

Minutes of Swindon Parish Council Meeting held at 7:15pm on 9th July 2026 at Swindon Community Centre

Present: Cllrs Mr S Massey (Chairman), Mrs L Page (Vice Chairman), Mr S Hewitt, Mrs D Chandler, Dr R Painter, Mrs S Woods, Mr G Fanthom.

Also, present Clerk Mrs J Cree and County Cllr Mrs V Wilson.

96/26. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mr A Osbourne was not in attendance.

97/26. To fill Casual Vacancy by co-option

There has been one candidate that has requested information and this has been sent to them.

98/26. To report on Police matters.

At the previous meeting it was proposed that the Parish Council write to the SPCA and ask why there was no consultation and they made a decision affecting all the Parishes in Staffordshire, no reply has been received, the Clerk will report back on this matter.

It was noted that the Peel report has rated Staffordshire Police as inadequate for 999 and 101, for a second time.

99/26. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

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

100/26. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th June 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th June 2026 were agreed with the exception that Cllr Mrs L Page is Vice Chairman not Cllr Mr G Fanthom. They were proposed by Cllr Dr R Painter and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Page.

101/26. County Councillor to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

County Cllr Mrs V Wilson reported that: -

- Fantastic event for the Community Centre open day, and it was well attended, and special thanks was given to those that worked on uploading the photographs to the lecturn.
- Sid signs in Hinksford – this was agreed at the June Parish Council meeting, and the data will be shared with SSDC. If there is an issue of speeding signage can be reinstated and signpost of speed moved to a better location.
- On Baldwin Way, someone has built a raised platform for possibly a patio. This needs to be reported to Enforcement to be checked. As there is no District Cllr at the moment, she is helping to cover both roles.
- The Water leak Church Road, a conversation has taken place with South Staffordshire Water and Cllr Mr S Massey at a site meeting on 9/7/26, this is a complex issue, and they acknowledge communication should have been better. The repair will take place when the weather is appropriate, as they have to drain down the pipe to reduce pressure to enable them to fix it safely. It was planned for 14th July but this is delayed until its cooler.

102/26. To discuss Development Applications received and any licensing matters

There was 1 new application - 26/00499/FUL Proposal: Replacement building for use as a dwelling (retrospective)
Location: Smestow Grange Farm, Smestow Road, Swindon.

It was proposed by Cllr Dr R Painter to oppose the application and support the comments made by the Ramblers Association, this was seconded by Cllr Mr G Fanthom, on a vote this failed, so it was agreed to leave the decision to the Officers as it is a retrospective application and there is not enough information to make a comment.

The Licence application for Sandy Acre Farm shop has not been decided yet to sell alcohol.

Woodlands, Himley Lane have been served enforcement notice on the 24th June to remove boulders from the Highways verge.

103/26. To receive an update and discuss any maintenance and repairs required within the Parish

The Chairman reported on the following items: -

- An email from Sutcliff play was received on the 29th June "The parts are due to arrive with the contractor next week and then to book the contractor in to attend site will be approximately 2 weeks so I would estimate 3rd week in July but shall confirm once the contractor is in receipt of the parts".
- He thanked Councillors for their time and effort in replanting / refreshing village boxes. Cllr Mrs L Page will collect the plants from Ashwood for the final planter to be filled.
- The soldier silhouette and poppies have been delivered, fitting to be arranged ready for display later in the year.

Repairs to the church wall are commencing next week, by SSDC.

The Clerk reported an email has been received from SSDC asking for copies of the tree inspections for the land leased from them. A cost for the inspections has been sought of circa £500 and a full report will be produced with any actions, the trees at the Community Centre also need to be inspected and a cost is to be agreed still for that. The Clerk to get a revised quotation and report back to the next meeting.

104/26. To receive any updates / discuss improvements to the community centre
(to include request outstanding for the accounts, and information on solar panel income)

It was noted that the open day for the Community Centre was held on the 13th June 2026.

The SMART meter due to be fitted by energy supplier 13/07/2026 until fitted we are unable to comment on solar income, saving is being made and update will be provided in September hopefully feed in tariff will be in place by then. The efficiency it is running at in March 92%, April 98%, May 99%, and June 99%, so far in July its running at 99% in July, in July they have purchased 1.53 kwh from EDF energy.

The Community centre is run separately from the Parish Council, any request for the accounts should be made in writing to swindoncommunitycentre@gmail.com.

The Community Centre Management Committee has upgraded the doors on the gas meter cupboard at no cost to the Parish Council. They have also asked to put a noticeboard on the top of the bank for advertising the Community Centre. It was proposed by Cllr Mr S Hewitt and seconded by Mrs L Page, to give permission to locate a noticeboard on the bank, subject to agreement with the size and type. On a vote this was carried.

105/26. To receive an update and discuss the CCTV costs for the High Street

The Chairman gave an update to the current position with the CCTV system as detailed below: -

- Admiral Taverns have agreed in principle to the replacement of the equipment – they are drawing up an agreement as previous agreement cannot be located an update awaited.
- Hastings Insurance are still awaiting the Police report which was applied for in April. He had a meeting with David Evans Deputy PFCC and requested assistance on this matter.
- PACE who are the developers of BESS on Wombourne Rd, they have offer £10,000.00 community funding. They advised funding would be available once the site is up and running, they were advised this was not acceptable as this could be an extended period if it happened at all. They then altered their stance and advised that the funds would be payable at the start of construction but have still not given an indication as to a start date. The Chairman advised them that he would need to seek the views of the Cllrs before he could respond. He will ask the developer if they have a proposed start date and report back.

