SELWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Selwood Parish Council meeting held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 22nd of July 2026 in East Woodlands Village Hall BA11 5LQ.

Present: Cllrs Dowling, Hammons, Anderson, Knight & Marshall.

In attendance: Sammie Millard-Jones – Clerk & approximately ten members of the public.

07/01 To receive apologies for absence.
SC Cllr Collins.

07/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests.
None.

07/03 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th of June 2026.
The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) on the 10th of June 2026 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes.

Item 6 moved

07/06 Horse & Groom Asset of Community Value (R) To consider
Amy Joe introduced herself and explained that The Horse and Groom has recently been put out for auction. Would like to understand if there is an interest in registering the pub as an Asset of Community Value. The process involved was explained to councillors including funding avenues.
Clerk to share contact details of Cranbourne Chase.
It was **resolved** to submit a statement of Parish Council support for registering the pub as an Asset of Community Value.

******* Shannon Brooke joined the meeting ***

07/04 Planning
2024/1752HSE Approval of details reserved by conditions 5 (Provision of Bat Box) on planning consent. Maed House Old Wells Road To Elm Lane Egford Frome Somerset BA11 3JA.

SC Cllr Kaye joined the meeting

It was **resolved** to not comment.

2026/1294/APP Schedule of external facing materials (walls and roof) with material sample images, and a series of joinery drawings describing details of the windows, doors, shutters, including cross sections, profiles, reveals, materials, finishes and colours. Maed House Old Wells Road To Elm Lane Egford Frome Somerset BA11 3JA.

Delegated Powers
2026/1164/FUL Application for the change of use of land to mixed use agricultural, equestrian and educational and ancillary works including use of existing yurt as an agricultural welfare and workshop space, the erection of 1 no. polytunnel and 1 accessible compost toilet (part retrospective).
It was **resolved** to support the planning application as it is, with the condition that the yurt should not be used for residential use. The yurt should continue to be used as a welfare unit.
Cllr J Stickley abstained from the vote.

Report on decisions by SC
2024/0428/REM Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 2019/1671/OTS pursuant to condition 4, comprising the erection of 1 retail unit (Phase 2) with associated landscaping,

parking and servicing arrangements. (Revised information received April 2025) - Land At 376904 146299 (Phase 2) Land North And South Of Sandys Hill Lane Frome Somerset. Decision of Approval.
2026/0534/ADV Fascia signs to be fixed to the building elevations and totem structure. Land at 376924 & 146325 Sandy Hills Lane, Frome, Somerset. Decision of Approval.
2026/0602/FUL (Masonry Barn) & 2026/0605/FUL (Steel Framed Barn) at Court Farm, West Woodlands BA11 5EN. Decision of Approval.
2026/0617/HSE Replace existing playground with new. The Lighthouse Bulls Quarries Road Tytherington Frome Somerset. Decision of Approval.
2024/0497/PIP for the erection of 3no.dwellings Land Centred Coordinates 378600 150050 Oldford Hill Oldford. Decision of Approval.
2026/0643/FUL Application for technical details consent following grant of permission in principle 2024/0497/PIP for the erection of 3no. dwellings. Decision of Approval.

07/05 Dangerous junction (R) To consider how the PC can influence
A362 junction. A resident had contacted Highways about the junction and was told that highways can not pursue the matter and that he needed to go to the PC.
Somerset Council are reviewing measures that can be taken. Clerk to inform resident and direct to SC 'meetings' page.

07/07 Planning update (R) To consider legal advice & associated costs
Clerk & councillors to take away actions.

07/09 Fingerpost Update
Cllr Hammons investigating with South-West Heritage.

07/10 Somerset Local Nature Recovery Strategy
Cllr Marshall reported from a meeting that she had attended. Frome TC have published their nature strategy and they have been working with Somerset Wildlife Trust. Cllr Marshall would like to progress with support of Selwood PC.

07/11 Training (R) To consider planning training
Cllr Hammons gave an update on a session that himself & Cllr Marshall attended and recommended that all other cllrs attend.

07/12 Community Orchard (R) To consider
Cllr Dowling to pass on this information to neighbouring landowners.

07/13 Local Plan for Somerset
Cllrs met and submitted a response on behalf of SPC.

07/14 Frome Movement & Place Plan
Cllrs Hammons & Marshall had met with Frome Town Council and they have requested SPC to log issues within the parish, such as footpaths, road junctions onto their interactive map. Clerk to share this on the website.

07/15 Reports – Somerset Council & Councillors

07/16 Finance (R)

a) Approval of Payments & Receipts

To whom	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Pay Date	Confirmed on Bank Statement

S Millard-Jones	Salary, Homeworking & Mileage, PAYE & NI July	£457.63		£457.63	30/07/26	
S Millard-Jones	Salary, Homeworking & Mileage, PAYE & NI August	£457.63		£457.63	31/08/26	
S Brooke	Planning	£136.80		£136.80	23/07/26	
Transcription Agency	Transcription charge	£21.53		£21.53	08/07/26	PAID
SC	Bins	£253.50	£50.70	£304.20	23/07/26	
CPRE	Membership	£36.00		£36.00	23/07/26	
Forrester Sylvester Mackett	Land Registry check	£348.00		£348.00	23/06/26	PAID
SALC	Objection training	£90.00		£90.00	23/07/26	

b) Approval of the bank reconciliation as of 30th June 2026
£23,603.86

07/17 Bank account (R) To consider alternative account
It was **resolved** to move to Unity Bank.

07/18 Road Closures

07/19 Correspondence

06/14 Items for the next agenda

- Somerset Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- Frome Movement & Place Plan

06/15 Date for next meeting: Wednesday 9th of September 2026

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.37.

Chair Signature…….Date……..