



SWIMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Date:	Thursday, 13th August 2026
Time:	7:00 PM
Venue:	Swimbridge Jubilee Hall

Attendance

In Attendance: Cllr Knill, Cllr Wadsworth, Cllr Haworth-Booth, District Cllr Lane, and County Cllr Tyldesley.

Apologies: Cllr Brown and Cllr Ackland.

Public Session

- **Speeding in the Village:** Discussions took place regarding ongoing speeding issues within the village. Cllr Tyldesley agreed to investigate the possibility of implementing night-time speed monitoring. He additionally confirmed that all speed cameras are now privately operated.

Guest Speakers

- **County Cllr Tyldesley:**
 - Requested that the Council officially sign up for the Road Warden scheme, which will enable him to carry out minor highway repairs. This was proposed and agreed by the Council.
 - Noted that under upcoming ward announcements, Landkey and Swimbridge are expected to remain under the same representation.
- **Cllr Haworth-Booth:**
 - Reported that he has retained £500 of his councillor funding allocation.
 - Confirmed his upcoming attendance at a road safety meeting in Bishops Tawton.

2026.65 Apologies and Attendance Apologies were received and formally accepted from Cllrs Brown and Ackland. Attendance was recorded as noted above.

2026.66 Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest recorded.

2026.67 Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

- **(a) Approval:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th June 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed.
- **(b) Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

2026.68 Correspondence The following correspondence items were received and noted:

- **Mr J Russell:** Regarding speeding concerns in the village. (dealt with / addressed during the Public Session).
- **Cllr Tyldesley:** Regarding a Data Centre development in Torrington.
- **Susie Hind (Green Team):** Formal confirmation that Susie Hind has stepped back from her role with the Green Team.
- **Cllr Tyldesley:** Information regarding the Road Warden scheme and an application process for the Highway Safety Awareness Course.

2026.69 Speed Consultation / Community Speedwatch This matter was fully discussed and addressed during the Public Session.

2026.70 Projects

1. **Telephone Box:** It was identified that the land adjacent to the bus stop is owned by the Jubilee Hall. Cllr Wadsworth will liaise directly with the Jubilee Hall Committee regarding this space. The Clerk is instructed to draft a bulletin explaining the Council's rationale for relocating the box.
2. **New Square Layout Proposal:** The Council agreed to issue a pre-consultation paper inviting community ideas for the redesign of the Square; the Clerk will draft this document. Cllr Tyldesley agreed to initiate contact with Highways representatives to arrange a site meeting before further design plans are drafted.

2026.71 Committee Reports

1. Planning Applications & Decisions

- **81914 (Tordown House):** No objection.
- **82021 (Tannery Cottage):** Gateway access and pond development. No objection.
- **Enforcement Notice 143740:** A reply from Enforcement confirmed that no planning breaches were found.
- **82047 (Holiday lets at Whitestacks, Bydown):** Councillors will conduct a formal site visit.

2. Finance

Account Balances (as of 31st July 2026):

- **Current Account:** £2,852.06
- **Reserve Account:** £9,449.33

3. Community Engagement / Glebe Field / Green Team

- **Riverbank Project:** Cllr Haworth-Booth requested volunteers to assist with cutting back vegetation on Saturday, 29th August.
- **Safety Equipment:** The emergency throw-ropes have been successfully replaced.
- **Storage Container:** The future position of the container has been formally agreed upon; it will be moved temporarily during the upcoming school build.

- **Zip Wire Repairs:** It was resolved to instruct TK Play to carry out necessary structural repairs. Costs will be shared on a 50-50 basis between the Parish Council and Parklands.

4. Media & Communications

- It was agreed that the Council will actively advertise to fill current vacancies for new Parish Councillors.

2026.72 Payments for Approval The following payments were presented, individually reviewed, and fully agreed by the Council:

Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk	Salary	£321.60
Ian Rowsell	Professional Services / Maintenance	£60.00
Robert Parish / ND Mowing	Grass Cutting Services	£600.00
EDF Energy	Utility Supply	£56.23
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Town Council Websites	Website Support & Hosting	£390.00
DCC	Printing Services	£105.00
Scribe	Financial Software Subscription	£446.40
Swimbridge PCC	Parish Church Council Grant/Payment	£300.00
Wollens	Legal Services	£200.00

2026.73 Items for Next Agenda The following item was requested for inclusion on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting:

- HGV Traffic: Heavy goods vehicles and lorries originating from Westcott travelling through Swimbridge Village.

Minutes Approved By: _____ (Chairman)

Date: _____