

Present: Cllrs Mr S Massey (Chairman), Mr G Fanthom (Vice Chairman), Dr R Painter, Mrs S Woods, Mrs P Halford, Mr S Hewitt.

Also, present Clerk Mrs J Cree.

126/25. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs Mr A Osbourne, Mrs L Page and Mrs D Chandler and County Councillor Mrs V Wilson.

127/25. To report on Police matters and if available receive a report on Crime and Anti-social Behaviour.

The Police report was not received. It was noted the ongoing issue in relation to the use of electric bikes and petrol bikes.

128/25. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

Cllrs Mr G Fanthom and Mr S Massey re affirmed that having previously declared an interest as they are serving members of Swindon Community Centre.

129/25. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on the date were agreed with the exception that Seager should be replaced with Segger. They were proposed by Cllr Dr R Painter and seconded by Cllr Mr S Hewitt to accept the minutes.

130/25. County Councillor to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

County Cllr Mrs V Wilson was not in attendance.

There has been a meeting of the bus service, Swindon's service the no 16 bus is a commercial service and paying its own way. It's highly convenient to go through Swindon as its easier for routing purposes.

Highways have been working on the corner of Reynolds Close putting in a new drain to alleviate the flooding.

Pot hole in Hinksford Lane has been reported and it has white marks on it.

131/25. To discuss Development Applications received

There were no decisions or applications received.

132/25. To receive an update and discuss any maintenance and repairs required within the Parish

There have been no updates since the last meeting from Highways Officer Diane Firkins. It is narrow by the Green Man even if a drop kerb is installed.

The Officer chased for speed data from the survey that Cllr Mrs V Wilson sorted.

The trophy company in Wombourne has changed hands, but they do not have the data that we have stored previously.

An issue was raised by a resident that an oak tree, that is against the fence by the first house by the playing field, it was suggested that she could trim her side back. The Clerk to contact the Arboricultural Officer to have a look at the tree and ask for his opinion.

A resident on The Close has tripped on the pavement, this is owned by the Housing Association, the Chairman will share the contact details.

Residents near the McCain factory have reported concerns over the noise in the evening, this should be reported to Environmental Health if a discussion with the Manager at McCains is not successful.

With regard to the footpath / bridlepath from Smestow to Wombourne, the hedgerow has not been cut officially but local residents have cut it again, the Chairman will speak to his contact at Wombourne Council.

Cllr Mrs S Woods will look into the replacement slats for the damaged bench.

The Play Area report was discussed and it was noted that there were no immediate actions, just monitor moving parts.

Cllr Dr R Painter reported that the flag pole is 6m tall, planning permission we believe was given. The lanyard is half way up the post for security / ASB reasons. You can have an internal lanyard in the post, and replace this on the existing pole.

The alternate solution would be a fiberglass hinged pole this is £450 + extensive groundworks and moved from its current location, and the conversion of the existing pole is £456. Cllr Dr R Painter will check to see if the replacement pole will fit the socket before an order is placed.

It was proposed by Cllr Mr S Hewitt and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Halford to replace the existing ground socket with a newer version of an aluminum pole with a white finial on top, for £456 + £36 this was carried on a vote.

133/25. To receive any updates / discuss improvements to the community centre

The Chairman reported on the Community Centre that:-

- The Community Centre management have carried out repairs to toilets, installed and upgraded heating controls, and arranged decorating in certain areas (not a full repaint), he will look at the cupboards also.
- The Solar Project – the grant application for funding towards solar project has been submitted to UKSPF, the panel review date is 14th October with a decision date towards the end of November.

He has discussed with the preferred supplier if successful installation could be completed in December. Also, currently in discussion with Balance Power regarding the release of their £12,000.00 Community fund which is proving challenging but is under review and an update is awaited. A decision should be known by the next meeting.

It was noted that the Swindon British Legion is a closed branch, should the trophies etc. be returned to an ex Legion Member. It was proposed by Cllr Mr S Massey agreed that they should remain in the village, and may be rehung in the Council Chamber in the future, this was seconded by Cllr G Fanthom. Cllr Dr R Painter proposed to amend the proposal to hang the memorabilia in the Council Chamber. There was no seconder to this proposal so the original proposal stands, and on a vote this was carried.

