

SEAL PARISH COUNCIL

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You are summoned to attend the meeting of Seal Parish Council which will take place on Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.30pm in Seal Pavilion on Seal Recreation Ground to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

Ten minutes parishioners question time

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. The minutes of the November 2024 meeting to be agreed and signed.
3. Declarations of interests
4. To approve the services of Nicola Ideson as Locum Clerk.

5. Updates on the month

We received a thank you letter from Victim support. The “left turn only” in Zion Street has been put in and the “No Parking” survey will be carried out shortly. Fencing around the knot weed on the recreation ground needs constant repair, please be vigilant and report any damage. The new calendar of meeting dates for 2025 has been circulated. The Annual Assembly is fast approaching, so the working group needs to set up a meeting. The mirror opposite Church Street has been erected. The pavilion heating failed a couple of times in December but was quickly dealt with and now up and running again. Cheques were written in December and are included in this month’s cheque list.

6. KCC and SDC reports

7. Administration Update

Mrs Stiasny to update the Council.

8. Seal Recreation Ground

We have received a revised quote from MDH for £690 + vat for cutting back the undergrowth by 1m on the east side of the path between the pavilion and Wibble Way. Councillors to decide if they wish to go ahead with the work.

9. Community Award 2025

Any 2025 nominations should be sent to the Clerk before the meeting, the closing date for nominations to KALC is the end of January.

The Chairman had attended the UVA - AGM in November and presented the 2024 award to Mrs Elizabeth Shirtcliff, for her work in the Underriver Community, including setting up a Soup and Puds lunches October to March and taking all booking for the village hall.

10. Underriver Village Association – Wired audio system

Are continuing upgrading the village hall and due to hirers, community and regular user's requests, are proposing to move from an old portable PA system with one speaker, which is kept in a cupboard. To a wired audio system with wall mounted speakers and including a loop system for the hard of hearing which will benefit all users. They sought two quotes one twice the price of the one chosen. We have contacted SDC and they have confirmed that this is eligible for our CIL money.

The Parish Council to consider the approval of a grant to the UVA of £3,265 from the CIL "A" money for the audio and loop system"

11. Stone Street Noticeboard

The board is leaking and needs urgent repair, costs are being sought to repair it. It is requested that the Clerk deal with this quickly and get it repaired as soon as possible.

12. Financial Regulations

The revised Financial Regulations have been circulated before the meeting. Amendments include the Council being able to carry out online banking, which will make a more cost effective and quicker way of paying suppliers.

Mr Michaelides proposes "That the Council approve the amendments to the Financial regulations dated 9th January 2025"

13. To agree the 2025/26 Budget

The Council to approve and adopt the budget 2025/2026 expenditure of £134,861.82.

14. To agree the Precept 2025/2026

The Council to approve and adopt the precept for 2025/2026 of £85,330.00

15. Action Plan

Update and circulated.

16. SDC Proposed Boundary Commission Changes for the Parish.

The Chairman to give an update.

17. Accounts and cheques

18. To note the planning application replies on the minutes of the Planning Committee, circulated for 14th November 9th and 30th December.

19. Information Only.

Planning meeting to follow, see website for applications being considered.

Lorna Talbot (Mrs) Acting Proper Officer – Seal Parish Council

2nd January 2025