

Meeting of Swimbridge Parish Council

THURSDAY 12th June 2025 at 7.30 PM SWIMBRIDGE JUBILEE HALL



MINUTES

Public Session

Guest Speakers

Cllr Lane reported that there are going to be road closures in order for surface dressing works.

Cllr Tyldesley was unable to attend the meeting, but has sent a report (attached)

2025.69 Apologies and attendance – Apologies received from Cllrs Haworth-Booth and Brown, and County Cllr Tyldesley. In attendance Cllrs Knill, Wadsworth and Ackland and District Cllr Lane.

2025.70 Declarations of Interest – none received

2025.71(a) Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2025 were approved and signed.

(b) Any matters arising from the minutes

2025.72 Correspondence

NDC – Air Quality Strategy - circulated

2025.73 Speed consultation/Community Speedwatch – nothing to report

2025.74 Telephone Box – Cllr Wadsworth reported that he had contacted a shot blasting company in Bideford, but they were unable to visit the site. They did suggest that if the box was transported to their workshop they could do the work -An alternative was found, and Cllr Wadsworth will contact them. Cllrs Knill and Wadsworth will have a look at the box to see how easy it would be to remove it from its site.

2025.75 Appointment of Solicitor

To agree the appointment of Solicitor to act for the Parish Council. It was agreed to appoint Emma Reed of Wollens. The clerk will send her a copy of the lease.

2025.76 Committee Reports

1. Planning

80210 – Star Cross Farm – change of use to Class E – It was agreed that SPC would not oppose this.

80403 -

2. Finance

Accounts balances at 31st May 2025:

Current account £12178.13 Reserve account £10577.38

3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field/Green Team

Report from Parklands

Swimbridge Parklands is a Registered Charity – No. 1096684. Its objectives are to improve and protect land in the Parish of Swimbridge for the use as a recreation area and playing field with an assortment of play facilities on it. The recreation area is for the benefit of both the community at large and persons who by reason of youth, age or infirmity, disability poverty or social and economic circumstances have special need of such facilities.

The day to day running of Parklands is carried out by the Parklands Committee, reporting to the Parish Council.

Fundraising for the Parklands includes generous donations from local citizens, from businesses operating locally and from fundraising events. The main fundraising event is Party in the Park, the last of which was held in June 2024 which generated over £3,000 in profit. The next Party in the Park will be on June 14th 2025. Other events include raffles and bingo nights (with the kind assistance of the Jack Russell Pub), and live music performances in the Jubilee Hall.

The money raised contributes towards the maintenance of the Parklands facilities and for new items and projects - in the last year, this has included the purchase of bicycle stands, water rescue throw bags, improved signage, installation of a Xylophone and Marble Maze, the construction of a living willow hide and the purchase of a wooden shelter from a local business.

Cllr Knill reported that he and Cllr Wadsworth have resurfaced the path around the dog walking area.

The 3rd Party in the Park is happening this weekend coming – all hands are on deck getting ready and hoping the weather is good,

4. Media.

Cllr Brown has suggested that she has a look at the Facebook page to see if she can make it a bit more user friendly. As she was not able to attend the meeting, it will be an agenda item for next meeting.

2025.77

Payments for approval

Clerks Salary	£321.60
Ian Rowsell	£60.00
Robert Parish	£500.00
Cy Margieson	£65.00
Rhino Contractors	£1651.31
K. Wadsworth	£124.99 X 2
	£229.99 Gazebos
	£36.59 Printer Ink
EDF Energy	£67.50
NDC Inspections	£171.00

All payments agreed

2024.78

Items to be added to agenda for the next meeting.

Problems in the car park of Ste Honorine Du Fay Close.
Order 4 new Dog Bins.
Purchase of duck house and ducks.

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