



SEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 18:30 in Seavington Millennium Hall.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, all councillors formally accepted their roles and responsibilities for the forthcoming year and confirmed their continued commitment to serving the parish community. Existing appointments within the Council were also reviewed, with Cllr Doble unanimously re-elected to continue in the role of Chairman for the coming year.

As part of the annual governance review, councillors considered and re-adopted the Council's Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, and a range of existing Council Policies. These documents provide the framework for how the Parish Council conducts its business and manages its responsibilities, helping to ensure that the Council continues to operate in an open, consistent, and accountable manner.

The Annual Meeting was followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting, where a number of routine matters were discussed. Councillors also considered a planning application seeking outline planning permission for the development of three dwellings on land north of The Beeches, Water Street. The Parish Council agreed to support the application.

In addition, a number of other routine resolutions were agreed, including the renewal of the Council's insurance cover and the continuation of internet security protection for the Clerk's computer, ensuring that appropriate safeguards remain in place for the Council's financial and digital operations.

The Council also noted the continued work of the Parish Ranger, who has been regularly visiting the village and carrying out a wide range of maintenance and improvement tasks across the parish. His work includes keeping public areas tidy, undertaking small-scale repairs, managing overgrowth, and helping to maintain footpaths and communal spaces to a high standard. Councillors were pleased to hear that this service continues to have a very positive impact on the appearance and upkeep of the village.

It was also reported that many residents have commented favourably on the difference the Ranger's work is making, with particular appreciation for the consistently neat and well-maintained appearance of key village areas. In addition to enhancing the overall tidiness of the parish, the approach being taken also supports local biodiversity by allowing selected areas to remain less intensively managed, thereby providing habitats for birds, pollinators, and other insects to flourish. The Council welcomed this balanced approach, recognising the benefit of combining high standards of presentation with environmentally sensitive management of green spaces.