



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 16th June 2026 at 18:00.

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

Also Present:

There was 5 members of the public present.

Questions and comments from members of the public

- A resident requested that parts of School Lane be strimmed by the Ranger. Councillors agreed that the Ranger should undertake the work when practicable.
- A resident raised concerns regarding the proposed housing development of eight dwellings on Upton Lane, for which full planning permission has previously been granted. The resident expressed concern that local infrastructure may not be able to cope with the additional impact of the development.

Residents questioned whether an alternative access route via the track across the field at the top of Upton Lane, from Davids Lane, could be used by HGVs. They were advised that this option had been considered when the original planning application was submitted. However, the track is not constructed to accommodate heavy vehicles and therefore cannot be used for site access.

The Parish Council was asked to contact the contractors to request that large HGVs avoid using Upton Lane during school drop-off and pick-up times. Residents were advised that, once construction commences, they could also liaise directly with the site manager to help manage the flow and timing of HGVs and contractors' vehicles.

19:00 - Two members of the public left the meeting.

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

No Somerset Councillor attended the meeting and therefore no report was received.

- 4034 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:
- No apologies for non-attendance were received.
- 4035 Potentially Co-Opt a new Councillor & to complete the necessary paperwork.
- **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to Co-Opt Cllr R Reader as Councillor for Seavington St Michael.
Proposed Cllr Prendergast **Seconded** Cllr Small
- 4036 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT).
- No further declaration of interest where received.
- 4037 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 19th May 2026. **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and minutes of the Parish Council Meeting both held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 as a correct record and signed.
Proposed Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Taylor
- 4038 Clerks Updates:
- Reminder for Councillors who wished to attend the meeting regarding the Wessex Internet within the Dark Lane area that the meeting is on 22nd June at Dinnington Docks at 6pm.
- 4039 Village Flooding Updates:

- Nothing to Report

- 4040 To receive updates on the Current Village Planning matters:
- A.** Planning Application **26/00364/HOU** – Proposed Annexe at Dove Cottage, Upton Lane, Seavington St Michael, Ilminster, Somerset, TA19 0PZ. (Awaiting Decision)
 - B.** 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)
 - Members noted that planning application 26/00364/HOU has been approved.
- 4041 Resolutions (Inc Planning – when applicable):
- A.** To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the action to be taken over the car parked in the village car park that is without tax, insurance, and MOT.
 - **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to send a letter requesting that the vehicle is removed from the village car park.
Proposed Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Small
 - B.** To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** what action should be taken in respect of a resident who has not cleared the section of the flood alleviation scheme for which they are responsible as a riparian owner.
 - **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to defer this matter to the next meeting due to nesting birds and wildlife.
Proposed Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Hughes
 - C.** To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** whether the steps leading to the new footpath gate in Dark Lane should be widened to improve accessibility and ease of access.
 - **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** that, rather than widening the steps, Cllr Prendergast will install a paving slab to improve access to the gate.
Proposed Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr England
 - D.** To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the Clerks overtime of 4 hours and 52 minutes for the month of May 2026.
 - **MEMBERS** unanimously **RESOLVED** to pay the Clerks overtime of 4 hours and 52 minutes for the month of May 2026.
Proposed Cllr Hughes **Seconded** Cllr Small
- 4042 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
 - Nothing to Report
 - C.** Ranger Scheme – Cllr Prendergast
 - Cllr England reported that the bridge opposite the Church, towards St Marys Close, is very overgrown and that access to the handrail is obstructed by vegetation.
 - The path around the houses at St Marys Close was also discussed. Members noted that the maintenance work carried out last year had been completed to a very high standard and agreed that similar work is required again this year.
 - D.** Village Footpaths – Cllr England
 - Cllr England reported that all the stiles on the public footpath network have now been replaced with gates, improving accessibility throughout the parish.
 - E.** Seavington Playing Field Association – Cllr Doble
 - Nothing to report
 - F.** Seavington Community Shop & Café – Cllr Taylor
 - Nothing to Report

G. LCN – Clerk

- The LCN AGM will be held on 30th June 2026 at Seavington Millennium Hall. The guest speaker will be the Chief Executive of Somerset Council. Any questions for the speaker must be submitted in advance of the meeting, with a deadline of 25th June 2026.

H. Village Facebook Group – Cllr Small

- Nothing to Report

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Finance Matters:

A. Balances:

Current Account: £142.75
Savings Account: £10,256.21
Reserves Account: £47,287.60

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.

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Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 21st July 2026.

19:41 Meeting Closed.