

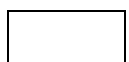
SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th August 2024. This meeting was held in the Community Centre.

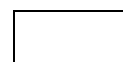
Present: Mr Terry James, Mrs Bridget Johnstone (Vice Chair), Mrs Pamela Akerman, Mrs Jackie Hamblin, Mr William Lack, Mr Paul Manning, Mrs Helen Robinson-Gordon, Mrs Debbie Savage, Mr Phil Springate, Mr John Williams, Mr Martin Wiltshire

Also Present: Cllr Tamara Reay, 22 Members of the Public & The Clerk

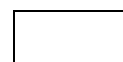
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2024/156 Apologies for Absence	None	
2024/157 Declaration of Lobbying (i) Declaration of changes to the Register of Interests (ii) Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda (iii) Requests for Dispensation	<p>(i)-There were no changes of declarations to the Register of Interests apart from Helen Robinson-Gordon who as a new Councillor has formally registered her interests in the Council's register.</p> <p>(ii) - There were declarations of interest in items from Pamela Akerman who declared an interest with issues relating to Broad Lane, Bridget Johnstone who declared an interest with the Parking issues on Spout Lane and Martin Wiltshire who declared an interest in JDH Gardening.</p> <p>(iii) - There were no requests for dispensation.</p>	
2024/158 Local Councillor's Matters	<p>Cllr Reay provided the following updates on local matters:</p> <p>Gypsy & Traveller Site Consultation Wiltshire Council has a statutory obligation to provide new traveller sites through to 2038 with 10 pitches potentially being located at a site near Rowde and a further site with 2 pitches at Potterne. Wiltshire Council has organised a 'Drop-In' event on Thursday 5th September at Devizes Library between 4.30pm – 7.30pm.</p> <p>National Policy Planning Framework This is a government initiative to introduce a plan-led system supporting sustainable housing development, boosting supply to make homes more affordable. It introduces mandatory housing targets which for Wiltshire could mean an increase from the current target of ~ 1900 to ~3400 new homes/year.</p> <p>Public Space Consultation A new consultation is being initiated by Wiltshire Council to protect public spaces from anti-social behaviour and drinking. It is aimed at providing additional powers to local councils and police services.</p>	
2024/159 Minutes of the Previous Meeting	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2024 were circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p>Acceptance of the Minutes of this meeting as an accurate record was proposed by Debbie Savage and seconded by Jackie Hamblin. Except for Terry James who was not present at this meeting, all remaining Councillors present voted in favour.</p> <p>A shortened version of this month's minutes to be placed in Spotlight.</p>	Clerk



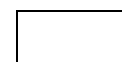
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2024/160 Matters Arising Not Already on the Agenda	<p>HGV's in Seend A parishioner explained they would like to capitalise on a new government approach towards traffic decisions being taken locally, particularly the movement of HGV traffic through Seend. Other parishioners raised concerns about HGV pollution and that the Wiltshire's advisory Fright routes were not always being followed. Cllr Reay advised she was the cabinet member responsible for overseeing the development of Wiltshire's forth version of the Local Travel Plan (LTP4). This new plan is scheduled to go for Consultation in the Autumn. Although air quality was raised as an issue, most HGVs are Euro5 & Euro6 compliant and hence some of the cleanest vehicles on our roads. There are air quality monitoring stations at locations such as Roses roundabout, Devizes and it may be possible to request a monitoring station to be installed at the 'pinch point' on Seend High Street. The Clerk to make a request to LHFIG. A request was also made for the possibility of night-time restrictions being placed on HGV's in Seend. The Clerk to make a request to LHFIG.</p>	Clerk Clerk
2024/161 Items for Discussion from Members of the Parish	None	
2024/162 Local Highways & Footpath Infrastructure Group (LHFIG)	<p>Local Highways & Footpath Infrastructure Group (LHFIG)</p> <p>Bell Crossroads The Clerk has contacted SW Ambulance for confirmation of the number of injuries and classification (slight/serious) they have recorded at this junction. The information will be compared to that published by Wiltshire Council to establish if there is a case for a review of the Bell Crossroads current ranking in the County's Crash Cluster Site table. The Clerk will publish the outcome of this request at a future meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Tamara Reay advised she has successfully lobbied for a review of the junction and a highways engineer has been allocated to undertake this work. She will provide a further update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Bell Pedestrian Safety Rail The safety rail has been repaired to the correct standard.</p> <p>Bradley Lane & Rusty Lane Cllr Tamara Reay has contacted the Rights of Way team confirming that the Parish Council has made a financial provision toward the cost of the proposed works and has encouraged the team to confirm a detailed plan with dates and costs. She also confirmed there had been engagement with the Head of Local Highways Maintenance on this issue.</p> <p>Canal & River Trust Enforcement Action The CRT's lack of effective enforcement of the duration that Canal Boats can remain within the Seend Canal Neighbourhood is being reviewed by the Wiltshire Enforcement Team who will now engage with the CRT. The Clerk to provide support/information when requested.</p> <p>Spout Lane Parking Bridget Johnstone described recent issues regarding parked vehicles causing obstructions on the Lane between A365 and the Canal Bridge. She noted that the lane is very busy partly due to the Caravan & Camping Club, and as a cut</p>	Clerk Cllr Reay Clerk



