



THURSDAY 13th MARCH 2025 at 7.30 PM SWIMBRIDGE JUBILEE HALL

MINUTES

Public Session

Guest Speakers

Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that he had some success dealing with the leak in Tannery Yard. He contacted SWW who attended and fixed the problem almost immediately. He also reported that he had a quote from James Electrics to repair the lighting in Archipark, but that it was very expensive so will look at an alternative contractor.

Cllr Henderson reported that additional monies have been received by DCC to be used on the bus service, however not much of this will make its way up to North Devon – some has been allocated for the parking areas at the bus station. A working party has been formed to look at how End-of-Life care is managed. Discussions are on-going on Devolution. Cllr Wadsworth thanked Cllr Henderson for all his help and advice.

Cllr Lane reported that a meeting is planned to discuss Devolution.

2025.26 Apologies and attendance – apologies received from Cllrs Ackland and Knill. In attendance Cllrs Wadsworth, Haworth-Booth and Brown, District Cllr Lane and County Cllr Henderson.

2025.27 Declarations of Interest – none

2025.28 Minutes of previous meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2025 were approved and signed.

2025.29 Any matters arising from the minutes- no matters arising

2025.30 Correspondence
Complaints re parking in village. The clerk will investigate where this should be reported. She will also reply to the complainant to let them know it is being dealt with.

2025.31 Speed consultation/Community Speedwatch – Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that the volunteers are getting together to plan dates. They have also asked if we can apply to have flashing speed warning beacons at each end of the village and fund this if necessary.

2025.32 Telephone Box – nothing to report (waiting for quotes to be received)

2025.33 Neighbourhood Development Plan/Emergency Plan/Flood Warden Cllr Haworth-Booth and the Clerk had attended the Emergency Planning workshop. The village does need a Community Resilience and Emergency Plan, but advice from the meeting was to form a committee. It was suggested that we invite anyone who is interested to attend a short meeting before the next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that this would be done.

2025.34 Parish Paths Partnership – nothing to report.

2025.35 Archipark – brought forward from last meeting. This has already been discussed (see Guest Speakers)

2025.36 Review of Policies: GDPR – The policy and Risk Assessment had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Both documents were approved.

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Committee Reports

1. Planning

79490 – Retrospective application in relation to earthworks at 20 Station Hill, Swimbridge – Comment to be returned - no objection

79826 – Demolition of building and erection of new building – Summermoor Vineyard – a site visit was made and all OK. – No objection

79185 – Part change of use – retrospective application - Venn Valley Vineyard – No Objection.

79185 – Retention of access track and additional parking area - Star Cross Farm – a site visit will be arranged.

2. Finance

Accounts balances at 29th February 2025:

Current account £4396.50 Reserve account £10558.31

The clerk reported that she has worked through the action plan from last year's Internal Audit and has addressed all comments made.

3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field/Green Team

The Parish Council has been supporting the Jubilee Hall with their grant application for the installation of solar panels and an EV charger. The grant funding has been received back into the Bank Account. Installation will take place later this month.

Swimbridge School will work with the Parish Council with the request for flashing lights, and ask for them to be installed by the school as well.

Glebe Field – the new contractor is working well. Cllr Haworth-Booth will liaise with him with regard to how he would like the mowing to be carried out.

Green Team – Swimbridge School has contacted Susie Hind to discuss getting the schoolchildren involved with the Green Team's work.

4. Media.

The clerk will work with our website admin towards converting to a .gov.uk format.

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Payments for approval

Clerks Salary	£321.60
Ian Rowsell	£60.00
Solar PV	£7860.00
EDF	£70.40
Rob Parish	£500.00

All payments agreed. It was agreed that for the next financial year the regular payments will be agreed at the start of the year and not included on the agenda for approval each month.

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Items to be added to agenda for the next meeting.