

**SWALLOW PARISH COUNCIL INCORPORATING THE VILLAGES OF
SWALLOW AND CUXWOLD**

**Minutes of the Swallow Parish Council Annual Meeting held
On 8 September 2026**

Present: Cllr I Hodson (Chair), Cllr Wilson, Cllr Stanfield, District Cllr T Smith and C Hollands (Clerk)

The meeting commenced at 715pm

73-26 Public Session

No public present.

74-26 Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Thompson, A Peart and A Bray.

75-26 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

76-26 To receive and consider any dispensation requests on agenda items and decide whether they are to be granted.

None received.

77-26 To approve as a correct record the notes of the meeting held on 14th July 2026 and to authorise the Chair to sign the official minutes.

Resolved unanimously to accept the notes as a true record.

78-26 Matters arising from the Minutes

None.

79-26 Village Hall – To receive an update from the Village Hall Committee.

A Report from the Village Hall Committee has been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Hodson summarised the content for the benefit of the Meeting. At present the Village Hall Committee are seeking a new Chair Person.

80-26 To receive and consider a report from LCC Councillor.

No report received.

81-26 To receive a report from the District Councillor.

1. The Local Government reorganisation has been postponed.
2. District Elections will be held in 2027 as normal.
3. There is a new National Planning Review resulting in new Regulations. Parish Councils need to be aware of the content.
4. The Community Grant Scheme is now open. A list of Grants that are available appears on the District Council Website.
5. There is a petition on thoughts about Local Government to complete if it is of interest.

82-26 To receive a report from the Chair.

1. Recent rainfall of some 40mm in a 24 hour period affected the Village. Improvements that have been made to Village drainage seemed to cope well.
2. A reduction of Grass Cuts in the Village due to the hot weather this season will result in a cost saving.
3. The possibility of a Filter Lane for Grange School on the A46 Highway is still outstanding.

83-26 To receive and consider a report from the Clerk/RFO to the Council on any outstanding matters and correspondence received since the last meeting.

1. All relevant Correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs by e mail.
2. There has been some localised flooding in Caistor Road due to blocked drains with debris and straw. The Clerk will bring this to the attention of the County Councillor.
3. The subject of Emergency Planning was raised and the question of a need for a Village Plan. It was pointed out that there is now no equipment in the Village to help in the event of an Emergency. It was agreed that the Clerk will ascertain if there is a Historic Plan for the Village.

84-26 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 as follows:

Clerk Wage & Admin July	£302.22
HMRC Paye	£68.55
Glendale – Grass Cutting July	£130.80
Cllr Wilson – Playground repair items	£79.84
Glendale – Grass Cutting August	£130.80
Clerk Wage and Admin August	£302.22
HMRC Paye	£68.55
Playsafety Ltd – Playground Inspection	£157.20
Total to be ratified	£1240.18

All agreed.

- To approve a payment of £30 to the Clerk for Stationery. Approved.
- To consider the Parish Council's Insurance Renewal and agree the provider for the coming year. The Clerk outlined the content of two quotes that have been obtained to give the Parish Council Insurance cover under the same terms as the existing Policy. Zurich quoted £1737.28 or £1585.68 for a 3 year contract. Clear Councils quoted £1974.80, amended to £2086.80 to include Hirers Liability Cover, or £1906.61 for a 3 year Contract. Although the renewal from the Councils' current Insurer has not as yet been received, the current year cost is £2585.02. A reduction for 2026/7 is not anticipated. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will accept the quotation from Zurich for a 3 year Contract.

85-26 To consider the content of the ROSPA Report on the Playground Inspection and agree actions to take.

The Inspection Report has been circulated by the Clerk. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Wilson will review the Report and prioritize items that require urgent attention. To be discussed at the next Meeting.

86-26 To consider the offer of Winter Salt for Village use.

It was agreed that the Parish Council take advantage of this offer. The Delivery to be made to the side of the Village Hall and Cllr Hodson will be the contact for Delivery purposes.

87-26 To agree a date for the Litter Pick in the Village

It was agreed that a Website entry be made to look for Volunteers although some individual Litter Picking has already taken place. A 2 hour session is envisaged. Cllr Hodson will be the point of contact.

88-26 To consider improvement/replacement of Cuxwold Village Bus Shelter

The examples that the Clerk had previously circulated were discussed. It was agreed that the Glasdon Heritage style is most appropriate although cost may be an issue. The Clerk will look at what the total cost might be and any opportunities there are for Grant Funding.

89-26 Any other Business and future Agenda items.

- The footpaths in Grimsby Road are overgrown with vegetation and weeds. The Clerk will bring this to the attention of the County Councillor.
- The Clerk was asked to ascertain what the division is between Glendale and the County Council for Grass Cutting in Beelsby Road.

90-26 Confirm date of next Parish Council meeting as Tuesday 10th November 2026.

Date confirmed.

Meeting closed at 826pm

Signed Chairman

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Next Meeting on 10th November 2026 at 7.15pm at Swallow Village Hall unless otherwise stated. These notes are draft until adopted as Minutes at the next meeting.