



SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 6.30pm in Seavington Millennium Hall.

The Seavington Flower Arrangers VE Day Celebration Tea is set to be an exciting event, with the Parish Council backing the initiative to create a festive atmosphere in the village. Anticipation for this celebration is building as residents prepare to honour the meaningful day together. The council is committed to fostering community spirit and looks forward to the delightful gathering.

In line with maintaining the village's assets, the Parish Council has agreed to seek quotes for the restoration of the village bier. This investment underscores the council's dedication to preserving local heritage and ensuring that the bier remains a focal point.

The Parish Council is also actively engaged with local planning applications that impact the community. Two applications have garnered the support of the Parish Council: the first, identified as 25/00704/HOU, proposes changing the external finish of an existing structure at Luccombe on New Road to render. The second application, 25/00811/PAMB, seeks prior approval for converting an agricultural building into a dwelling at Gummer Castle, Old A303. The council's backing of these applications reflects its proactive approach to village development while maintaining its character and charm.

In a move to enhance village amenities, the council has accepted a quote from Somerset Council for the regular emptying of litter and dog bins. This decision aims to maintain cleanliness and encourage responsible pet ownership, which is crucial for the community's well-being and the enjoyment of shared public spaces.

The Parish Council has also completed its financial internal audit, with members approving recent accounts and documents for the external auditor. This step ensures transparency in financial dealings and strengthens the community's trust in the council's governance.

As part of ongoing environmental efforts, the new Ranger under the Ranger Scheme is making notable progress. The Ranger is currently working on maintenance tasks, including cutting around the seat at Easterdown and managing road splays for improved visibility. Additionally, in alignment with the "No Mow May" initiative, the council has prioritized the first foot of road cuts while leaving other areas uncut to support local wildlife habitats. Cllr England has advocated for the painting of the village phone box, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the village's aesthetic alongside ecological considerations.

Residents can also connect with the council's activities via the newly launched Parish Council Facebook page. This digital platform is intended to keep the community informed about events, initiatives, and important updates, creating a more engaged and connected village.

Addressing ongoing challenges, particularly concerning village flooding, Somerset Council has marked drains in Townsend for maintenance work to alleviate flooding issues. To further tackle this pressing problem, the Parish Council is in the process of obtaining quotes for maintenance work on flood alleviation scheme. Discussions with local landowners are underway to seek collaborative solutions to these flooding challenges, showcasing the council's commitment to protecting community infrastructure and promoting resilience against environmental factors.

In conclusion, the Seavington Parish Council is actively working to enhance village life through community events, infrastructure improvement, environmental initiatives, and proactive planning. The continuing engagement with residents will be key to fostering a united and vibrant community moving forward.