Cllr Dr R Painter requested that he can photo the memorabilia, and pass these to the former Councillor. These will be available at the next meeting.

The Senior Citizens Club, may also close, as they need help with setting up and running the club. Cllrs Mrs S Woods offered to help and also Dr R Painter offered to help setup.

134/25. To discuss the CCTV costs for the High Street

The Chairman reported that PACE are supportive of the CCTV project but currently do not have a date when a community fund could be released suggesting it was not possible to access the fund until the site was operational.

The Chairman has advised that this is not acceptable and as the site is operational date could be circa 24 months or more away The Chairman has stated that the Parish Council is not prepared to put an important project on hold, PACE having been granted planning permission and therefore have a commitment to Swindon community, and they have asked us to hold for further review and we should have an update in November.

The CCTV supplier has been updated on the current position and is happy to place on hold the quotes for now.

The Chairman has had a meeting with the Bowls club who had no objections to their lighting stanchion being used to mount a camera to cover the Playing field entrance and play equipment, the idea was well supported.

135/25. To note the SID Data

The SID has been located on the High Street for September the data is below:-

Hinksford Lane

V85: 34mph (V85 = Average speed of 15th fastest vehicle in every 100)
Vd: 29mph (Vd = Average speed recorded during evaluation period)
Vmax: 73mph (Vmax = Highest speed recorded during evaluation period)
Speed violations: 35%

Church Road

V85: 37mph (V85 = Average speed of 15th fastest vehicle in every 100)
Vd: 31mph (Vd = Average speed recorded during evaluation period)
Vmax: 74mph (Vmax = Highest speed recorded during evaluation period)
Speed violations: 56%

The current SID locations are one located on Church Rd, and one on Hinksford lane, members agreed to keep the locations as they are until the end of October.

136/25. To receive the report of the Clerk

The following items were noted:-

New Health and Wellbeing Project Officer – SPCA
Calling all Staffordshire Councils - NALC Elect
Update on our Data Protection Training
Parish Summit 20th November
Staffordshire County Council LGR Proposals
New Councillor's Statement of Assurance champions civility and respect in parish and town councils
Building resilient communities together – Understanding roles, responsibilities and local action
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Litter pick nominations for SSDC – Members nominated residents Hillary Gittins and Malcolm Jarvis for the award

137/25. To agree accounts for payment and accounts to 30th September 2025

The accounts for payment are detailed below:-

Administration October	£487.77
Talk Talk October	£32.34

It was proposed by Cllr Mr S Massey and seconded by Cllr Dr R Painter accept the accounts for payment above. On a vote this was carried.

The accounts to the 30th September 2025 were accepted as attached as appendix 1 to these minutes.

138/25. Items for future agendas (to be submitted to Chairman and Clerk for consideration by the 5th November) Budget for 2026/27 with associated precept , to find out why White Lines are not on the Wombourne Road

139/25. Date of next meeting – Thursday 13th November 2025

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

**SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
BANK RECONCILIATION
2025/26**

		01/04/2025	Date
Accounts	£		£
Barclays Community Current account 90853968			23,057.14
Barclays Saving Acc. 43699005			19,171.58
Barclays Saving Acc. 80471003			53.19
Unpresented cheques			-
Unpresented receipts			-
			42,281.91
Receipts 2025/6	21,104.41		
Payments 2025/6	<u>11,637.95</u>		
			<u>9,466.46</u>
			51,748.37
Barclays Community Current account 90853968			32,395.71
Barclays Savings acc. 43699005			19,299.11
Barclays Saving Acc. 80471003			53.55
Unpresented cheques			-
Unpresented receipts			-
			51,748.37

