

Swine Parish Council

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Minutes of the of Swine Parish Council Meeting
held on 11th August 2025 in St. Mary's Church Vestry

08/2025/01 – Attendees: Cllrs Y Wilkinson, G Bloom, J Mackereth, E McMullen, A Thompson, A Hunter, G Oliver.

08/2025/02 – Apologies: None

08/2025/03 – Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the meetings held on 12th May 2025 were approved unanimously as prepared, and then signed by Cllr Wilkinson.

Matters arising: Cllr Hunter re-iterated his position that he strongly disagrees with the ERYC Highway Engineer's statement regarding flooding on Coniston Lane being Farmers' responsibility, but rather that it has been exacerbated by the re-routing of waterways, and invariably that the pipes installed by Highways are found to be damaged by tree roots, etc.

08/2025/04 – Police Report

Monthly Crime Reports for May, June and July have been received and had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors remarked that there are still a lot of incidents of petrol theft from Long Riston petrol station. Also, it was confirmed that the attempted farm office burglary had taken place at Abbey Garth Farm, but that the culprits had been spotted by a resident and reported to the police and Cllr Hunter who went up to the farm to investigate.

08/2025/05 – Clerk's Report:

(A) Clerk reminded Councillors that there will be an Open Doors event on 18th September in Beverley. She and Councillor Wilkinson both confirmed their intention to go, should anyone wish to join them.

(B) Clerk confirmed that risk assessments for the use and maintenance of the salt bins were close to completion. They would be circulated for comment once done, and uploaded to the website for public awareness. They are a requirement for our insurance. Clerk asked whether anything could be done about salt bin (10476) on Swine Lane which appears to be falling into a drain, but Cllr McMullen recalled that in previous discussions this bin had been deemed of little importance, to the extent that council had investigated having it removed altogether. Council concurred that the much more important one is the one on Coniston Lane at the junction with Swine Lane (596), where people have experienced slipping incidents in icy weather.

(C) In considering the repair of the noticeboard, clerk proposed that the noticeboard could be fully refurbished and tidied up, and brought along an estimated cost of materials to do so, along with comparative costs to replace it for discussion. After due consideration, it was unanimously decided that the preferred option was to refurbish the existing noticeboard, at an expected cost of around £360, which would include a new back board, and sanding, filling and repainting the exterior.

(D) Clerk reported that since the meeting in April with Andrew Chudley she had received no further communication from him, so was unsure if he had managed to contact any of the discussed groups regarding clearance of the old platform on the Hornsea side of the station. Cllr Oliver agreed to see if

he could contact David Buckton to see if he might be able to help with some machinery. Work would preferably be around October.

(E) Clerk confirmed that the Highways Engineer has agreed to meet with councillors on Coniston Lane on 28th August at 2.30pm to discuss proposals for stopping flooding.

(F) Clerk confirmed she had received communication from the new engineer regarding the repair of Spring Nursery footbridge (locally known as Bluebell Wood) to the effect that it had been agreed with local farmers for the work to be undertaken in September.

08/2025/06 - Finance:

(A) Clerk confirmed the current bank balance at £1474.06. The new bank charges came into effect in July. They include a £4.25 per month maintenance, as well as costs for cheques paid in and out. Transactions at the counter will be more expensive than using deposit machines, and electronic transactions are free up to 100 in any one month.

(B) Consideration was given to the upcoming cost of a poppy wreath, which would need to be purchased before the next meeting, and it was unanimously agreed that anything up to £25 could be spent on one without further discussion.

(C) Consideration was given to Clerk's expenses and it was agreed to pay a sum of £250.

08/2025/07 - AOB

(A) Since issuing the agenda for the meeting Clerk had received a further proposed amendment to the planning permission for the Peartree Hill Solar Farm project. Amendments appear to mostly concern taking more land for access for install and maintenance of the project. Council had no particular comments to make on the specific amendments.

Closing date for feedback is 11.59pm on 5th September 2025.

(B) Clerk reported she had received a request to write a letter regarding the speed of tractors through the village. Councillors had mixed opinions on this and felt that on the whole tractor drivers were considerate of walkers and other road users. Cllr Hunter assured the meeting that tractors were not travelling over 30mph. After discussion it was felt that the letter should not be written.

(C) Cllr Oliver brought attention to issues that farm vehicles were having issues negotiating the bend on Dancing Lane into Coniston Lane, due to large trees overhanging from nearby gardens, particularly one from the Old School House. Clerk will discuss with the residents concerned.

08/2025/08 – Date of Next Meeting: Monday 10th November 2025 at 7pm, in St Mary's Church Vestry

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

SIGNED



DATE 10/11/2025