106/26. To note the SID Data

The speed statistics for the past month are detailed below:

High Street June 2026

V85: 28mph (V85 = Average speed of 15th fastest vehicle in every 100)

Vd: 23mph (Vd = Average speed recorded during evaluation period)

Vmax: 152mph (Vmax = Highest speed recorded during evaluation period)

Speed violations: 6%
Volume 31129

Hinksford Lane Road June 2026

V85: 33mph (V85 = Average speed of 15th fastest vehicle in every 100)
Vd: 28mph (Vd = Average speed recorded during evaluation period)
Vmax: 70mph (Vmax = Highest speed recorded during evaluation period)
Speed violations: 32%
Volume 32006

The Chairman reported that he believes that there is an error in the High Street Vmax data which has recorded 152mph, we have seen this before and will investigate the issue and try to resolve it as soon as possible

The data from the SID whilst it was located at Hinksford will be passed to the District Council for them to review. The SIDS are being returned this weekend. They will go up on the High Street and Hinksford Lane and it was suggested to turn the displays off the SID signs to get comparable data. This was agreed for 2 weeks.

107/26. Funding from SSDC for local projects

It was discussed at length to communicate with the public telling them of community grants that are available. A communication will be sent out after the elections with a possible open morning at the Community Centre.

Ideas are required to access funding from the District Council, this fund of £50,000 is to be shared with Himley Parish Council, so far, the following ideas have been put forward: -

Play Area
CCTV system
Swindon Cricket Club - improve the area for visitors
New Kitchen at the community Centre
Refurbish the toilets at the community Centre
Village gateways
Additional SIDS
Projector and Screen, improve sound system
Pavement opposite community Centre - complex

It was agreed to get a final list for next month with costings, an application must be submitted before November 2026. Then consultation should take place with Himley as the funds to be shared.

108/26. To receive the report of the Clerk

The following items were noted: -

Suspension of Approvals for Speed Indicator Devices
Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation
Bleed Kit training
Call for Sites from SSDC
Greenbelt / Grey-belt consultation

93/26. To agree accounts for payment, inc. accounts to 30th June 2026

The accounts for payment are listed below: -

09/07/2026	Silent Soldier and Poppy	300.00
14/07/2026	Talk-Talk	32.34
24/07/2026	HMRC	200.83
24/07/2026	Wages	286.94
12/07/2026	Phone / Microsoft	20.49
14/08/2026	Talk-Talk	32.34
24/08/2026	HMRC	200.83
24/08/2026	Wages	286.94
12/08/2026	Phone / Microsoft	20.49

It was proposed by Cllr Mr S Massey and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Page to accept the payment of the accounts above.

It was noted that the football fees for the season 2026/27 have been received from Trysull Tygars for £675.00. The accounts to the 30th June 2026 are set put as appendix 1 to these minutes. They were noted.

94/26. Items for future agendas (to be submitted to Chairman and Clerk for consideration by the 1st September).

95/26. Date of next meeting – Thursday 10th September 2026

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Appendix 1 to the minutes of the 9th July 2026 Swindon Parish Council Meeting

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL BANK RECONCILIATION 2026/27				
		01/04/2026	Date	
Accounts	£		£	
Barclays Community Current account 90853968			18,745.23	
Barclays Saving Acc. 43699005			19,404.42	
Barclays Saving Acc. 80471003			53.85	
Unpresented cheques			-	
Unpresented receipts			-	
			38,203.50	
Receipts 2026/7	13,266.78			
Payments 2026/7	3,808.82			
			9,457.96	
			47,661.46	
Barclays Community Current account 90853968			28,147.75	
Barclays Savings acc. 43699005			19,459.71	
Barclays Saving Acc. 80471003			54.00	
Unpresented cheques			-	
Unpresented receipts			-	
			47,661.46	
Balance date:	30/06/2026			
Signed:	<i>J S Cree</i>	Date	30/06/2026	
Clerk				
Prepared by J Cree Clerk/RFO				

Date 2026=27	details	voucher no	Receipt £19050	Payment £19050
01/05/2026	Bin Stickers	1		7.03
11/05/2025	SPCA	2		469.60
14/04/2025	Talk Talk	3		32.34
10/04/2026	VAT Reclaim	4	3,486.34	
15/04/2025	HMRC	5		200.43
24/04/2025	Wages	6		287.34
22/04/2025	SSDC	7	9,100.00	
	Total April		12,586.34	996.74
01/05/2026	Ruta Puller	8		120.00
14/05/2026	Talk Talk	9		32.34
15/05/2026	HMRC	10		200.83
24/05/2026	Wages	11		286.94
01/05/2026	Phone / Microsoft	12		20.49
01/05/2026	Phone / Microsoft	13		245.88
04/05/2026	RCA	14		654.00
28/05/2026	Abbots Security	15		136.00
19/05/2026	Geo Spatial Design	16		450.00
	Total May		0.00	2,146.48
	Overall Total		12,586.34	3,143.22

14/06/2026	Talk Talk	17		32.34
24/06/2026	HMRC	18		200.83
24/06/2026	Wages	19		286.94
12/06/2026	Phone / Microsoft	20		20.49
12/06/2026	Wombourne Printers	21		118.00
01/06/2026	Barclays	22	55.29	0.00
01/06/2026	Barclays	23	0.15	0.00
01/06/2026	Amazon fixings	24		7.00
08/06/2026	Trysull Tygars	26	625	
	Total June		680.44	665.60
	Overall Total		13,266.78	3,808.82