

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH JUNE 2026 AT 7:30PM
IN SWINDON VILLAGE HALL

Parish Councillors Present:

Alison Berry (Chair)
Natalie Blankley
Andy Carvell

Sharon Collicutt
James Cornish
Katy Kendry

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk), Cheltenham Borough Councillors Flo Clucas and Richard Lawler, County and Tewkesbury Borough Councillor Richard Stanley and seven members of the public (including Meg Humphries, incoming Clerk).

26/80 APOLOGIES
Tom Harcourt

26/81 CO-OPTION
Lynne Allen expressed a willingness to rejoin the Council. The Council **RESOLVED** (unanimously) to accept Lynne onto the Council. She signed an Acceptance of Office form and was given a Register of Interests form to complete within 28 days.

26/82 PUBLIC SESSION
A number of residents were present to express their concern about the proposals to develop the fields between Hyde Lane and Swindon Lane. As a first step the Borough Council had been asked to give an opinion on the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment. The residents felt that this was necessary and had responded on the Planning Portal. Cllr. Kendry had drafted a response on behalf of the Parish Council which would also be submitted.

It was noted that a planning application had not been lodged at this stage.

Cllr. Cornish and Cllr. Stanley made the observation that Cheltenham could not demonstrate a 5 year land supply. That being the case, the system is tilted in favour of development. If the Borough Council refuses an application their refusal could be overturned on appeal and the Borough Council would have to pay their own and the developer's legal costs. Cllr. Cornish suggested a better strategy might be better to try to shape the development by focussing on the issues of most concern (e.g. traffic).

26/83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None.

26/84 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 11th May 2026.

26/85 MATTERS ARISING
ACTION 26/66/1 – Clerk to establish details of the meeting to discuss the Conservation Area and ensure Mr. Simon's involvement. Action complete.

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 26/56/3 – Clerk to get volunteering policy from CBC. Cllr. Harcourt had said that he would take this up with CBC. Action continues.

ACTION 26/73/1 – Clerk to move money between the current and savings account and into a fixed interest product as agreed. Action complete.

ACTION 26/75/1 – Clerk to make available his offer letter and contract of employment together with model texts so that members could prepare Ms. Humphries' documents. Action complete.

ACTION 26/77/1 – Cllr. Cornish to get consultancy quotes for planning the park improvements. Action continues.

ACTION 26/79/1 – Cllr. Collicutt to obtain quotes repairing the small storage cupboards outside the Village Hall. Action continues.

26/86 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

26/87 PLANNING

- 26/00833/SCREEN – The Council felt that a full Environmental Impact Assessment should be undertaken and **RESOLVED** to submit a comment to the Borough Council based on the text prepared by Cllr. Kendry.

26/88 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARK

In terms of producing a master plan, the Council had a quote from the consultant recommended by CBC. Two further quotes were being sought (see action 26/77/1).

26/89 PATH TO THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL

Cllr. Collicutt had visited Seasons with a CBC officer. Despite the visit being prearranged they were not able to gain access. Cllr. Collicutt said that they would try again.

26/90 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The expected consultation had not appeared.

26/91 GRAFFITI ON THE RAILWAY BRIDGE

The Council **RESOLVED** to clean off the graffiti. Two quotes had been obtained. A meeting will be arranged with Network Rail representatives to get them to sign off on the process to be used. A cost limit of £2,000 including VAT was agreed.

26/92 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

The Council had received correspondence acknowledging its request for 20mph speed limits.

26/93 JUNE FAIR

The Council **RESOLVED** to provide up to £1,300 in support of the June Fair. The Clerk would ask for receipts as previously.

26/94 CHURCHYARD VOLUNTEERS

The Council had provided tools principally for use by the volunteers helping to maintain the churchyard. To express their gratitude the volunteers had offered to provide a “one off” service to the Council. It was felt that the areas that could most benefit were Old Mill Way and/or the Village Hall car park.

26/95 PRECEPT

The Council were informed that the precept had been received. Given that significant items of expenditure were anticipated in the short term the Council **RESOLVED** to keep the money in the Community Account rather than invest it.

26/96 CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND (CPRE)

The Council **RESOLVED** to pay £40 for membership, the same as last year.

26/97 ASSET REGISTER

The Clerk had added the gardening tools to the Asset Register. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the document with the change.

26/98 REPORTS

A resident complaining about mud on the road was advised to report it via Fix My Street.

It was noted that the yellow lines in the Village Hall car park were breaking up. A complaint would be made to the contractor.

The Council heard that the Village Hall sewer had become blocked again. When the sewer was relaid the contractor expressed the opinion that, when used in economy mode, “dual mode” flushes did not release enough water. The Village Hall was considering installing single mode flush boxes.

Cllr. Berry had continued to report graffiti in the Parish.

26/99 EMPLOYMENT OF NEW CLERK

The Parish Council laptop was passed to Meg. The Council would need to buy Microsoft Office. Cllr. Cornish is looking into the issue of Meg's pension. It was agreed that the meetings of the Council would be moved from the second Monday of the month to the third (subject to room availability). This would avoid Meg having Gotherington and Swindon meetings in the same week.

The meeting closed at 9:53pm.

Signed:	Date:
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APPENDIX 1 – APPROVED PAYMENTS

Description	Amount
Clerk salary and expenses (ref 2627-016)	£477.14
HMRC PAYE and NI (ref 2627-017)	£129.32
Perpetua printing Village News (ref 2627-015)	£325.00
CPRE subscription (ref 2627-010)	£40.00

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

APPENDIX 2 – RECEIPTS

Description	Amount
Interest	£588.19
Precept	£14,765.94