SWIMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting
Held on Thursday, 8th October 2026

Public Session

No members of the public were present.

Guest Speakers

Cllr Lane reported on ongoing developments and issues regarding the Local Plan, specifically highlighting Hannaford and Bydown.

Cllr Lane reminded the Council that grant funding remains available under his remit, noting its potential suitability for the Telephone Box project.

2026.84 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from County Councillor Tyldesley and District Councillor Haworth-Booth.

2026.85 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

2026.86 Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

(a) The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2026 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(b) There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

2026.87 Correspondence

Correspondence was received from Woollens confirming that they have been unable to obtain a formal agreement on the wording regarding the length of time the compound will be available to contractors.

It was RESOLVED that Swimbridge Parish Council will reluctantly accept this position, but will formally request a comprehensive schedule of works. The school governors have confirmed that this schedule will be made available to the Council.

2026.88 Projects: Speed Consultation

It was noted that no update was currently available regarding the ongoing speed consultation.

2026.89 Council Projects

1. Telephone Box: The Council is currently awaiting a decision on how to proceed regarding the formal transfer of ownership.

2. New Square Layout: A letter has been drafted and dispatched to Devon County Council (DCC) Highways. This letter requests an update on technical feedback and critical input regarding feasible design parameters before the final drafting of the layout plan.

2026.90 Committee Reports

1. Planning: No applications to discuss.

2. Finance: Current bank account balances as of 30th September 2026 were reported as follows:

- Current Account: £10,026.15
- Reserve Account: £9,041.32

It was noted that budgeting preparations for the upcoming 2027/28 financial year are successfully underway.

3. Community Engagement: The new Poetry Reading section on the Glebe Field has officially opened and has been exceptionally well received by the community.

It was noted that the dog walking area requires maintenance work, specifically regarding the fencing and the gate. It was RESOLVED to instruct TK Play to carry out these minor repairs as detailed in the latest formal inspection report.

4. Media: Nothing to report.

2026.91 Payments for Approval

The following schedule of payments was presented and approved:

Payee / Description	Amount (£)	Status
Clerk's Salary	321.60	Approved
Ian Rowsell	60.00	Approved
Robert Parish / ND Mowing	600.00	Approved
EDF Energy	103.94	Approved
Bank Charges	4.25	Approved
TK Play (Minor Repairs/Fencing)	240.00	Approved
TK Play (Project works)	2,249.10	Approved
TOTAL	**3,578.89**	**Approved**

2026.92 Items for Agenda at Next Meeting

It was agreed that the following item be deferred and added to the agenda for the next scheduled meeting:

- Maintenance in the village

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