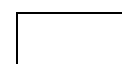
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	<p>through to Seend. Parking has become over-subscribed with Residents often unable to park and entrance ways partially blocked with parked cars. She requested an investigation into the possibility of providing some form of residents parking for those properties with no road frontage and the introduction of parking restrictions that would limit on-street parking overnight. It was noted that LHFIFG when previous asked to consider Residential Parking appeared to be 'reluctant' to progress this. The Chairman requested Cllr Reay to assist the Parish Council in progressing this issue at the next LHFIFG meeting in October.</p> <p>Parking at Junction of School Lane & A361 (High Street) Vehicles have been parking too close to this junction. It is illegal to park within 10m of a junction (unless in an authorised parking place). The Clerk has written to residents.</p> <p>The next LHFIFG meeting is 10am 22nd October. The Chairman & Clerk to attend</p>	<p>Cllr Reay</p> <p>Chairman/ Clerk</p>
2024/163	<p>Rowde Common The owners of Cherry Tree Farm addressed the Council regarding the sale of adjacent property and the current access limitations which are believed to be for agricultural use only. The site is not a designated Traveller site. They are concerned the new owners will try to gain access to Broad Lane by building a new vehicle access point as the existing access becomes impassable during periods of wet weather. This concern was shared by Pamela Akerman and another resident on Broad Lane. The Clerk to contact Wiltshire Enforcement and the Director of Planning (Nic Thomas), copied to Tamara Reay to request a priority investigation.</p>	Clerk
2024/164 SEEN44	<p>SEEN44 (Rusty Lane) A canal user advised the bridge on Rusty Lane had been damaged and the Canal & River Trust (CRT) did not initially undertake repairs. The bridge was left permanently open until Wiltshire Highways formally advised the CRT of their Statutory Duty to maintain the Highway. As a result, towpath users could not use Rusty Lane to access the village or local services and it was noted that it had a detrimental effect on the village shop. To avoid extended delays to future bridge repairs it was recommended Wiltshire Highways are informed immediately so that enforcement action with the CRT can be instigated to undertake repairs.</p>	Clerk
2024/165 Speedwatch	<p>Speed Watch The new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) have been installed. Police attending Seend on 19th August caught five vehicles exceeding 40mph with one exceeding 49mph. An initial data download has been undertaken and a request has been made for assistance to better understand the results.</p> <p>The Chairman reiterated the request for residents to join the Speedwatch team and thanked Debbie and John for their work in building the Speedwatch team and the successful deployment of the new SID's.</p>	Debbie Savage / John Williams
2024/166 Neighbourhood Plan / Wiltshire Local Plan	<p>Neighbourhood Plan A request has been received from a Parishioner that when the Plan is updated the same Consultants should be used as previous.</p>	



