

Minutes of Swindon Parish Council Meeting held at 7:15pm on 11th June 2026 at Swindon Community Centre

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

Also, present Clerk Mrs J Cree, County Cllr Mrs V Wilson and one member of the public.

81/26. Apologies for Absence and update on Casual Vacancy

Cllr Mrs S Woods sent her apologies, which were accepted due to illness.

Cllr Mr A Osbourne was not in attendance, the Chairman has reached out to make contact with him but has not had a response back.

It was reminded that the call for an election ends on the 12th June following this (if an election is not called) the Council can move forward to co-opt someone at the next Council meeting.

82/26. To report on Police matters.

Kinver Parish Council has received the following response from Insp. Nicola Brooks re PCSO attending meetings and preparing the crime statistics: -

"I have received your query about Parish Council meetings and would like to provide the following response. It is a force decision that we will no longer provide reports to Parish Councils.

This is because it takes PCSOs off the street to complete the reports and all the information that is available at Police.co.uk which can be accessed via our webpage. PCSOs are also not required to attend the meetings due to the above.

That said, if a PCSO has availability to attend and can do so, they still can attend if they wish, but please do bear in mind that they do have a large number of competing demands.

This agreement was made at the end of last year by the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association. Personally, I would much rather my PCSOs be visible in the community and dealing with your parishioners' concerns, rather than sitting in the station compiling reports.

I am sorry for this change but please know that it is not a "South Staffs" decision.

Thank you.

Insp Nicola Brooks"

It was proposed by Cllr Dr R Painter 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, this was seconded by Cllr Mr S Hewitt and on a vote was agreed.

83/26. 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.

84/26. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 2026 were agreed. They were proposed by Cllrs Mr S Massey and seconded by Cllr Mr S Hewitt.

85/26. County Councillor to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

County Cllr Mrs V Wilson reported that: -

- She was invited with the MP to talk to residents at Hinksford Park, along with the Chairman of the Parish

Council. It was a positive meeting, some of the concerns are ongoing from 2017. The issues are below: -

- One of the issues is slow broadband and poor Wi-Fi signal, Open reach is on its way to Hinksford area, so all residents need to register an interest to be able to get the service to them.
- Overhead cables to the site are affected by the trees on the Canals and Rivers side of the boundary, Harvey Baines manages the oversight of the site, and he is going to contact the energy supplier to get the trees cut back.
- Trees overhanging the car park, again reported to Canals and Rivers Trust, this is also damaging the fence panels, which SSDC need to replace once the trees are cut back.
- Security on the site was raised; one resident wanted a barrier to stop illegal activity.
- Speeding on the site is felt to be an issue, SSDC are going to refresh road markings and speed signs. The SID has been asked for to see if this could help to get the data to show whether there is speeding or not.
- Update of the park – Harvey Baines is arranging for all the pavements on the site to be resurfaced.
- The next Parish Assembly will be at Lower Penn, then followed by Bobbington, hopefully someone from planning should attend Lower Penn.
- Smestow Water leak – the work that is required is substantial and needs a specialist team to do it, but this has been delayed and they should do the work in the coming weeks.

86/26. To discuss Development Applications received and any licensing matters

There were no new applications, however the following decisions were received: -

26/00228/FULHH - 46 Swinforge Way, Swindon - Single-storey front extension, the formation of a first-floor Juliet balcony to the rear, internal reconfiguration of the existing layout, revised door openings to the front and side elevations, and the introduction of a new entrance porch – Approved with conditions

24/00190/COND2 - Land Adjacent to Hinksford Substation, Hinksford Lane, Hinksford - Discharge of condition 3 (site access) 4 (highway dilapidation survey) and 7 (facing colours) of approval 24/00190/FULM - Approved

26/00011/VAR - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of application reference 24/00632/FUL. Alteration to approved layout and house type drawings - Prime Oak, Whitehouse Lane, Swindon – Approved with conditions

Smestow Dutch Barn's application has been withdrawn.

The wall on the property on Himley Lane has been refused retrospective planning permission; this is going to appeal.

The Kingswinford triangle planning application has been submitted.

There is a proposal for development of houses at Himley, the County Council have objected on the grounds that the land at Himley they could use it for agricultural materials, but it could mean that a quarry is put in place instead.

It was proposed by Cllr Mr S Massey and seconded by Cllr Mr S Hewitt to recommend refusal and make comments on the 115 houses at Himley. The reason for the refusal recommendation is: -

- the increased traffic to the area, all traffic leaving the site is coming onto the Bridgnorth Road, which will push vehicles through the local villages including Swindon.
- It will cause harm to the conservation area
- The land is Greenbelt not grey belt
- Lack of infrastructure in the area no shops or doctors' facilities
- Cumulative effect of the houses being built as in the area there are 2 major proposed development sites on the A449 (Triangle field Kingswinford).

