

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 Shorrocks,
Administrator: Mrs A Reichelt.
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Draft Minutes of Swayfield PC Meeting 14th January 2026, 6.00pm

1.0 Public Forum – One parishioner

The parishioner requested an explanation of the South Kesteven District Council recharge to Swayfield Parish Council for grass cutting agreement. The money returned to the Parish Council was explained in depth by Cllr Metcalfe. As a Parish Council it was concluded that we were not in a position to answer the next question as to why individuals were not compensated by Lincolnshire County Council Highways for verge and hedge cutting that are located outside the Parish of Swayfield. The PC recommended that the parishioner contacted Lincoln County Council.

2.0 Apologies for Absence- Cllr Shorrocks and District Cllr Robins

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 19th November 2025. Approved by Cllr Geeson and seconded by Cllr Holden.

5.0 Councillors' reports:

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

5.2 Recreation ground: As per the November 2025 meeting, Cllr Holden met with three contractors to discuss the work required in the recreation ground. Cllr Holden recommended Bytham Trees for the completion of the work, and to budget for three days, to begin ASAP. This was proposed by Cllr Cusdin and seconded by Cllr Metcalfe.

5.3 Phone Kiosk: Cllr Geeson reported that the book exchange was currently working as it should.

5.4 Highways: Cllr Peat and Cllr Cusdin met with LCC Area Highways Manager Rowan Smith and Cllr Vernon on 27th November. There were seven items on the agenda for discussion,

- The relocation of the speed limit sign on Castle Bytham Road which has already been approved by Highways. Cllr Cusdin enquired whether, given the amount of walkers in the village, there should be warning signs for drivers that there may be pedestrians in the road. Rowan Smith did not believe this to be necessary. Cllr Cusdin will raise this with him again
- Unofficial Speed restriction signs, furniture and other items along the village verges: LCC will assess and contact the addressees independently.
- Gritting of Corby Road: Rowan Smith will consider expanding the route.
- Quality of repairs on Woollys Lane: Rowan Smith deemed the repairs as acceptable. He did agree that extensive patching was still required. Cllr Cusdin will report these areas to 'fix my street'.
- Pingle Lane maintenance: Rowan Smith confirmed that the first 440 metres of verge was LCC's responsibility.

- Church Lane: Rowan Smith referred to it as a 'Green Lane' which is the responsibility of LCC Highways. Repairs needed will be reported by himself.
- Foot stile under the train bridge: Rowan Smith thought the stile was adequate for accessibility and no other action will be taken.

Cllr Cusdin has independently contacted 'fix my street' regarding potholes within and around the village. He has also informed them of the rotting street sign furniture. The street plates have been replaced but the fix is still inadequate.

- 5.5 Defibrillator: Working and all in order. Cllr Holden will order the replacement battery and pads early Spring.
- 5.6 Beacon: John Stanley has agreed to paint the beacon, this will now be weather permitting. Cllr Small's research is ongoing for alternatives to lighting the beacon in future celebrations.
- 5.7 Proposal for village litter bins. Cllr Cusdin and Cllr Small discussed the location of the additional bins within the village. The three locations suggested were: Off the lamppost at the junction of Corby Road and High Street, on the footpath post at the junction Castle Bytham Road and The Paddocks, on the footpath adjacent to the Village Hall on Corby Road. Dog waste can be put in the bins. Village volunteers will be emptying the additional bins. The locations of the bins were proposed by Cllr Holden and seconded by Cllr Metcalfe.

6.0 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 planned expenditure with regard to the recreation ground, defibrillator, additional bins and the repainting of the Beacon and the possible alternative to the Beacon. 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.
- 6.2 Precept: Cllr Metcalfe proposed that the Parish Council did not increase the Precept beyond the Financial Officers' recommendation of 2.9% to be shown on the Council Tax Bill, seconded by Cllr Geeson.
- 6.3 BACS approvals:
LALC £166.10
Administrator's wages £189.96

7.0 Planning applications and approvals

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

8.0 Correspondence- Mr Mills, Cllr Peat will respond.

9.0 Items of urgency for discussion.

10.0 Dates of next meetings:

Wednesday 18th March. 7pm
Wednesday 20th May 7pm – Including APM