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 20th October 2026 at Swineshead Community Hub,
1 & 2 North End, Swineshead PE20 3LR

Present:
Councillors Carl Gibbard, (Chairman), Mike Brookes, Dave Lemon, Phillippa Parnell, Sean Trafford, Roger & Suzanne Welberry, and the Clerk.

Lincolnshire County Councillor Paul Lock:
Another judicial review lost regarding the Solar Scheme. Grant funding available for 'community funding'

Borough Councillors Stuart Evans & Suzanne Welberry:
SE - advised of significant changes in planning applications and responses. Government changes in that very unlikely to be able to make objections now.
Clerk concerned of software changes with PC not receiving applications.
SW – opening of Rosegarth was a success.

1. **Chairman's remarks:**
   Flags in marketplace looking tatty. To be replaced by volunteer

2. **Apologies for absence** were received and accepted from Cllrs, Campbell, Gould Hudson-McKenzie & Lawrence.

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 15th September were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Trafford, seconded Cllr Lemon.

5. **Clerks' updates on outstanding matters**
   Library volunteers. Clerk had spoken with play group manager who confirmed unfortunately regulations would not allow volunteers to work with the children.
   Request received from Methodist chapel for rent to be increased from £150 to £200 per month. Agenda item for next month.
   Seasonal planting for marketplace baskets.
   Confusion over churchyard being legally 'closed' Clerk to speak with churchwarden and Diocese.

6. **Financial matters**
   Bank Balances £43239.34 community account £ 91890.13 savings

i) To approve payments as per schedule. Proposed Cllr Trafford seconded Cllr Lemon
ii) To Discuss/Approve Donation for Remembrance Wreath. £50 as last year approved.
iii) To Discuss Precept Proposals – agreed to hold finance meeting before December meeting.

7. Town and Country Planning Act 1990. To consider and make observations on planning applications received since last meeting.
Details of proposed poultry farm received from local resident. Multiple sheds. Public concern. Clerk to distribute when received from planning.

8. Village reports, actions & updates:

a) Swineshead Community Emergency Plan nothing to report.
b) Swineshead Benevolent Foundation
c) **Swineshead Village Hall –** bar refurbishment discussed. Quotation for local publican to work with local brewery. £7500.

9. Parish Council Updates.
a) Community Hub nothing to report.
b) Library – concerns on public facing promotion. Facebook predominantly Chapel activities.
c) Village Archive – new domain 'swineshead.org' purchased to use for website. Local volunteer student to assist building site.

The meeting closed at 8.09

Date of Next Meeting 17th November 2026