87/26. To receive an update and discuss any maintenance and repairs required within the Parish

The Chairman reported on the following items: -

- Playground repair - To dig out the existing springer base plate from the wet pour and have the new one installed, repair the Black Wet Pour and make good. The total Cost is £1,175.00 this is from Sutcliffe Play. It was proposed by Cllr Dr R Painter and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Page to accept this quote, and this was agreed on a vote.
- Insurance premium renewal – the brokers have advised that in line with the updated valuation provided by the surveyor, this adjustment has resulted in a return premium of **£147.66**, inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax and the broker fee of £25.00.
- Highways – no further updates received (Water leak was mentioned under the County Cllrs

report).

- Planters – Cllr Mrs L Page is arranging with local suppliers to get the plants etc., and with Cllr Mrs D Chandler will arrange with volunteers to replant them.
- As agreed at the last meeting, the soldier/poppies are in production and will be delivered shortly. Cllr Mrs L Page has met with the contractor on site with the Chairman, and the poppies are going to be 3 flower heads to make it taller. They will put a slab down to bolt it down to secure it.

88/26. To receive any updates / discuss improvements to the community centre

It was noted that the open day for the Community Centre will be held on the 13th June 2026, 11am – 3pm.

89/26. 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: -

- The Insurers have applied for a copy of the Police report.
- Permission has been requested for re-installation of a camera and cabinet on the Old Bush (Admiral Taverns), a response is awaited from the head of their legal department who is away from the business now until the second week in June so, an update will be forthcoming.

90/26. To note the SID Data

The speed statistics for the past month are detailed below:

High Street May 2026

V85: 28mph (V85 = Average speed of 15th fastest vehicle in every 100)
Vd: 22mph (Vd = Average speed recorded during evaluation period)
Vmax: 187mph (Vmax = Highest speed recorded during evaluation period)
Speed violations: 6%
Volume 36162

Hinksford Lane Road May 2026

V85: 33mph (V85 = Average speed of 15th fastest vehicle in every 100)
Vd: 29mph (Vd = Average speed recorded during evaluation period)
Vmax: 67mph (Vmax = Highest speed recorded during evaluation period)
Speed violations: 32%
Volume 34173

The Chairman reported that he believes that there is an error in the High Street Vmax data which has recorded 187mph, we have seen this before and will investigate the issue and try to resolve it as soon as possible.

Cllr Mrs L Page is arranging community speed watch training date.

It was proposed by Cllr Mr S Massey and seconded by Cllr Mrs D Chandler to loan the SID as per the request from Bobbington PC, for 2 weeks in July and 2 weeks in August on a vote this was carried.

It was agreed to move one of the SIDS to the inside area of Hinksford Park so that we can gather some data and feedback to residents and the District Council as owners of the site who can action if required. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs L Page and seconded by Cllr Mr S Massey.

Concern was expressed that the people crossing from the site, over a 60mph road, perhaps adding elderly crossing in that area. The council will investigate buying signs to put on the private land of the public house warning of elderly people crossing in that area.

The bus stop outside OCL should be reviewed if it is required anymore, County Councillor Mrs V Wilson will follow this up.

91/26. Funding from SSDC for local projects

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.

92/26. To receive the report of the Clerk

The following items were noted: -

Community and Business Fund
South Staffs Parish Summit 18/6/26
South Staffordshire Local Plan Review - Main Modifications Consultation
Parish Assembly
Notes from Partnership meeting
Staffordshire Celebrating Difference Campaign - Inclusive Travel

93/26. To agree accounts for payment, inc accounts to 31st May 2026

The accounts for payment are listed below: -

Talk Talk	£ 32.34
HMRC	£200.83
Wages	£286.94
Phone / Microsoft 31/05/26	£ 20.49
Geo Spatial	£450.00
Abbots Security	£136.00
Wombourne Printers – Newsletter	£118.00
Wall Fixings	£ 7.00

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.

It was noted that newsletter input was requested at the last meeting, and those that contributed were consulted on the draft document before it went to print.

The accounts to the 31st May 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 July)

95/26. Date of next meeting – Thursday 9th July 2026

Meeting closed at 8.26pm.

Date 2026=27	details	voucher no	Receipt £19050	Payment £19050
01/04/2026	Bin Stickers	1		7.03
11/04/2026	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	Rutelle	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

**SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
BANK RECONCILIATION
2026/27**

01/04/2026 Date

Accounts

£

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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 2025/6

12,586.34

Payments 2025/6

3,143.22

9,443.12

47,646.62

Barclays Community Current account 90853968

28,324.35

Barclays Savings acc. 43699005

19,404.42

Barclays Saving Acc. 80471003

53.85

Unpresented cheques

-136.00

Unpresented receipts

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47,646.62

Balance date:

31/05/2026

Signed:

J S Cree

Date

31/05/2026

Clerk

Prepared by J Cree Clerk/RFO