**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 21st July 2026 at Swineshead Community Hub,
1 & 2 North End, Swineshead PE20 3LR

**Present:**
Councillors Carl Gibbard, (Chairman), Sean Trafford (Vice Chairman) Mike Brookes, Nicola Campbell, Jo Hudson-McKenzie, Andrew Lawrence, Dave Lemon, Phillippa Parnell, and the Clerk.

**Lincolnshire County Councillor Paul Lock:**
Spoke briefly of County Unitary restructuring. Indicative timeline for paperwork to be completed by year end and legislation early 2027. Two authorities for LCC, names not yet determined. Current electoral boundaries to remain.

**Borough Councillor Suzanne Welberry:**
BBC will continue for an extended period. Boston Town Council will be established with 22 proposed officers. The purpose of this to protect the Town's assets.
Request from local resident to run a junior football training in playing field. Advised to speak with football club.
There is interest in setting a standalone charity for Sand holes. Speaking with John Butler Charity. Funding possibly available.

**1. Chairman's remarks:**
Flags in market place are looking a little 'tired' Proposed to remove them.

**2. Apologies for absence were** received and accepted from Roger Welberry & Borough Cllr Evans.

**3. To receive declarations of interest** under the Localism Act 2011 – being pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items.
Cllr Gibbard – owner of the Council Offices

**4. To approve as a correct record,** the notes of the meeting of the Council held on 16th June 2026 and to authorise the Chairman to sign as an official record.
Proposed Cllr M. Brookes, seconded Cllr A. Lawrence with no objections.

**5. Clerks' updates on outstanding matters**
Broadband – Quickline are ready, but the feed is in a neighbouring property and are getting no response for access. Clerk to post message to resident.
Speed cameras – Checked but it is likely they are within the required limit.

**6. To Co-Opt New Councillor**

Two candidates. Voting unanimous for Simon Gould to join Council. Declaration of Acceptance of Office duly signed. Clerk to advise 2nd applicant another vacancy is imminent.

**7. To Discuss Mackie's Pit & Potential Additional Speed Camera**

Growing concern with residents of speed of traffic and geese crossing or sleeping on road. This is only for a short period of breeding. County Cllr P. Lock also received complaints and a request for a sign had been lodged with Highways. Anticipated 90day lead time. 'SLOW' has also been painted on road. One problem is parking in front of houses causing visual issues.

Advised road surface is warm and suggestions of putting slabs in the grasses area and perhaps fencing, as a trial.

**8. Financial matters**

Bank balances £ 21960.21 community account £ 91774.42

i) To approve payments as per schedule. An additional request from library to pay to rent Chapel for an event of a local author attending. £100 proposed as funds available.

Proposed Cllr Trafford, seconded Cllr Lemon with no objections.

**9. Town and Country Planning Act 1990.** To consider and make observations on planning applications received since last meeting.

**B/06/2026** no objections other than existing building is a bungalow and replacement is a dormer bungalow. PC to stipulate existing building must be demolished within 12 months of completion of the new build.

**10. Village reports, actions & updates:**

a) Swineshead Community Emergency Plan. - ntr
b) Swineshead Benevolent Foundation. Proposed Cllr Brookes seconded Cllr Stafford to take in closed session at end of agenda, together with Village Hall
c) Swineshead Village Hall

**Closed session**

Discussed at length the expired lease of Village Halland. Council agreed Cllr Trafford as representative of Benevolent Foundation, Chair, Vice & Clerk discuss, as custodians of lease, to assist Foundation to move forward. Constitution for Village Hall also requires updating.

**11. Parish Council Updates.**

a) **Community Hub** – With knowledge of information on various charities, it was suggested the hub be used as a storage for legal documents of any organisation that wished to use it. Scanning facilities could also be available.
b) **Library –** footfall figures increased significantly during the first four months of the year. Local author Gavin Extence to give a speech in August. Requesting finance to hire Methodist Church Hall. Proposed Cllr Lemon £100, seconded Cllr Gibbard.
**c) Village Archive.** Held another successful tour of the village. To work on website to accentuate artefacts and what archive do and achieve.

**The meeting closed at: 8.40pm**
**Date of Next Meeting 15th September 2026**