

The Annual General Meeting of Swimbridge Parish Council

THURSDAY 14th MAY 2026 at 7.30 PM SWIMBRIDGE JUBILEE HALL

MINUTES

Public Session

Guest Speakers

2026.42 Apologies and attendance

2026.43 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Wadsworth in item 2026.50

2026.44(a) Minutes of previous meeting

Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2026

(b) Any matters arising from the minutes

2026.45 Chairmans Report

Cllr Knill report:

Park – I would like to thank the committee for keeping the Park running smoothly. The maintenance and mowing contract we now have with Rob Parish means that the Park always looks good, and we now have a new contractor in place for regular inspections and repairs. The Party in the Park last year was a huge success. It was a fantastic day and raised a lot of funds for the Parklands committee. Due to the school build there will not be an event this year, or next, but we are going to try to do something smaller.

School – The planning application has now been submitted. We are also expecting some form of compensation from the contractor because we have had to cancel 2 fund raising events.

Green Team – Thanks to the members of the Team – they do a marvellous job.

Telephone Box – this is still a work in progress – we are applying to planning to move the box over to a new site to free up space on the square and once this is in hand the internal works and glazing will be carried out.

Square – We are looking at re-designing the square to improve the parking situation.

High Street – There were several problems here, but it seems to have calmed down now.

General Council issues – we have had a few planning issues – some resolved and some we are not happy with.

Thanks to Cllr Haworth-Booth for sorting out the potholes and bus stop markings. And thanks to the District and County Cllrs for their financial support. Thanks also to the Councillors and clerk and I look forward to the next 12 months. We do need to advertise for some new Councillors. I will now stand down as Chairman.

2026.46 Election of Chairman

Cllr Wadsworth call for nominations for Chairman

Nominated – Cllr Knill

Seconded and elected unanimously.

Cllr Wadsworth thanked Cllr Knill for all his hard work both for the parish council and for the village in general.

2026.47 Election of vice-chairman

Nominated – Cllr Wadsworth

Seconded and elected unanimously.

2026.48 Appointment of representatives on Committees

Finance – Cllrs Acland and Brown

Community Engagement – Cllrs Haworth-Booth and Wadsworth

Media – Cllr Brown

2026.49 Reports from Community Groups

Attached

2026.50

Correspondence

Susie Hind will be standing down from the Green Team.

Climate Grants – Cllr Wadsworth will enquire about grants for the telephone box and for an EV charger on the square.

Cllr Wadsworth did not take part in this discussion. Jubilee Hall will be granted £500 towards the re-decoration fund.

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Speed consultation/Community Speedwatch – an appeal for new members has been made.

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PROJECTS

1. Telephone Box – waiting for planning application. Philip Price has been asked to supply the documents required. Once planning is approved a meeting will be held to determine the internal layout and grant applications sought.

2. New square layout proposal – Philip Price provided 2 designs – these have been amalgamated and new designs are being prepared.

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Committee Reports

1. Planning

Archipark – Reserve matters have been dealt with by Tracey Blackmore.

2. Finance

Accounts balances at 30th April 2026:

Current account £2852.06 Reserve account £9433.23

To agree the accounts for year 2025 to 2026 for submission to the internal auditor. The accounts were inspected and agreed. Cllr Knill signed the Agar forms.

3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field/Green Team

Grass cutting has been carried out to a high standard this last year – thanks to Rob Parish of North Devon Mowing. We tried out TK Play and the works carried out were good. We have therefore contracted with them for quarterly inspections and repairs to the zip wire.

BBQ on 20th June – organisation is struggling with not enough volunteers so the event may be moved to the pub or the hall.

Thanks to Paul Darch who has donated benches to the Park.

School – DFE have added replacement paths to the contact with Morgan Syndall.

Traffic movements through Liverton drive will be limited and the majority will be via Barnstaple Hill. We will have to miss 2 park events so compensation will be requested for loss of earnings.

4. Media.

Cllr Brown and the clerk will meet later in the summer to address the website.

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Payments for approval

Clerks Salary	£321.60
Ian Rowsell	£60.00
Robert Parish/ND Mowing	£600.00
EDF Energy	£91.08

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Items to be added to agenda for the next meeting.

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