SELWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Selwood Parish Council meeting held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 15th of October 2026 in East Woodlands Village Hall BA11 5LQ.

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

In attendance: Sammie Millard-Jones – Clerk & one member of the public.

10/01 To receive apologies for absence. Cllr Anderson. SC Cllrs Kaye & Dimery.

10/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests.
Cllrs J&G Stickley declared an interest in 2026/1879

10/03 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of September 2026.
The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council (PC) on the 9th of September 2026 having been previously circulated, were taken as read. It was resolved to approve the Minutes.

Item 10/05 moved

10/05 Planning update (R) Update & progress ***CONFIDENTIAL SESSION***

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION It was **resolved** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from agenda item 10/05
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Meeting closed

A strategy was discussed regarding the current planning situation.

Meeting reopened

10/04 Planning

2026/1879/FUL Erection of 1no. dwelling and installation of 22 ground based solar panels. Cherryacre Iron Mill Lane Oldford Frome Somerset BA11 2NR.
It was **resolved** to state no objections, but as Cllrs J & Stickley are members of the PC, then Selwood PC wish the decision to be left to the planning department.

Delegated Powers

2026/1715/TPO T20 (M1124) - Beech - Prune canopy by 1.5m, remove deadwood & any hazardous branches. T27 (M1124) - Crown lift to 6m over highway, thinning by 20% & removing deadwood. T30 - Beech -Clear cables by 2m & remove deadwood. Yew Tree Lodge Lullington Lane Oldford Frome Somerset. To support the tree officers recommendations.
2026/1714/TPO T13 (M1124) - Lime - Crown thin by 20%, removal of epicormic growth on main stem & removal of deadwood. T14 (M1124) – Lime - Crown thin by 20%, removal of epicormic growth on main stem, deadwood removal, prune back over-reaching branches in upper canopy by 3m & clear branches near cables by 2m. Tall Trees Kindergardten Oldford House Lullington Lane Oldford Frome. To support the tree officer's recommendations.

10/05 Report on decisions by SC
None

10/07 Nature Recovery Strategy (R) To consider and approve associated costs
Somerset Environmental Records Centre (SERC) have developed a product to support parish councils in development of nature recovery strategies.
It was **resolved** to spend £350 for a mapping software to facilitate planning responses but can be used for a variety of other purposes.

10/08 Parish Online (R) To consider and approve associated costs
It was **resolved** to approve the 90-day free trial with a view to approve the annual cost of £100 + VAT.

10/09 OS public sector license (R) To consider and approve associated costs
This would enable access to the premium products and is free.
It was **resolved** to approve an application.

10/10 People's Emergency Briefing (R) To consider action
To consider hosting an event in the new year. Clerk to investigate.

10/11 Highways (R) To consider signage
To defer to the November meeting.

10/12 Civility & Respect Charter (R) To consider a pledge
The charter will strengthen governance and is requested as part of the Local Award Scheme.
It was **resolved** to pledge to the Civility & Respect Charter.

10/13 Local Council Award Scheme (R) To consider Foundation application
The award will demonstrate that the Parish Council operates lawfully and according to standard practice.
It was **resolved** to approve the cost and Clerk time to achieve the award.

10/14 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 October	£480.59		£480.59	30/10/26	
Somerset Council	Bins Q2	£253.50	£50.70	£304.20	15/10/26	
S Brooke	Planning	£625.00		£625.00	15/10/26	
Transcription Agency	Court transcript	£221.32	£44.26	£265.58	PAID	
SLCC	Clerk membership	£37.92		£37.92	15/10/26	

b) Approval of the bank reconciliation as of 30th of September 2026
£31,740.34

10/15 Road Closures: On the website.

10/16 Correspondence

10/17 Items for the next agenda

- Highways – signage
- Unity bank

10/18 Date for next meeting: Wednesday 18th of November 2026

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 21.07

Chair Signature…….Date……..