SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Seavington Millennium Hall on Tuesday 19th May 2026 immediately after the Annual Parish Council Meeting (18:45).

Present: Cllr A Doble, Cllr N England, Cllr C Taylor, Cllr C Hughes, Cllr S Ashton, Mrs S Doble (Clerk)

Also Present:
There were no members of the public present.

Questions and comments from members of the public
No questions or comments were received.

Reports from Somerset Councillors (limited to 10 minutes in total)
Cllr S Ashton attended the meeting on behalf of Cllr J Roundell-Greene

- Cllr Ashton will contact Somerset Council regarding potholes that have already been reported.
- The Parish Council was also advised that 99% of school places offered this year were first-choice placements.

4024 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:

- Apologies have been received from Cllr R Prendergast and Cllr B Small.

4025 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT).

- No further declaration of interest where received.

4026 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 21st April 2026.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 21st April 2026 as a correct record and signed.
Proposed Cllr England **Seconded** Cllr Hughes

4027 Clerks Updates:

- The Clerk reported that the VAT refund for 2025/2026 has been received. As per last year this money has been transferred to the Reserves account.
- The Clerk has received an email from Quicksilver Community Group (Yeovil) regarding the imminent closure of the Hyper Acute Stroke Unit at Yeovil District Hospital. They are requesting the Parish Councils make representations, individually or jointly with other Councils to Somerset Foundation Trust and NHS Somerset Integrated Care Board to cancel their plans for the closure, or at least postpone it until they have implemented within-hospital and handover changes, and rigorously evaluated them to ensure they fully mitigate against the additional travel time. Cllr Hughes has agreed to write a letter of support in favour of not closing the Hyper Acute Stroke Unit.
- The Clerk has received an email from an anonymous person regarding the gravel on the overflow carpark. It was agreed to ask the Ranger to rake the gravel to make good the surface.
- The Clerk reported that another Parish Council in Somerset has recently dealt with traveller encampments on Parish Council land and has shared its experience, together with guidance on appropriate procedures. It was suggested that the Financial Regulations be amended to include a provision allowing the Chairman and Clerk to act jointly, if necessary, to instruct bailiffs to remove travellers from the village, as convening Council meetings may cause delays.

4028 Flood Warden/Village Flooding Updates:

- Nothing to Report

4029 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)

- Members noted there was nothing to report.

4030 Resolutions (Inc Planning – when applicable):

A. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** 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.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the planning application for the erection of 3 dwellings at Land North of The Beeches, Water Street, Seavington St Michael, Ilminster, Somerset.
Proposed Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Hughes

B. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** is renewal of ESET Internet Security for the Clerks computer which expires on the 15th June 2026.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** to renew the ESET Internet Security Licence for the Clerks computer for a further 3 years.
Proposed Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr England

C. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the renewal of the Parish Councils Insurance.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** to renew the Parish Councils Insurance with Clear Councils.
Proposed Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Hughes

D. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the Clerks overtime of 14 hours and 5 minutes for the month of April 2026.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** to pay the Clerks overtime of 14 hours and 5 minutes for the month of April 2026.
Proposed Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Hughes

4031 To receive any additional information (if any) on the following:

A. SID's and Community Speed Watch – Cllr England

- Cllr England reported that the SID has been moved to outside Falcon Close.

B. Highways issues – Cllr Taylor

- Cllr England reported that the potholes have been marked for repair in St Marys Close, he went on the report there is a bad pothole on Scott Hill which he will log with Somerset Council.

C. Ranger Scheme – Cllr Prendergast

- The Parish Council has received praise from residents regarding the Rangers work.

D. Village Footpaths – Cllr England

- Nothing to Report

E. Seavington Playing Field Association – Cllr Doble

- Cllr Doble reported that it is the quiz night this Friday 22nd May 2026.
- He also reported that the overflow car park has dips in the gravel and he and Cllr Prendergast will fill these with additional gravel.
- It was also reported that the Clerk has updated the wording on website in a hope to attract more hirers from outside the village.
- A new kettle has been purchased as the original kettle was leaking. The Clerk has been in contact with Russell Hobbs, who have agreed to provide a replacement under warranty.
- SPFA has given notice to the Seavington News, Parish Council and CLT they their contracts for the Parish Rooms will not be renewed on the 1st November 2026, alternative facilities have been offered in the away changing room.

F. Seavington Community Shop & Café – Cllr Taylor

- Nothing to Report

G. LCN - Clerk

- Nothing to Report

H. Village Facebook Group – Cllr Small

- Nothing to Report

4032 Finance Matters:

A. Balances:

Current Account:	£561.92
Savings Account:	£14,290.56
Reserves Account:	£47,268.82

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

13-May-26

Invoice Date	Suppliers VAT No	Brief Description of Supply	Payment Type/Chq No		Reference	Invoice No	Ranger	Grass Cutting Playing Field	Meeting Venue Hire	Bins	Play Park Inspections	Insurance	Maintenance	Assets Purchased	Grants	Subscriptions	Payroll	Training	Audit	Misc	Website & Emails	Clerks Expenses	Clerks Wages	Clerks HMRC	SPFA Clerks Wages	Bank Charges	VAT	Total
						£1,979.20	£1,775.60	£56.00	£0.00	£1,785.00	£0.00	£35.40	£324.53	£0.00	£314.84	£63.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	£300.40	£469.19	£0.00	£315.89	£4.25	£1,302.63	£8,975.93	
13-Apr-26		Somerset Association of Local Councils Ltd	BACS	4	2972										£267.84													£267.84
14-Apr-26	753 646903	Printer Toners	BACS	5	SINC76848																£300.40					£60.08	£360.48
22-Apr-26	323 608672	Mrs S Doble - Manutan	BACS	6	M000612922								£302.47													£60.49	£362.96
18-May-26		Information Commissioners Office	DD	7	ZB548148										£47.00													£47.00
20-Apr-26		Lloyds Bank	Direct																						£4.25			£4.25
23-Apr-26	232 55575	Screwfix - Padlock and Anchor Bolts	D/Card	8	A25719782949								£22.06													£4.42	£26.48
24-Apr-26	796 632872	Proludic - Play Park Inspections	BACS	9	SIN012457					£1,785.00																£357.00	£2,142.00
28-Apr-26		Mrs S Doble - Clerks Wages	BACS	10																		£469.19		£315.89			£785.08
01-May-26		Seavington Millennium Hall	BACS	11	260503			£28.00																			£28.00
01-May-26	372 067792	Whitefield Accountants	BACS	12	INV-1118											£63.00										£12.60	£75.60
09-May-26	143 215014	Mole Valley Farmers - Weed Killer	DD	13	RS2104T04							£35.40														£7.08	£42.48
30-Apr-26	131 505120	Parsons Landscapes Ltd	BACS	14	18764	£989.60	£1,037.00																			£405.32	£2,431.92

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

- There was no further expenditure to approve.

4023 **Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 16th June 2026.

Meeting Closed at 19:43