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	<p>A parishioner noted changes in land use such as this can lead to an overall detriment to the Parish and emphasised the importance of maintaining the Neighbourhood Plan ensuring it remains fit for purpose to protect the Parish.</p> <p>Proposed width extinguishment of SEEN40 (Broad Lane) and upgrade from bridleway to Restricted Byway</p> <p>Pamela Akerman explained she had been working with Wiltshire Council to create an alternative route for horses and their riders away from an area with significant vehicle movement. A representative of the local horse-riding community advised they believed this alternative route with limited width may not necessarily be safer as in the event of an approaching vehicle there may not be enough space to safely avoid an incident. To mitigate this potential issue, the new routes are not intended to be used by agricultural or mechanically propelled vehicles.</p> <p>The residents of Cherry Tree Farm raised a number of concerns regarding potential changes to the existing access. Pamela Akerman assured land owners that rely on Broad Lane for access to their properties that there would be no changes to their current access arrangement and they will be able to continue to use the using the existing route without any additional restrictions. The provision of an alternative route is specifically aimed at providing a safer route for passing horses and pedestrians without impacting the land owners on Broad Lane.</p> <p>It was suggested land owners who rely on Broad Lane for access to their property should join the consultation and also take the opportunity to discuss the proposed changes with the owners of Broad Lane Farm. A copy of the consultation notice is attached as an appendix to these minutes.</p>	
<p>2024/168 National Planning Policy Framework Review</p>	<p>National Planning Policy Framework Review</p> <p>This is a government initiative to introduce a plan-led system supporting sustainable housing development, boosting supply to make homes more affordable. It introduces mandatory housing targets which for Wiltshire could mean an increase from the current target of ~ 1900 to ~3400 new homes/year. You can have your say by completing an online consultation. Search "Proposed Reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework" and follow the links to the consultation. It was noted Wiltshire has a lot of greenfield rather than greenbelt sites, hence it may be easier to progress additional developments in this area.</p>	
<p>2024/169 Sandridge Solar Benefit Payment</p>	<p>No update</p>	
<p>2024/170 Devizes Area Board</p>	<p>The next Area Board will take place on 16th September 2024</p>	<p>Pamela Akerman / John Williams</p>
<p>2024/171 Items of Correspondence</p>	<p>Royal British Legion Wreath</p> <p>As the Chairman will be on Annual Leave, Jackie Hamblin agreed to lay the Parish Council's wreath at the War Memorial Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November. Jackie Hamblin to liaise with Anita Heatley.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Jackie Hamblin</p>
<p>2024/172 Parish Steward</p>	<p>The Clerk to request the Parish Steward undertake the following work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut back tree overhang on the footpath near the horse pond on the High Street as it is obstructing the footpath 	

