at Millfield School in Street.

- 4059 Village Flooding Updates:
The Parish Council discussed the flooding experienced in January 2025 and noted that this was a one-off storm. It was noted that some residents within the village require assistance, whilst others were considered able to take responsibility for their own properties. The Parish Council stated that feedback from residents regarding highways and drainage issues would be useful moving forward, as this would help the Parish Council identify any issues of which it was not currently aware.
- 4060 To receive updates on the Current Village Planning matters:
- A. Planning Application: **26/00918/OUT** outline planning with all matters reserved for the erection of 3 No dwellings at Land North of The Beeches, Water Street Seavington St Michael, Ilminster, Somerset. (Awaiting Decision)
 - B. Planning Application: **26/01357/HOU** Erection of a single-storey extension to modernise and enhance the internal layout of the existing bungalow of Dove Cottage Upton Lane Seavington St Michael Ilminster Somerset TA19 0PZ
 - Members noted that application 26/00918/OUT has been approved
- 4061 Resolutions (Inc Planning – when applicable):
- A. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the Clerk's mileage and car parking expenses incurred in attending the meeting in Yeovil.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** to pay the Clerk's mileage and car parking expenses incurred in attending the meeting in Yeovil.
Proposed Cllr Small **Seconded** Cllr Reader
 - B. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the Parish Council articles for the Seavington News
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that, when submitting the next Parish Council report for publication in The Seavington News, the Parish Council should politely seek clarification as to why previous reports submitted by the Parish Council had been edited prior to publication. Members agreed that the Parish Council should also make clear that these reports represent the official views and business of the Parish Council and, therefore, should be published as submitted and without amendment.
Proposed Cllr Small **Seconded** Cllr Doble
 - C. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** arrangements for undertaking the weekly safety checks of the play equipment within the Play Park.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that Cllr Reader would undertake the weekly inspections of the play equipment within the Play Park.
Proposed Cllr Reader **Seconded** Cllr Small
 - D. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the addition of a further Councillor as an authorised signatory to the Parish Council's bank account.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** to add Cllr Reader as an authorised signatory to the Parish Council's bank account. It was further agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Doble would undertake the necessary actions together to complete the process.
Proposed Cllr Reader **Seconded** Cllr Small
- 4062 To receive any additional information (if any) on the following:
- A. SID's and Community Speed Watch – Cllr England
 - The ongoing issue of speeding, which had previously been reported to the Parish Council, was discussed. Members acknowledged the concerns raised and agreed that further consideration was required. It was therefore agreed that the matter be deferred to the next Parish Council meeting for further discussion and consideration.
 - B. Highways issues – Cllr Taylor
Cllr Taylor was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a report outlining matters she had raised and actions undertaken since the previous Parish Council meeting. The report included the following:
 - Reporting concerns regarding vehicles being parked dangerously on School Lane and Davids Lane, highlighting the potential safety issues for other road users.

- Reporting a horsebox which appeared to be unfit and potentially unsafe for use on the public highway.
- Reporting rubbish located outside 1 Rowdells Orchard as suspected fly-tipping, bringing the matter to the attention of the relevant authority.

C. Ranger Scheme – Cllr Prendergast
Nothing to Report

D. Village Footpaths – Cllr England

Although Cllr England sent his apologies for the meeting, he provided the following report.

- He has advised the Rights of Way Officer of the broken handrail on the steps leading from Longforward Lane to the footbridge, and also of the handrail over the ditch on the footpath from West Street to Church Lane. Both matters are now in hand.
- He also believes that the stile on Mr Jacob's land has now been replaced with a gate, although this has not yet been independently verified.

19:39 - Two members of the public left the meeting

E. Seavington Playing Field Association – Cllr Doble

- Cllr Doble reported that the SPFA's insurance had been renewed and the required payment had been made. A discussion was held regarding the insurance endorsements, specifically the requirement for the water and heating pipes to be adequately lagged. Members noted the importance of ensuring that the necessary measures were undertaken to comply with the terms of the Hall's insurance policy. It was agreed that Cllr Prendergast would be asked to undertake the lagging of the pipework. It was further agreed that the cleaning of the Hall's windows, both internally and externally, on a monthly basis, together with the annual cleaning of the gutters and solar panels, would be put out to tender. Quotes will be invited from suitable contractors for consideration by the Parish Council, acting as Sole Trustees of the Hall.

Proposed Cllr Doble **Seconded** Cllr Small

- It was also reported that the accounts had been completed and filed with the Charity Commission as required.
- Cllr Doble further reported that the works to improve the condition of the car park, including the filling of the potholes, had now been completed.
- It was also noted that there is a small hole in the roof beneath the solar panels. A stained patch was noted on the entranceway ceiling, accompanied by an unpleasant smell. It was therefore agreed that Cllr Doble would obtain quotations for the necessary remedial works.

F. Seavington Community Shop & Café – Cllr Taylor
Nothing to Report

G. LCN – Clerk

- The Clerk reported that the Somerset Rural Active Travel Toolkit had been published. To support the toolkit, Somerset Council will be delivering a series of five Microsoft Teams training sessions, commencing at the end of September and running over the following couple of months. Each session will cover one of the five sections of the toolkit and is aimed at Parish Councils and community groups interested in developing rural active travel projects in their area.
- The next Crewkerne & Ilminster Local Community Network (LCN) meeting will be held online on Wednesday 14th October. The main guest speaker will be Clare Moody, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset.

H. Village Facebook Group – Cllr Small
Nothing to Report

I. Village Bier – All

- The Clerk reported that an email had been received from the shop regarding the bier, advising that they did not wish to have a bier located at the shop. The Council noted the comments received.

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Finance Matters:

A. Balances:

Current Account: £78.56

Savings Account: £25,636.29

Reserves Account: £47,347.22

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

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

4064 **Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 20th October 2026.

The meeting closed at 20:10