

Swainsthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 9 July 2025 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr Ann Chandler, Cllr Geoff Curran, Cllr Margaret Robins, Cllr Annette Cooper and Cllr Nicki Craft.

Also present: 5 members of the public

1. To consider apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Andy Haggith, Cllr Joe Casey and District Councillor John Cook.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Minutes

3a. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2025 were agreed.

MR reported that she had attended a consultation briefing hosted by Norfolk County Council regarding LGR and Devolution. LGR would mean that unitary authorities would replace the current structure of district councils and the county council.

4. Public Open Forum including reports from District and County Councillors

4a. Charles Carron-Brown reported the latest on the green applications and this will be posted on the website.

5. Planning

5.1 *Update on Local Green Energy Applications*

This had been discussed under item 4.

5.2 Consider new planning applications

There were no new applications.

6. Correspondence

6a. The council had received correspondence regarding the Parish Partnership Scheme for 26-27 and it was suggested that funding for a trod alongside The Vale could be applied for.

6b. Kerry McPhee has asked if the recent letter to residents could be placed on the facebook page. Some amendment of the minutes With EDF needed to be made and the next meeting would take place on 22nd July at the Church.

7. Finance

7.1 The financial statement was agreed.

7.2 The following payments were approved;
Nicola Ledain salary June and July: £419.42
Charles Carron Brown: £53.60
TT Jones: (0282): £33.40
David Ashley-Cowan: £94.510

8. Village gates

The clerk was awaiting news from Highway regarding the date of installation for the Village gates.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood plan had been discussed. The next stage of the project was to identify heritage assets which would protect them in the future.

10. Jubilee Garden and Village Green

The chair reported that the maintenance of the garden had been passed to the grounds maintenance contractor David Ashley-Cowan. It was suggested that water was installed in the garden to help water the plants instead of carrying water to the garden.

11. Play Area

The grant from the lottery was still being awaited. It was suggested that the swings were taken down. The basketball netting would also be cleaned up. The council agreed to purchase a new bin lid and Nicki Craft would do this.

12. Website

A revised website was in still in progress. It had been delayed slightly due to illness but would be live shortly.

13. Cllr Training

Norfolk ALC no longer provided any training so the clerk was awaiting a quote from Norfolk Parish Training and Support.

14. To consider a trod from the triangle green to the Vale

15. Speedwatch and SAM2

Geoff Curran reported that 5 1xhour sessions had been carried out which had resulted in reporting 24 speeding vehicles to the police. Due to the ongoing roadworks, traffic on Sundays have been lighter than normal. The sessions have been varied. As the road was currently closed, sessions have been suspended.

16. Items for next agenda

None currently but all were reminded that they could add anything nearer the time to the next meeting.

17. Dates of next meeting

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 10 September 2025.

Meeting finished at 8.50pm.