SEWARDS END PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Sewards End Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 7.30 pm in St. James Church Hall, Sewards End

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In the Chair: Cllr. Knowles
Present: Cllrs Mack, Hutchinson, Chitson, Powell, Ridler,
Also present: Cllr Moran
Clerk: Tracy Coston
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154/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Stokely

155/26 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 minutes): None

156/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
To receive any pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda: None

157/26 FINANCE:

	PAYMENTS		
D/P	Tracy Coston (October wages)	£	312.62
D/P	Monthly bank charges	£	4.25
D/P	Microsoft (Microsoft 365)	£	103.68
D/P	Fasthosts (Email accounts)	£	216.54
D/P	Amazon (post protectors)	£	152.15
D/P	Ebay (Nut Caps)	£	21.39
D/P	Fenland Leisure (nut caps)	£	20.58
D/P	PKF (External Audit)	£	252.00
	Total	**£**	**1,083.21**

158/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
To approve as a correct record the Parish Council meeting held on 1st September 2026. The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

159/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

160/26 FOOTPATH DOWN POUNCE HILL:
a) Update about the project and costings:
Crushed concrete quotes: Widdington Recycling £38.00 per tonne, Mick George £23.50 per tonne and Mead Construction quoted £15.00 per tonne.
The crushed concrete will be ordered for the week of 9th November from Mead Construction for the total of £3,000.00.
Adrian Knowles has spoken to the owner of the Pumping Meadow to agree the details of the work.
The end of the path will be cleared for access to the original path.
Daffodil bulbs to be planted along the side most of the new path and the PC approved a budget of £120.00.
b) Update about a permissive path contract: The PC will use the Village Green

Contract as a template. Adrian Knowles to ask the land owner if he has a permissive path agreement for reference.

161/26 PLANNING:

a) For discussion:

UTT/26/2335/HHF Wills Ayley Farm, New House Lane
Erection of proposed stable block
PC Decision: No objections.

UTT/26/2443/LB Redgates Farmhouse, Redgates Lane
Replacement of glazing in one door of modern oak single-storey conservatory/extension (approved under UTT/20/2865/HHF) with a new glazing panel that includes a clear plastic cat flap
PC Decision: No objections.

b) Decisions: None

162/26 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Moving the 30mph signs down Pounce Hill: Hazel Mack has spoken to Peter Holt concerning moving the 30mph speed limit down Pounce Hill. A follow-up email was sent but no response has been received.

b) Enforcement action at Bellway Housing (233 houses) in Radwinter Road: Enforcement have issued a stop notice at the site and the farm entrance has been closed.

c) Emails to Bellway Housing regarding use of the entrances to the site: The PC has emailed Bellway Housing, including videos of lorries and other vehicles using the two entrances and causing a danger to the road. Bellway has spoken to the site manager.

d) Affinity Water: The road will be closed from the Plough Crossroads in Radwinter to just before Sewards End village on 03/11/26 to 11/03/27 and then again from 19/05/27 to 23/05/27.

163/26 VILLAGE GREEN

a) Maintenance of equipment at play area: The PC has ordered metal poles to replace the wooden poles on one of the pieces of equipment. Chris Stokely will replace the bars.

164/26 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Email from Mr Pike: A response was agreed:
The minutes are updated on the website within 7 days of the meeting but sometimes there is an unavoidable delay.
Potholes can be reported to ECC via the website: https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us/road-pavement-and-surface-issues/potholes
The Communication Policy can be found at: https://sewardsend.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Sewards-End-Parish-Council-correspondance-policy.pdf

165/26 EX-AGENDA

- **District Councillor's Report**: Local Government Reform has been halted and there will be elections in May for District and Parish Councillors.
The One Life contract has been signed until 2035 but the centres need to reflect the change in population.
- **County Councillor's Report:** Not present and no apologies sent. The PC has not met Cllr Bo Davies since he was elected in May 2026.

166/26 AREA REPORT: None

167/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 3rd November 2026 at 7.30 p.m. at St James Church, Sewards End.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed ……..

Date …….