



# SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 6.30pm in Seavington Millennium Hall.

## **PLANNING**

The meeting will also include updates on local planning matters. The long-running application for buildings to store and build carnival floats (Application No. 21/02654/FUL) has now been approved, following a recent Area South Planning meeting.

There will also be an update on the planning appeal relating to Gummers Castle, Old A303, where the appeal has been allowed and prior approval granted.

At the most recent Parish Council meeting, councillors discussed a new planning application at Branston Potatoes, Upton Lane, for an agricultural potato store and improved access. Councillors were happy to support this application.

## **PRECEPT**

When setting the budget for the coming year, Councillors gave careful consideration to the Parish Council's finances and future commitments. After detailed discussion, it was agreed to keep the Parish Council precept at the same level as last year, meaning there will be no increase for residents. This decision was taken with Somerset Council's proposed 11% increase

firmly in mind, as Councillors were keen to minimise the overall impact on household bills during a time when many residents are already facing rising living costs.

## **RANGER & GRASS CUTTING**

Good news on village services too — quotes for grass cutting and the ranger service have been accepted from Parsons Landscapes, who also carried out this work last year.

The Ranger has already been busy on Sawpit Lane, and residents have been very positive about the work carried out so far. A further visit is planned, using a larger chainsaw, to deal with remaining overgrowth and obstructions.

## **HIGHWAYS**

On highways issues, the fallen tree that had been reported has now been cleared. Cllr Taylor has also reported a number of potholes to Somerset Highways.

## **SEAVINGTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION**

Cllr Doble reported some welcome improvements at the Playing Field — the car park lights have been replaced, and residents have commented on how much better the new lighting is.

## **FACEBOOK**

Finally, Cllr Small reported that the Parish Council's Facebook page is going well, and the option of using paid promotion on Facebook will be looked into to help reach more residents.

## **PARISH COUNCILLOR DETAILS**

Contact information, responsibilities, and phone numbers for all Parish Councillors can be found on the village website at [www.theseavingtons.org](http://www.theseavingtons.org). If you have any concerns or questions about Parish matters, please get in touch with a Councillor directly or contact the Clerk using the email address above.