

SWAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Cllrs: Mrs W Peat (Chair) Mr K Holden (Vice Chairman)
Mrs J Geeson, Mr D Metcalfe, Mr A Cusdin, Mr T Small, Mr A Shorrock,
Administrator: Mrs A Reichelt.
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Draft Minutes of Swayfield PC Meeting 19th November 2025, 7.00pm

1.0 Public Forum – No attendance

2.0 Apologies for Absence- Cllr Cusdin

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 Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Wednesday 17th September 2025.
Correspondence 9.1, was amended to reflect what the agreed response was to be to the communication. The Draft Minutes were then unanimously approved and signed by the chair.

5.0 Councillors' reports:

5.1 Cllr Nick Robins and Cllr Charlotte Vernon were not in attendance.

5.2 Recreation ground: Cllr Holden collected the replacement posts for the swings and the seesaw. They are currently seasoning and will be installed in early Spring. Cllr Shorrock is researching how the recreation ground equipment can be extended to incorporate older children. He is currently liaising with Playdale, a play equipment company who can assist with funding applications. It was suggested that additional companies be contacted for comparison. Cllr Holden and Cllr Shorrock have done a quick survey of the recreation ground and have suggested a huge overhaul of the boundary hedging and trees. There has been no substantial maintenance carried out for some considerable time. The boundary hedge on Corby Road intrudes onto the road, Sycamore saplings and brambles growing amongst the hedge all need removing. Cllr Holden proposed that the PC need to invite companies in to properly survey and quote for the work required. It was also suggested that whilst the site was to be surveyed that the trees be inspected too. This will not interfere with the contract with Giles Percival who currently cuts the grass.

5.3 Phone Kiosk: Cllr Geeson reported that the book exchange was currently working as it should, and she thanked the parishioner for the contact details with regard to collecting unwanted books.

5.4 Highways: Cllr Peat and Cllr Cusdin are to meet with Rowan Smith on 27th November with regard to the village walk about. The Cllrs will discuss with Mr Smith all furniture and signage which is placed outside of property boundaries. Cllr Cusdin has reported damaged and broken signage to 'fix my street' and they have all been actioned for repair. Cllr Cusdin also reported the hedges on Water Lane to 'fix my street', Lincolnshire County Council will not be taking any action at this time.

5.5 Defibrillator: Working and all in order. The defibrillator will require a new battery and pads in 2026. This will be in excess of £500 and will be budgeted for in the Spring.

5.6 Beacon: John Stanley has agreed to paint the beacon, this will now be weather permitting. Cllr Small has been researching alternatives to lighting the beacon in future celebrations. Due to insurance restrictions, the beacon will not be lit again. He is awaiting a response from a company that supplies propane gas alternatives.

6.0 Other Agenda Items

- 6.1 Proposal for village litter bins. Cllr Cusdin has researched the feasibility of additional bins within the village. Permission will need to be gained to attach them to LCC furniture or signposts. The emptying of additional bins will need to be emptied by a voluntary scheme within the village. It was proposed by Cllr Metcalfe that we go ahead with additional bin(s) but the placement of them be discussed further. This was seconded by Cllr Holden.
- 6.2 Village Signage. This will be discussed with Rowan Smith on the village walkabout.
- 6.3 Gritting. This will be discussed with Rowan Smith on the village walkabout.

7.0 Financial matters:

- 6.1 Financial report, position at bank. Cllr Metcalfe informed the Cllrs that we are in a relatively healthy state, however we do have expected expenditure with regard to the recreation ground, defibrillator and the repainting of the Beacon and the proposed alternative. It was proposed by Cllr Metcalfe that the recreational ground hedge and tree maintenance be itemised and prioritised in accordance to what we can afford and what is urgently required to do. The bank account with the BACS system is working very well. Charges to the account have dropped significantly.
- 6.2 BACS approvals
Cllr Holden for collecting the recreation ground timber beams £25
Administrator's wages £205.74

7.0 Planning applications and approvals

All current planning applications within the village have been approved by SKDC.

8.0 Correspondence-

- 9.0 **Items of urgency for discussion.** The National speed limit sign entering the village from Castle Bytham has been provisionally approved by LCC Highways to be moved to a point before you enter the village. This is subject to a consultation process before the work begins. The Cllrs proposed that we thank Highways for the speed in which a positive decision was made.

Dates of future meetings

- 9.1 Wednesday 14th January. 6pm