

SEWARDS END PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Swards End Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st April, 2025 at 7.30 pm in St. James Church Hall, Swards End

In the Chair: Cllr. Knowles
Present: Cllrs, Stokley, Briggs, Powell, Ridler
Also present: Cllr Moran, Cllr Foley
Clerk: Tracy Coston
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37/24 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Dean

38/24 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 minutes):**

Daffodils A member of the public mentioned that the daffodil bulbs have been damaged over the years and the bulbs need to be replaced in the Autumn.

Photographs to be taken of the gaps in the bulbs.

The PC will ask for volunteers to plant 500 bulbs in September.

Swards End Footpath: The path and lack of progress was discussed and the PC reported that they were eagerly waiting for ECC to carry out a Feasibility Study as agreed by the Local Highways Panel.

39/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda:

Adrian Knowles declared an interest in UTT/25/0525/FUL.

40/24 **PLANNING**

a) Applications for discussion:

UTT/25/0525/FUL Dutch Barn at Swards End Farm, Redgates Lane

Demolition of existing Dutch Barn and erection of replacement barn to create three residential units.

PC Decision:

The PC are concerned about the additional traffic from the development and the access on a sharp bend.

b) Decisions:

UTT/24/3108/FUL Land East of 39 Radwinter Road

UDC **refused** the change of use to residential and erection of one self-build dwelling.

41/24 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the Parish Council meeting held on

4th March, 2025. The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

42/24 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

a) Parish Council vacancy: There are three people interested in the co-option. The co-option will take place at the next meeting and all three people will be

invited to send in a paragraph outlining why they would like to join the PC.

43/24 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Moving the 30mph limit down Pounce Hill: The application has been approved by the LHP but no action has been taken. Clerk to chase up.

b) Footpath down Pounce Hill: The LHP meeting has been cancelled on 3rd April and all LHP meetings suspended by ECC. The PC will write to ECC to ask what the plans are now as the path is incredibly dangerous and an accident will happen.

c) By-Way from Cole End Lane to Saffron Walden: The works have been approved to start in the summer.

d) Appeal to dissolve Footpath 38: The PC have asked local residents to send their comments to ECC. The Clerk to ask for the electronic documents.

PC response: The PC will respond that their previous objections stand.

44/24 VILLAGE GREEN

a) Entrance to the Village Green: Daines Lowe laid a path and they have resolved the issues with better material with no charge. More wood chippings have been laid in the entrance to help the access.

b) Fence at the Village Green: One quote received from Saffron Paving for just the damaged posts. Kelvin Newman will be asked for a quote and Ben Hornby.

c) Trim trail at the play area: All delivered and Kelvin Newman will install as per the previous quote.

d) Cricket net: Clerk to contact Durrant Cricket and Saffron Walden Cricket Club for help with the net requirements.

45/24 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Email from Mr Pike: Adrian Knowles will draft a response to Mr Pike for approval.

46/24 EX-AGENDA

➤ **District Councillors Report:** The forms have been completed for the money from the District Councillor towards the trim trial. UDC will not be giving grants next year. The Local Government reform is progressing. A submission has been sent in and then a further submission is submitted in September, but it won't be decided until February 2026, which is leaving it tight in time.

➤ **County Councillors Report:** ECC has suspended elections for one year, but it may have to be two years.

Cole End Lane: The PC reported that the condition of the lane is bad again and the Solar Farm traffic is making the condition of the lane worst. The lane needs to be resurfaced properly.

47/24 FINANCE:

PAYMENTS:

D/P	Tracy Coston (April wages)	£	282.57
D/P	Dell Corporation Ltd	£	193.00
D/P	Viking Office Ltd	£	93.36
D/P	Recycled Furniture Ltd	£	2,177.40
D/P	Monthly bank charges	£	4.25
D/P	Donation to the Village Hall Car Park	£	3,000.00
	<u>Total</u>	£	5,746.33

48/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Annual Parish meeting is 6th May, 2025 at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting at 8pm at St James Church, Swards End.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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