SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Seavington Millennium Hall on Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 18:30.

The Meeting was Chaired by the Vice Chairman Cllr B Small

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

Also Present:
There was 6 members of the public present.

Questions and comments from members of the public
A resident asked whether the Parish Council knew which farmer owned the field backing onto his property, as he wished to replace the broken wire fence with a more attractive boundary. The Clerk confirmed that, if the resident emailed her, she would provide the ownership information requested.

A resident expressed concern that, should the filing cabinets be relocated to another room within the Village Hall, historical records and photographs currently stored in the IT room might be lost or overlooked. She also requested that some of the historic photographs be displayed in the Millennium Hall, commenting that the village should do more to preserve and showcase its history for the benefit of existing residents and newcomers. Members reassured the resident that the historical records and photographs would be retained and agreed to explore the possibility of displaying some of the photographs within the Millennium Hall.

A resident reported that he had straightened and secured the post in Water Street ready for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) to be fitted.

A resident asked whether the Ranger could tidy the weeds along the edge of the pavement beyond the 30mph speed limit sign on the eastern side of the village. The request will be added to the Ranger's schedule.

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

Cllr Roundell-Greene is recovering well following her two strokes and two heart attacks, as well as the recent loss of her husband. It was confirmed that she intends to stand again at the next election.

The Somerset Councillor reported that the consultation on the Local Plan, including the map showing the proposed direction of growth for towns and villages, remains active. The Somerset Councillor advised that, once the Local Plan has been finalised, it may become more difficult for local planning applications to be referred to the Planning Committee.

Flood Improvement Grant: The Somerset Councillor reported that Somerset Council has received £50 million in funding from the Government (DEFRA) for flood improvement measures. Applications must be submitted by September for consideration. The grant funding is intended to support projects addressing flash flooding, river flooding, and surface water/rain flooding.

19:03 One resident left the meeting.

4045 To receive and agree any apologies for non-attendance:
- Apologies were received from Cllr A Doble and Cllr N England

4046 Declarations of Interest: E.g. Shop and Community Land Trust (CLT).
- No further declaration of interest where received.

4047 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on Tuesday 16th June 2026.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and minutes of the Parish Council Meeting both held-on Tuesday 16th June 2026 as a correct record and signed.
Proposed Cllr Prendergast **Seconded** Cllr Hughes

4048 Clerks Updates:

- The Clerk reported that the Government has approved a change whereby councillors' home addresses are no longer required to be published as part of their Declarations of Interest on the Parish Council's website. The Clerk will take the necessary steps to remove councillors' home addresses from the published declarations.
- The Clerk reported that Cllrs Taylor and Hughes attended the Wessex Internet meeting held in Dinnington regarding works in the Dark Lane area of the village. Since the meeting, the Clerk has received an email from a resident reporting that rolls of cable have been left abandoned.
- The Clerk reported that the vehicle previously identified in the village car park has now been removed by its owner following the letter sent by the Parish Council.
- The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Somerset Council regarding the filling of grit bins in preparation for the winter. Somerset Council advised that any grit supplied would be chargeable to parish councils. The Clerk confirmed that she had responded to advise that Seavington Parish Council does not have any grit bins.
- The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a resident regarding the Seavington History website. The resident expressed concern about the long-term preservation of the information held on the website and enquired whether a Parish Councillor could assist in ensuring that it was safeguarded for the future. The matter was discussed, and it was noted that, as the information is published on a website, it is already secure and remains accessible online. Cllr Taylor confirmed that she would nevertheless take appropriate steps to help ensure that the information is preserved and protected for the future.
- The Clerk reported that a resident had enquired about the current status of the Seavington Bier. The resident recalled that the Parish Council had previously agreed to fund its restoration, after which it would be used by the Community Shop and Café to display fruit and vegetables for sale. The matter was discussed, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the Community Shop and Café to confirm whether they still wished to use the Bier. Once a response has been received, the Parish Council will consider the matter further at the next meeting. It was noted that the timberwork has already been restored. The remaining work involves shot-blasting and repainting the metalwork.

4049 Village Flooding Updates:

- Nothing to Report

4050 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)

- Members noted that there were no further matters to report.

4051 Resolutions (Inc Planning – when applicable):

A. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE - 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 unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the application.
Proposed Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Prendergast

B. To **DISCUSS** and **RESOLVE** the email received from a resident about the speed of traffic along the C5021 (New Road) which runs through the village.
MEMBERS unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) will be moved to the eastern side of the village whenever advance notice is received of a road closure on the Ilminster Bypass, in anticipation of increased traffic through the village.
Proposed Cllr Prendergast **Seconded** Cllr Hughes

4052 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
- Members noted the dead fir trees in the planters and the dead tree at the top of Water Street. Cllr Prendergast agreed to arrange for their removal.
- Ranger Requests: It was resolved that all requests for work to be undertaken by the Ranger must be submitted to the Clerk by email. This is intended to ensure that requests are properly considered and prioritised, as there have been instances of residents requesting work on private property, which has disrupted the programme of work agreed by the Parish Council.
- The Clerk reported that several emails had been received from residents requesting work to be undertaken by the Ranger. These requests have been added to the Ranger's work schedule by the Parish Council.

D. Village Footpaths – Cllr England
- Nothing to report

E. Seavington Playing Field Association – Cllr Doble
- The Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Doble that the SPFA have accepted a new regular hirer of South Petherton Folk Dance Club every other Wednesday evening.

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

G. LCN – Clerk
- Cllr Taylor and the Clerk attended The LCN AGM, they confirmed that there was nothing to report back.

H. Village Facebook Group – Cllr Small
- Nothing to Report

4053 Finance Matters:

A. Balances:

Current Account:	£88.23
Savings Account:	£7,070.66
Reserves Account:	£47,307.03

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

13-Jul-26

Invoice Date	Brief Description of Supply	Ranger	Grass Cutting Playing Field	Meeting Venue Hire	Bins	Play Park Inspections	Insurance	Maintenance	Assets Purchased	Subscriptions	Payroll	Website & Emails	Clerks Expenses	Clerks Wages	Pension Deduction	Pension Contributions	Clerks HMRC	SPFA Clerks Wages	Bank Charges	VAT	Total	Date Left Bank
		£4,205.80	£3,382.80	£112.00	£106.04	£1,785.00	£530.44	£35.40	£324.53	£384.82	£152.00	£272.99	£318.60	£1,788.46	£42.38	£92.74	£0.00	£1,085.27	£12.75	£2,127.00	£16,674.26	
17-Jun-26	Seavington Village Shop & Café - Postage												£14.40								£14.40	17-Jun-26
19-Jun-26	Mrs S Doble - Unlimited Webhosting											£22.99								£4.60	£27.59	22-Jun-26
19-Jun-26	Lloyds Bank																		£4.25		£4.25	19-Jun-26
29-Jun-26	Mrs S Doble - Clerks Wages													£569.80	£16.71			£367.75			£920.84	30-Jun-26
29-Jun-26	Nest Pension - July															£29.24					£29.24	09-Jul-26
01-Jul-26	Seavington Millennium Hall			£28.00																	£28.00	01-Jul-26
30-Jun-26	Parsons Landscapes Ltd	£989.60	£803.60																	£358.64	£2,151.84	06-Jul-26

C. To agree and note the items of expenditure and approve payments since the last meeting.
- There was no further expenditure to approve

4054 **Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 15th September 2026.

19.53 Meeting Closed