SWINESHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Office
1 & 2 North End
Swineshead
PE20 3LR
Chairman: Cllr Carl Gibbard
Clerk: Diane Fairweather

Minutes of the Meeting of Swineshead Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 15th September 2026 at Swineshead Community Hub,
1 & 2 North End, Swineshead PE20 3LR

Present:
Councillors Sean Trafford (Acting Chairman) Mike Brookes, Simon Gould, Jo Hudson-McKenzie, Dave Lemon, Roger Welberry and the Clerk.

Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice, Cllr Brookes proposed Cllr Trafford to Chair, seconded Cllr Welberry

Lincolnshire County Councillor Paul Lock:
LGR – has been 'paused' Reports of concerns on financial liabilities and modelling various services. i.e. fire, children's and adult care. Will continue as at present with Borough elections in May. Details of new data system going live. Clerk asked if could be made available to clerks to assist their dealing with complaints. Cllr Lock confirmed the question had already been asked.

Borough Councillors Stuart Evans & Suzanne Welberry:
Motion planned to seek Government refund of the 'many tens of thousands of pounds' spent on LGR preparation.
Significant changes to planning law came into effect on 17th August and another due on 31st October, to accelerate housing delivery. There will local inability to object to certain developments.
Opening of Rosegarth on Saturday 23rd. Many family activities to officially open this £40m project.

1. **Chairman's remarks:**
   Cllr Trafford thanked JHM and husband for work clearing overgrown shrubbery in Tarry Hill.
2. **Apologies for absence:**
   Were received and accepted form Cllrs Campbell, Gibbard, Lawrence and Parnell.

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

4. **To approve as a correct record,** the notes of the meeting of the Council held on 21st July 2026 and to authorise the Chairman to sign.

Proposed Cllr Gould, seconded Cllr Hudson-McKenzie with no objections.

5. **Clerks' updates on outstanding matters**
   Broadband – access in neighbouring property now obtained, awaiting installation date.

6. **To Co-Opt a New Councillor**
   Proposed Cllr Brookes, seconded Cllr Trafford that Suzanne Welberry, borough councillor, be co-opted. Unanimous vote.

7. **Financial matters**
   Bank balances £ 9580.95 community account, £ 91814.65 savings. Budget meeting, 6.30 20th October, before October full Council to discuss 2026-2027 budgets.
   i) To approve payments as per schedule. Approved.
Proposed Cllr Lemon, seconded Cllr Brookes.

8. **Town and Country Planning Act 1990.** To consider and make observations on planning applications received since last meeting.
   B/26/0297 proposed additional vehicular access, The Coach House, Abbey Lane – a little close to junction? Highways have noticed reversing out of current access. Council agreed another access on an already dangerous junction.
   B/26/0322 – Change of use from B & B to dwelling, Boston Lodge. No objections

9. **Village reports, actions & updates:**
   a) Swineshead Community Emergency Plan – progressing, Cllr Lawrence in communication with LCC.
   b) Swineshead Benevolent Foundation. Two meetings held with both parties. Proposed document sent to LALC, the Parish Council's legal department for their assessment as Benevolent Charity had requested solicitors' details and had taken no further steps.
   c) Swineshead Village Hall – ideally to be able to bring a new constitution when Benevolent Lease agreed, to give guidelines for the way forward.

10. **Parish Council Updates.**
   a) **Community Hub –** ntr
   b) Library – Invitation to another event for 10th anniversary Sunday 27th at 2 p. Gavin Extence, a local writer is speaking.
   A request for another book deposit box to replace broken one. Approved.
   DBS checks requested for volunteers in order they can attend the pre-school for reading sessions. Cllr S Welberry suggested we ask the owner if that is something they would be interested in before going to the expense of checks.
   c) Village Archive – a strong summer with steady donations, posters, letters and old newspapers. Recently received 1964 scrapbook.

The meeting closed at 19.47p.m.

Date of Next Meeting 20th October 2026