

**Minutes of the Seaton Town Council ('the Council')
Council Meeting
on Monday, 8 December 2025**

Present:

Chair: Cllr. A. Singh
Town

Councillors: E. Bowman, P. Burrows, A. Gwyn Davies, T. Pengelly, K. Pike, J. Rowland
& P. Wright

Officers: Town Clerk & Deputy Town Clerk

Public: No members of the public were in attendance.

111. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Dyke, Hartnell. Ledger & Wood and the reasons accepted.

112. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

113. Council Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of a meeting of Seaton Town Council held on Monday, 1 December 2025. (proposed Cllr. Rowland; seconded Cllr. Pike)

114. County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Arnott did not attend and there was no county councillor report.

115. District Councillors' Reports

No district councillors were present and there were no district councillors' reports.

116. Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

117. Update on Gateway Theatre Company

There was no update on the Gateway Theatre Company.

118. Town Clerk's Report

Members noted the report.

119. Update on Seaton Tourist Information Centre

Members noted an update on enquiries to the tourist information centre.

120. Appointments to Committee

Members **RESOLVED** to make the following appointments to committees:

- Planning Committee – Cllrs. Pengelly & Wright
- Personnel Committee – Cllr . Davies

(proposed Cllr. Burrows; seconded Cllr. Rowland)

121. Community Grant Applications

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the following community grant application:

- Seaton Primary School PTA - £2,000

(proposed Cllr. Singh; seconded Cllr. Pike)

122. Communication and Community Engagement Plan

Members considered a report on a proposed communication and community engagement plan **RESOLVED** to:

- approve the proposed communication and community engagement plan for 2026, as detailed in the report
- authorise the Town Clerk and Officers to make the necessary arrangements to implement the proposed plan in its entirety
- authorise the Town Clerk to subscribe to appropriate software platforms to facilitate implementation of the proposed communication and community engagement plan, such subscriptions to not exceed £750 per year, to be funded from the community engagement budget

(proposed Cllr. Rowland; seconded Cllr. Bowman)

123. Community Consultation

Members considered and noted a report from Breakthrough Communications on the results of the community consultation which informed the subsequent decisions on the budget and precept for 2026-27. A summary of the results would be shared with the community in due course.

124. Budget & Precept 2026-27

Members considered the budgetary report and, **in particular, the implications of local government reorganisation and the RESOLVED** to:

- note the actual financial position, as against budget, as at 30 November 2025
- note the earmarked reserves as at 30 November 2025
- approve the Council's budget (V2 – 4 December 2025) for 2026-27
- approve the precept for 2026-27 at £619,638.54 – a rise of £43.75 per year/84p per week on a Band D property - increasing the total annual payment from £133.39 to £177.14 on a Band D property.

(proposed Cllr. Burrows; seconded Cllr. Pike)

125. Play Park Inspections

Members noted the inspection reports.

126. Planning applications for consideration

Members considered the following planning applications and **RESOLVED** to:

25/2313/FUL

**Mr Richard Glaister
EX12**

35 Queen Street Seaton

2NY

Alterations to existing old
shopfront window to form
opening window sashes.

Members **RESOLVED** to support the application, subject to the new windows being traditional wooden sashes. (moved Cllr Rowland; seconded Cllr Singh)

25/2347/TCA

**Mr Ian White
Seaton**

**Lyndhurst, Manor Road,
EX12 2AQ**

Box Elder - prune back the
height by approximately 4m
and the crown to
approximately 3m at its widest
point.

Members **RESOLVED** to leave the decision to East Devon District Council's Tree Officers.

(moved Cllr. Burrows; seconded Cllr. Rowland)

The meeting closed at 7.03pm.

Signed: J. Rowland

Dated: 02/02/26