

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7:30PM
IN SWINDON VILLAGE HALL

Parish Councillors Present:

Alison Berry (Chair)
Natalie Blankley
Sharon Collicutt

James Cornish
Tom Harcourt

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk), Borough Councillor Flo Clucas.

26/16 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Lynne Allen, Ruth Hudson.

26/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

26/18 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

26/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

In section 26.14 the Council also wanted to explore investing in a path from the back of the school to Seasons.

In the same section action 16/14/1 should have the identifier 26/14/1.

With these changes the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 12th January 2026.

26/20 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Borough Councillor Clucas was aware that the temporary traffic lights in Manor Road were failing regularly.

Four youths with their faces covered had been driving round the area. The police are aware.

Some work is needed on the level crossing on Brockhampton Lane. This will result in closure of the road.

The drains in Church Road are being investigated again.

Cllr. Hudson brought up the subject of potholes. Cllr. Clucas agreed to investigate.

County Councillor Ian Cameron had distributed a report to members.

Cllr. Cameron had met with the M5 J10 developers. He confirmed that there is a shortfall in funding. Work has started at risk. Cllr. Cornish raised the point that the start of work on M5 J10 triggers a higher threshold for the numbers of houses that can be built. It was unclear whether the work being done constitutes that trigger.

26/21 MATTERS ARISING

ACTION 24/61/1 – Clerk to commission a tree inspection. The matter will be resolved

as an agenda item (below).

ACTION 25/64/2 – Cllrs. Cornish and Blankley to discuss the Village Hall constitution and operation in a bid to assist the current officers. Action continues.

ACTION 25/154/1 – Clerk to canvas local opinion regarding the best place a bench. The Clerk had not heard back from GCC following their offer to install a bench in the Wymans Lane bus shelter. Action continues.

ACTION 26/14/1 – Clerk to approach CBC to consult on best way forward with the park and CIL. Action continues.

26/22 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Members **RESOLVED** to make the payments identified in Appendix 1.

26/23 PLANNING

- 26/00124/ADV – Advertising at Freedom House 2 Rutherford Way. The Council **RESOLVED** to raise no objection.

26/24 ADVERTISING THE CLERK'S JOB

It was agreed that the job would be offered on the following terms:

0.5 full time equivalent

Grade range SCP7 to SCP12

It would be advertised on GAPTC, SLCC and NALC websites and on the Parish Council Facebook page.

26/25 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Clerk had distributed a draft risk log. Cllr. Collicutt had an additional list of potential risks. It was also agreed that loss of the Clerk's knowledge was a risk. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the risk log subject to these additions.

NEW ACTION 26/25/1 – The Clerk to update the risk log.

26/26 GRANT TO VILLAGE HALL

It was **RESOLVED** to accept (in principle) the grant application for audio/visual equipment from the Village Hall.

NEW ACTION 26/26/1 – Cllr. Berry to compare the Village Hall grant application against the specific requirements of the grant policy and, if the application is compliant, inform the Village Hall committee that their application had been successful.

26/27 HORSE TROUGH

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would spend up to £100 obtaining suitable plants for the horse trough.

26/28 INTERNAL AUDIT

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would make use of GAPTC's internal audit service for 2025-2026.

26/29 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Council had been offered the hall on 24th April 2026 with an 8:00pm start. This was felt to be too late. The Clerk would enquire whether the hall was available on 23rd

April or 16th April.

We should invite Borough and County Councillors. There was also talk of inviting a representative from the M5 J10 team and someone from CBC to discuss the park.

NEW ACTION 26/29/1 – Cllr. Cornish to prepare a response to Bloor Homes regarding their proposed Willowbrook development.

26/30 LITTER PICKING EQUIPMENT

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would spend up to £300 to obtain more pickers and hoops.

26/31 REPORTS

Cllr. Collicutt had an information leaflet that could be deployed on the noticeboards.

Cllr. Collicutt will be meeting the head of the school to discuss the proposed path from the back of the school to Seasons.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Signed:	Date:
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APPENDIX 1 – APPROVED PAYMENTS

Description	Amount
Clerk salary and expenses (ref 2526-070, 2526-074, 2526-078)	£596.03
Perpetua printing February Village News (ref 2526-077)	£293.00

The Clerk would set up the payments to be made by bank transfer. Cllrs. Allen and Berry to approve.

APPENDIX 2 – RECEIPTS

Description	Amount
National Grid wayleave	£20.23
Interest	£2.22