Balance date: 30/09/2025

Signed:.....Date:.....
Chairman

30/09/2025

Prepared by J Cree Clerk/RFO

Date 2025-6	details	voucher no	Receipt £18925	Payment £18925
04/04/2025	Clear Insurance	1		-5.00
08/04/2025	VAT Reclaim	2	2,151.52	
11/04/2025	Ruta Puller	3		120.00
14/04/2025	Talk Talk	4		33.67
15/04/2025	HMRC VAT	5		185.20
22/04/2025	SSDC	6	9,100.00	
24/04/2025	Wages	7		278.50
24/04/2025	Trysull Tigers	8	625.00	
	Total April		11,876.52	612.37
	Overall Total		11,876.52	612.37
11/05/2025	SPCA	9		351.07
13/05/2025	Talk Talk	10		33.67
13/05/2025	Morelock Signs	11		3,300.00
14/05/2025	HMRC VAT	12		185.60
14/05/2025	Abbotts Security	13		136.00
16/05/2025	A & L Contracts	14		3,561.60
21/05/2025	Compost	15		10.00
23/05/2025	Clerks Salary	16		278.10
09/05/2025	Plaque for bench	17		10.00
	Total May		0.00	7,866.04
	Overall Total		11,876.52	8,478.41
01/06/2025	interest	18	0.18	
01/06/2025	interest	19	63.69	
13/06/2025	Talk Talk	20		33.67
14/06/2025	HMRC VAT	21		185.68
23/06/2025	Clerks Salary	22		278.10
27/05/2025	Compost	23		10.00
	Total June		63.87	507.45
	Overall Total		11,940.39	8,985.86
11/07/2025	SSDC	24		502.58
11/07/2025	Talk Talk	25		33.67
11/07/2025	HMRC VAT	26		185.60
14/07/2025	HMRC VAT	27		34.52
23/07/2025	Clerks Salary	28		278.10
	Total July		0.00	1,034.47
	Overall Total		11,940.39	10,020.33
13/08/2025	Talk Talk	29		33.67
14/08/2025	HMRC VAT	30		185.60
23/08/2025	Clerks Salary	31		278.10
07/08/2025	ICO	32		47.00
	Total August		0.00	544.37
	Overall Total		11,940.39	10,564.70
08/09/2025	Barclays	33	63.84	
08/09/2025	Barclays	34	0.18	
08/09/2025	SSDC	35	9,100.00	

26/09/2025	clerks wages	36	0	331.54
23/09/2025	SSDC	37	0	218.99
23/09/2025	Play Safety	38	0	96.00
23/09/2025	Inland Revenue	39	0	241.56
23/09/2025	Bryland	40	0	152.82
12/09/2025	Talk Talk	41	0	32.34
	Total September		9,164.02	1,073.25
	Overall Total		21,104.41	11,637.95
Date 2025-6	details	voucher no	Receipt £18925	Payment £18925

Budget Comparison for Swindon Parish Council

Income	Budget for 2025/6	Actual income to 31/08/2025	Balance remaining to receive	Projected income to 31/03/26
Precept	£18,200.00	£18,200.00	£0.00	£18,200.00
Interest	£225.00	£127.89	-£97.11	£255.00
Football fees	£500.00	£625.00	£125.00	£625.00
Insurance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Community Centre donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total	£18,925.00	£18,952.89	£27.89	£19,080.00
VAT Income		£2,151.52		

Expenditure	Proposed Budget for 2025/6	Actual Exp to 31/08/2025	Balance remaining	Projected exp to 31/03/2026	Comments
Staff costs	£5,686.00	£2,926.20	£2,759.80	£5,852.00	Ni is now being paid for employer
admin	£900.00	£162.25	£737.75	£400.00	EE and Microsoft
community centre	£539.00	£240.68	£298.32	£114.00	Fire check, alarm service
grants and subs	£1,000.00	£398.07	£601.93	£400.00	ICO £47, SPCA SUBS £351.07
Exp relating to other income / grants received	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Grounds Maintenance	£4,000.00	£711.31	£3,288.69	£2,500.00	
audit costs	£100.00	£120.00	-£20.00	£120.00	
Other expenses	£4,000.00	£5,718.00	-£1,718.00	£5,718.00	Sid were funded from here and posts
Insurance	£2,700.00	£0.00	£2,700.00	£2,700.00	
Total net of VAT	£18,925.00	£10,276.51	£8,648.49	£17,804.00	
VAT Reclaim on Exp. To date		£1,361.44			