

SWAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mr D Metcalfe, Vice Chairman Mr K Holden
Councillors: Mrs J Geeson, Mrs W Peat, Mr A Cusdin, Mr T Small
Administrator: Mrs A Reichelt. Email: swayfieldparish@gmail.com

Draft Minutes of Swayfield PC Meeting 8th January 2025 6.00pm

- 1.0 Public Forum** A member of the public raised the question of Refurbishment of the street signs within the village.
Cllrs response: Signage within the village is the responsibility of SKDC, these have been raised on 'fix my street' numerous times by several Cllrs and will be done again on behalf of the parish.
The member of the public also asked about Additional grass cuts of the recreational ground during the summer months.
Cllrs response: The recreational ground had two additional cuts on the previous year. The parish council will continue to maintain the grass through AC Percival who is employed to cut the grass fortnightly, weather permitting.
Also raised was the issue of Pingle Lane maintenance and the addition of a fallen tree blocking access.
Cllrs response: The parish council pay to have the access area maintained annually although this is not a responsibility of the Parish Council. The Cllrs agree that the tree needs to be removed or least have access made through it.
- 2.0 Apologies for Absence** None
- 3.0 To receive declarations of interest** in accordance with the 2011 Local Government Act. – *personal or prejudicial interest in any items for discussion.* None
- 4.0 Draft Notes** of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd September 2024 to be approved as the Minutes. Proposed Cllr Holden seconded Cllr Cusdin.
- 5.0 Councillors' reports:**
- 5.1** Cllr N. Robins and Cllr C. Vernon were not present at the meeting.
- 5.2 Recreation ground.** Cllr Holden and Cllr Small will repair the handle on the seesaw once the weather improves. Funds have previously been approved for the maintenance of the equipment. Administrator to contact Rospa for a costing for the inspection once the work has been carried out.
- 5.3 Phone Kiosk.** Cllr Geeson reported unsolicited leaflets and pamphlets are being left in the kiosk. Could all parishioners please not leave leaflets, tabloid supplements of anything other than secondhand books.
- 5.4 Highways** Speed Restriction signs - All Cllrs received a copy of parishioner Mr David Lines's letter asking for the speed restriction sign to be moved before the village sign on Castle Bytham Road. Highways have been contacted previously by the Cllrs. Highways were unwilling previously to move the sign, however in light of the recent accident, there maybe more justification for the speed restriction sign to be moved. Cllr Cusdin is to liaise with Mr Lines with reference to responses from Cllr Vernon. Cllr Metcalfe will research the Parishes previous Minutes for the accurate response given by Highways.
- 5.5 Defibrillator** Working and all in order.
- 6.0 Financial Matters**
- 6.1** Financial report: position at bank –
- 6.2** Cheques to be signed:

Administrator wages. A Reichelt £211.14

Beacon refurbishment J.Stanley £150.00

LALC membership renewal £155.70

7.0 Precept 2025/2 - A precept of £3500.50 was proposed by Cllr Metcalfe and was seconded by Cllr Holden. This should keep us within inflation and will cover additional maintenance of the recreational ground and the increase of Administrator wages.

8.0 Planning applications and approvals – Cllr Cusdin raised the issue of contractor vans and cars parking on verges and pavements and in particular on bends forcing pedestrians to walk on the road whilst being obscured by the parked cars. Obstruction of roads and footpaths can be reported to the police.

9.0 Correspondence None

10.0 Items of urgency for discussion Gritting of Corby Road. The parish are to ask the council if the gritter can loop the village instead of just gritting the High Street.

11.0 Date of next meeting Tuesday 25th March