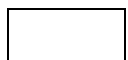


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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear vegetation around Grit Bins located on Spout Lane, Inmarsh Lane, Row Lane and Park Lane • Clear debris from Bus Shelter in Sells Green. • Collect Litter Pick Sign from Eastbound Bus Shelter • Ensure key road signs are cleaned. 	Clerk																											
2024/173 Allotment Rent Review	<p>As part of our Internal Audit requirements, the Parish Council needs to review the allotment rents on an annual basis. Rents were last changed in October 2024. The Parish Council currently charges £70 for Double plot, £37.50 for a single and £18.75 for ½ plot.</p> <p>Resolution: Terry James proposed the Parish Council allotment rents would remain at the current rate until 30th September 2025. This was seconded by Bridget Johnstone. Except for John Williams who is an allotment holder, all councillors present voted in favour.</p> <p>The next allotment rent review will take place in August 2025.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to the Allotment Holders.</p>	Clerk																											
2024/174 Financial Matters	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a. Income The Clerk advised that Lloyds Interest payment for August amounted to £32.62</p> <p>b. Payments</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="456 1099 1291 1451"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Reason</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mr C Stirland</td> <td>£762.45</td> <td>Salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HugoFox Limited</td> <td>£23.99</td> <td>Parish Council Website</td> </tr> <tr> <td>JDH Gardening Services</td> <td>£162.00</td> <td>A361 Stocks-Bell Footpath Grass Cutting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elan City Ltd</td> <td>£5,014.78</td> <td>2 x Speed Indicator Devices</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CPRE</td> <td>£60.00</td> <td>Membership Renewal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calne Town Council</td> <td>£40.00</td> <td>Councillor Training</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community First</td> <td>£40.00</td> <td>Membership Renewal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>British Legion</td> <td>£25.00</td> <td>Remembrance Day Wreath</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Resolution: Bridget Johnstone proposed acceptance of the payments that had been preauthorised online by Phil Springate & Debbie Savage. This was seconded by John Williams. All Councillors present apart from Martin Wiltshire who had previously declared an interest in JDH Gardening present voted in favour. Next month's online payment pre-authorisations will be undertaken by Pamela Akerman & John Williams.</p> <p>c. Bank Reconciliation at end of August 2024, was £32,246.71</p> <p>d. Clerk Forthcoming Debit Card Payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 reams of Printer paper ~ £18 	Payee	Amount	Reason	Mr C Stirland	£762.45	Salary	HugoFox Limited	£23.99	Parish Council Website	JDH Gardening Services	£162.00	A361 Stocks-Bell Footpath Grass Cutting	Elan City Ltd	£5,014.78	2 x Speed Indicator Devices	CPRE	£60.00	Membership Renewal	Calne Town Council	£40.00	Councillor Training	Community First	£40.00	Membership Renewal	British Legion	£25.00	Remembrance Day Wreath	Clerk
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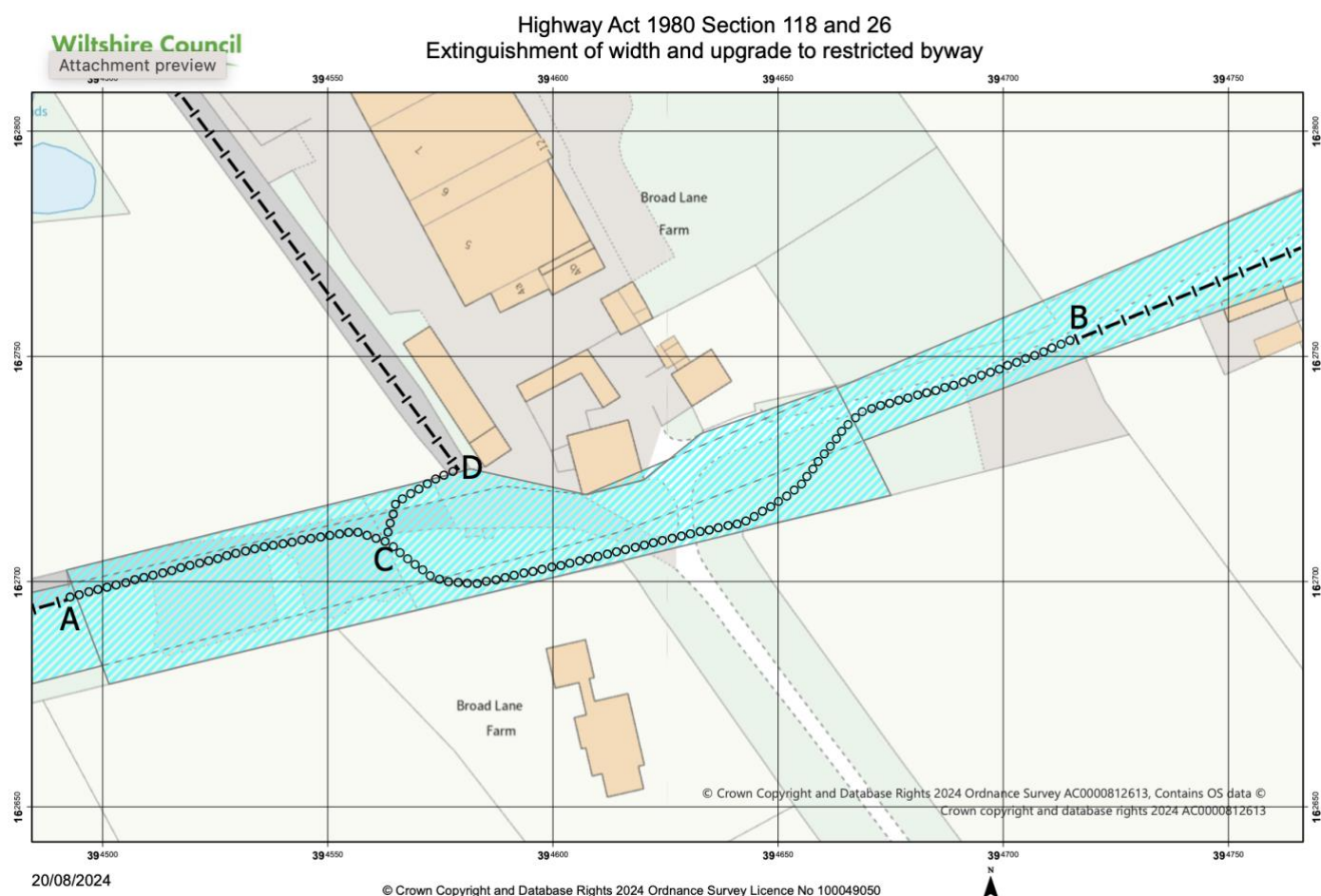
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<p>2024/175 Items of Note</p>	<p>Hedges on Bollands Hill It was noted some of the Hedges need cutting back on Bollands Hill. Martin Wiltshire will consult with one of the land owners. The Clerk to write to Wessex Water regarding the need to undertake work on their section of hedge.</p> <p>Speedwatch Debbie Savage agreed to purchase two combination locks to protect the new Speed Indicator Devices. The invoice to be sent to the Clerk for payment.</p> <p>Aggressive Dogs on Canal Towpath Helen Robinson-Gordon advised she had experienced an aggressive dog on the towpath and agreed to contact the volunteer canal worker who had requested additional information about dog incidents on the canal.</p> <p>Wellbeing Farm A Wellbeing Farm may be developed somewhere within the Parish similar to a working 'Care Farm' and animal sanctuary proposed in Devon. However, the Devon site has not materialised and according to a recent Facebook post the organisation is trying to set up a similar farm in Seend. There does not seem any obvious link with the village and its possible the farm will rely on sponsorship and crowdfunding to raise the necessary finance.</p> <p>Archive Deposit The Clerk Has deposited the following items at the County Archive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council Accounts 2008 - 2017 • Several historic items and deeds from 1978 • Historic Councillor Declarations of Acceptance of Office • Housing Needs Survey 2019 Kennet Local Plan Volume 2 • Approved Annual Parish Meeting Minutes 2016 - 2021 • Historic Highways Issues for Seend <p>Clerk Annual Leave The Clerk will be on annual leave</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 2nd – Tuesday 3rd September inclusive • Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th September inclusive 	<p>Martin Wiltshire Clerk</p> <p>Debbie Savage</p> <p>Helen Robinson-Gordon</p>												
<p>2024/176 Date of next meetings</p>	<p>The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9.07pm The next Parish Council meetings are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1541 1289 1630"> <thead> <tr> <th>Meeting</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Time</th> <th>Venue</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Parish Council Meeting</td> <td>Tuesday 24th Sept</td> <td>7.00pm</td> <td>Community Centre</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Council Meeting</td> <td>Tuesday 29th Oct</td> <td>7.00pm</td> <td>Community Centre</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Meeting	Date	Time	Venue	Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 24 th Sept	7.00pm	Community Centre	Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 29 th Oct	7.00pm	Community Centre	
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Terry James (Chairman)
Date: 24th September 2024



