SELWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Selwood Parish Council meeting held at 6.30pm on Thursday 2nd of April 2026 in East Woodlands Village Hall BA11 5LQ.

Present: Cllrs Dowling, Hammons, Knight, Marshall, G & J Stickley.

In attendance: Sammie Millard-Jones – Clerk, SC Cllr Dimery & 4 members of the public.

Cllr Dunk joined remotely.

04/01 To receive apologies for absence.
Cllr Anderson, SC Cllrs Kaye, Dunk & Collins.

04/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests.
Cllr Hammons & Marshall declared an interest in 2025/1205/OUT.

04/03 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March 2026.
The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) on the 4th March 2026 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes.

04/04 Planning:
2024/0154/CLE Application for an existing lawful development certificate for use of land on submitted site plan as garden land associated with the dwelling. Cherryacre Iron Mill Lane Oldford Frome Somerset. Notification Only.

2026/0492/VRC Variation of condition 2 (Plans List) relating to planning permission 2025/0129/HSE (Proposed internal & external alterations to create first-floor side extension). The Old Forge Blatchbridge Roundabout To Frome Road West Woodlands Frome Somerset.
It was **resolved** to support the planning application.

2026/0527/LBC & 0526/HSE Single-storey extension to existing, Grade II listed, detached house, including minor internal alterations to the ground and first floors of the property. Construction of new separate car port. Selwood Manor Jacks Lane Spring Gardens Frome Somerset.
It was **resolved** to support this planning application.

2025/1205/OUT Outline Application for Erection of up to 120no. Dwellings, Access, Public Open Space, Landscaping and Associated Works with all Matters Reserved Except Access. Land At 377787 146251 The Mount Frome Somerset.

Shannon Brooke joined the meeting

It was **resolved** to object to the planning application for the following reasons:
Transport
Flooding
Sewage
It's a greenfield site outside of the Local plan
Proposed access – poor visibility leaving Birchill lane
Size of the road – pinch points
Lack of take up of the derelict buildings
Active travel – rejected in the local plan as not a sustainable site.
Habitat.

Delegated Powers

2026/1534/ADV Fascia signs to be fixed to the building elevations and totem structure. Land at 376924 & 146325 Sandy Hills Lane, Frome, Somerset.

It was **resolved** to object to the planning application on the basis that these fascia signs would cause light pollution with reference to Dark Skies Policy & bat habitats.

To inform Natural England regarding the concerns around the Dark Skies Policy & bat habitats.

Report on decisions by SC

04/05 Planning update (R) To consider legal advice & associated costs

04/06 Audit (R) Statement of Internal Control, Risk Assessment & to appoint an internal auditor.

It was **resolved** to approve the Statement of Internal Control, Risk Assessment & to appoint Richard Blundell as the internal auditor.

04/07 Clerk laptop (R) To approve purchase

It was **resolved** to approve up to £700 budget for the Clerk laptop.

04/08 Finance(R)

a) Approval of Payments & Receipts

Payments

To whom	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Pay Date	Confirmed on Bank Statement
S Millard-Jones	Salary, Homeworking & Mileage, PAYE & NI	£420.43		£420.43	30/04/26	
S Brooke	Planning	£650.00		£650.00	07/04/26	
CAB	Donation	£150.00		£150.00	07/04/26	
Somerset Council	Bins	253.50	£50.70	£304.20	07/04/26	
East Woodlands	Room hire	£216.00		£216.00	07/04/26	
SALC	Affiliation fee	£463.10		£463.10	07/04/26	

It was **resolved** to pay the above by cheque/internet banking.

b) Approval of the bank reconciliation (R) 31st March 2026

TOTAL £18,850.49

04/09 Road Closures:

All on the website.

04/10 Correspondence:

04/11 Items for next agenda:

Repair of Fingerposts

04/12 Date for next meeting: Wednesday 6th of May 2026

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.49.

Chair Signature……..……Date……..