

SWALLOW PARISH COUNCIL INCORPORATING THE VILLAGES OF SWALLOW AND CUXWOLD

Minutes of the Swallow Parish Council Meeting held On 9 September 2025

Present: Cllr G Thompson, Cllr Hodson, Cllr A Peart, Cllr Bray, Cllr Stanfield, Cllr Wilson, County Cllr J Bean, District Cllr T Smith and C Hollands (Clerk)

70-25 Public Session

A resident raised a number of issues.

- The state of the footpaths in the Village. The area near the Church is overgrown with vegetation and straw. The footpaths were last cleared some years ago and Cllr Bean will contact Highways to address the issue and also to discuss 'gulping' the drains and the possibility of advance notice when this is to happen.
- There are frequent disruptions to the power supply to parts of the Village during windy and stormy weather. This particularly affects Grimsby Road and other areas on the same loop.
- The Village signs for Swallow and Cuxwold are rotting. Cllr Bean will address this issue with Highways Department.

The meeting commenced at 730pm

71-25 Apologies for absence.

None.

72-25 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Member's Register of Interests.

None

73-25 To receive and consider any dispensation requests on agenda items and decide whether they are to be granted.

None received.

74-25 To approve as a correct record the notes of the meeting held on 8th July 2025 and to authorise the Chair to sign the official minutes.

Resolved unanimously to accept the notes as a true record.

75-25 Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

76-25 To receive and consider a report from LCC Councillor.

- Cllr J Bean spoke about Local Government reorganisation and what that might mean for Parishes.
- He has a small budget available for minor works if Parish Councils have any items to put forward for consideration.

77-25 To receive a report from the District Councillor.

- Cllr Smith spoke about Local Government reorganisation and the 6 proposals that have been put forward. One possibility is the handing down of more powers to Parish Councils.
- The new District administration is a coalition administration.

78-26 To receive a report from the Chair.

Cllr Thomson spoke of issues with the School bus service that is provided for the Village and a recent issue with the seating capacity being insufficient.

79-25 To receive and consider a report from the Clerk/RFO to the Council on any outstanding matters and correspondence received since the last meeting.

- All relevant Correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs by e mail.
- The Parish Council Insurance renewal invitation has been received. The premium is an increase of some £90 on last years premium. The level of cover required was discussed and the renewal on the terms outlined agreed.
- Communication concerning provision of a blood kit to sit alongside the defibrillator in the Village was discussed. The kit is designed for use to stem the flow of blood in the event of a heavy bleed. It was agreed that there is no need at this time.

80-25 Financial matters

- To approve the bank reconciliation statement. This was agreed.
- To ratify payments of accounts, salary and payments already made. The Clerk had previously circulated to Councillors a list of items and this was agreed.
- To amend the list of Banking Signatories. The deletion of former Cllr Mathieson was agreed and the necessary documentation signed.

81-25 To consider the Inspection Report for the Cuxwold Play Area.

The Inspection highlighted the need for two new seats on the swing. Cllr Stanfield will take photos of the existing with a view to obtaining quotes for their replacement.

82-25 To receive an update on Playground Repairs and Improvements

- The Clerk informed the Meeting that quotes have been obtained for replacement of the Roundabout as the existing fixture is in a poor state of repair. The need for an item that is inclusive to enable use by non ambulant persons was agreed. The most competitive and appropriate quote for the work to remove the existing and replace with new has been provided by Wicksteed. It was agreed that the Clerk will proceed with the Grant Application to the Communities Fund at the District Council on this basis.
- The 'straps' on the swing is another area identified by the Inspection Report as needing attention. It was agreed that Cllr Wilson will action.

83-25 To consider recent Flooding issues affecting the Village and outstanding remedial works.

- An outstanding issue is the need to increase the flow of water leaving the Village. Of particular concern is the Dyke either side of the Sewage Pumping Station that has become blocked by debris and vegetation. The County Council have advised that this is the responsibility of the Landowner not the County Council. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Yarborough Estate to ask that they clear the area identified.
- County Cllr Bean will make a walk around the Village with a Parish Cllr to identify and progress any outstanding issues.

84-25 Village Hall – To receive an update from the Village Hall Committee.

- An update has been received and circulated to Councillors. Due to the length of the document, a copy will be attached to the Meeting Minutes.
- Responsibility for Maintenance of the Alarm System protecting the Village Hall was discussed. It was agreed that any Maintenance agreement is the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee.

85-25 Any other Business and future Agenda items.

None

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86-25 Confirm date of next Parish Council meeting as Tuesday 11th November 2025.

Date confirmed.

Meeting closed at 835pm

**87-25 To resolve to move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in relation to the following matter.
Clerks Annual Review and Pay Award**

The review was carried out and it was agreed that the National Pay Award for 2025 be implemented and the Clerk raised to SCP 16.

Signed Chairman

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Next Meeting on 11th November 2025 at 7.15pm at Swallow Village Hall unless otherwise stated. These notes are draft until adopted as Minutes at the next meeting.