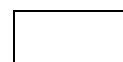
Appendix 1

Proposed width extinguishment of SEEN40 (Broad Lane) and upgrade from bridleway to Restricted Byway



Wiltshire Council are in receipt of an application, dated 22 June 2023, to record the width of Seend 40 at 5 metres following the line delineated with circles on the attached plan and upgrade the remaining bridleway to a restricted byway. The recorded width of SEEN40 is 9.5 metres, however Wiltshire Council are in receipt of a Definitive Map Modification Order application to recorded the width between 20 and 24 metres, shown on the attached plan hatched in blue, therefore the proposal is to extinguish between 15 and 19 metres of width as it is not needed for public use. Wiltshire Council's minimum width for a restricted byway is 5 metres as stated in Wiltshire Council's Countryside Access and Improvement Plan, Rights of Way Policies Document at paragraph 1B.2. The route of SEEN40 will be from Point A to Point B, a distance of 243 metres with a recorded width of 5 metres and a spur from Point C to Point D a distance of 22 metres with a recorded width of 5 metres.

The applicant applied to reduce the width of SEEN40 to 5 metres and route the path around the front of the old farmhouse, the old milking parlour (now offices) and the concreted dispersal yard which has been in situ for over 50 years. The applicant states *"The overall concept is to divert horse riders and walkers away from the areas that are used for Industrial activities. This proposal will regularise the situation on the ground"*. Defra government guidance on diversion or extinguishment of public rights of way that pass through farmyards and industrial or commercial premises, dated August 2023 states in its conclusion *"In making its decision as to whether the existing path should be diverted or extinguished, an authority should consider in particular the impact of the existing path on the property owner and/or occupier against the benefit that having the right of way through the land brings to the public, taking account of this guidance."* The guidance acknowledges the impact having a right of way through farmyards, commercial operations or industrial premises can have on the landowner due to the potential risk to the public and disruption to the working business practises. Therefore, the guidance sets out a presumption that an order making authority should be predisposed to make an order and a confirming authority will similarly be predisposed to confirm it, should the order satisfy the relevant legislative tests.



If you would like to make any observations or representations regarding the proposals, please email the officer below no later than 19 September 2024.

Please note that any responses to this letter will be available for public inspection in full. Information relating to the way Wiltshire Council will manage your data can be found at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-rights-of-way>

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