

SWINESHEAD PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Council Office

1 & 2 North End

Swineshead

PE20 3LR

Chairman: Councillor Carl Gibbard

Clerk: Diane Fairweather

Minutes of the Meeting of Swineshead Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 16th June 2026 at Swineshead Community Hub,
1 & 2 North End, Swineshead PE20 3LR

Present:

Councillors Sean Trafford (Acting Chairman) Mike Brookes, Nicola Campbell, Jo Hudson-McKenzie, Andrew Lawrence, Dave Lemon, Phillippa Parnell, Roger Welberry and the Clerk. County Cllr, two Borough Cllrs and two members of the public.

Lincolnshire County Councillor Paul Lock: Highways updates – issues with signage for diversion of Bicker Bar road works, disruption as lorries are ignoring signs.

Has £3k grant available for local projects there is a larger pot of £15k.

Men's cycle race to be held in Lincoln and reaching Boston.

Planning: one of Europe's largest battery energy site has passed planning. Focus now on ensuring conditions are met.

School lines. Highways to be pushed to finish work as two lines required for enforcement.

New Highways 'app' pilot. Councillors testing live system to view works. Intended to replace the FixMyStreet use for members.

Borough Councillor Reports

Stuart Evans:

Food waste collections starting in September. Leaflets and caddies being delivered.

LHP Service – acknowledged performance 'well below desired standard' and committed to a better service by April 2027.

Suzanne Welberry: Received reports of gas guns. Environmental issue. Landowner to be identified and spoken with.

Pride of Place small community grants via Boston Borough Council. Government funding.

Details to be sent to clerk. Enhancement projects suitable.

Details of many empty town premises with positive occupancy news.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs C Gibbard and Chelcei Trafford who also sent in her resignation due to family commitments.

2. To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items. None

3. To Elect Vice Chair: Cllr P. Parnell proposed Cllr A. Lawrence who was prepared to stand if no other nominations. There were none. Seconded Cllr M Brookes.



4. To Elect Committee Members.

- a) Finance Committee. Proposed on block Cllrs N. Campbell, A. Lawrence & D. Lemon, Proposed Cllr Brookes, seconded Cllr Trafford.

5. To approve as a correct record, the notes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th May 2026 and to authorise Chairman to sign. Cllr Brookes advised Chair of amendments required to outside charity committees. Clerk amended accordingly to read. Proposed Cllr Brookes, seconded Cllr Cambell with no objections.

6. Clerks' Updates on outstanding matters Correspondence.

Broadband: BT cancelled, Quickline carried out survey, not straight forward installation but should be done by end of July.

Villa Lane: no sign which BBC saying it should be developers. It is BBC. Cllr S. Welberry taking forward.

No election called for vacancy so can now advertise for co-option.

Swineshead Life, asking if Clerk could send a resume of minutes for magazine.

7. Financial matters:

- i) Bank balances as of
£ 22949.99 community account
£91736.72 Instant online
ii) To approve payments as per schedule

Proposed Cllr Trafford, seconded Cllr Lemon.

8. Village reports, actions & updates:

- a) Swineshead Emergency Plan – Cllr Lawrence to 'tone down' plan to avoid duplicating professional emergency services and creating unnecessary workload. To email Lincoln Resilience Forum. Volunteer: possible future call for volunteers via newsletter.
b) Swineshead Benevolent Fund - NTR
c) Swineshead Village Hall. Unfortunate deposit charge for Community Foundation. Cllr Parnell to report back to Committee.

9. To Receive Parish Council Updates

- a) **Community Hub** - NTR
b) **Library** – 10th anniversary day. Very well attended, Sign not in situ as being renovated. New digital 'phones to be installed.
c) **Village Archive.** Latest event very well attended. Numerous metal detectors in area which are invited to advise with Roger in order details of finds can be documented. Village picnic preparations going well.

10. Town and Country Planning – To consider applications received since last meeting.

Only a couple of amendments.

Swinfields – concerns from members of public on what it is to become. Assurances from LHP it is not to be used for asylum seekers. Will be demolished and left to grass, for the time being.

The meeting closed at: 7.44