

SEWARDS END PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Swards End Parish Council

held on Tuesday 8th July, 2025 at 7.30 pm

in St. James Church Hall, Swards End

In the Chair: Cllr. Knowles

Present: Cllrs, Powell, Stokley, Ridler, Hutchinson, Mack

Also present:

Clerk: Tracy Coston

Public: 3

75/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Keith Briggs

76/25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 minutes):

69 Walden Road: Some local residents attended the meeting to share their concerns about the proposed development at 69 Walden Road. The residents were concerned that the proposed development would create a 6 bedroomed bungalow with a pitched roof which would remove the light from the neighbouring property and the balcony will overlook the neighbouring properties.

77/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda: None

78/25 PLANNING

a) Applications for discussion:

UTT/25/1682/HHF 69 Walden Road, Swards End

PROPOSAL: Proposed removal of existing roof, addition of second storey to part of bungalow and replacement of existing pitched roofs of previous extensions with a flat roof.

PC Decision: The PC would like to oppose the plans because of the overbearing impact and detrimental effect on the neighbouring properties. The height of the roof will have a detrimental effect on the neighbouring properties. Planning policy typically supports development that respects the character of the local area and protects the neighbouring properties from overlooking. This proposal fails on both these points. The application could be speculative as the site is for sale. The PC will ask Cllr Moran to call in the application if the planning officer is mindful to approve the application.

UTT/25/1658/HHF 15 The Dreys, Swards End

PROPOSAL: Single storey front porch

PC Decision: No comment

UTT/25/1568/DFO Land South of (East of Griffin Place), Radwinter Road

PROPOSAL: Details following outline application UTT/21/2509/OP - details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 233 dwellings with associated works

PC Decision: The PC are concerned about water management off the site as the drainage is so appalling in the area.

The PC are concerned about the safety of the road, access onto the road and the

speed of traffic.

Bus stops and footpaths need to be both sides of the road to improve safety.

UTT/25/1542/FUL London Stansted Airport Bassingbourn Road Stansted CM24 1QW

“Airfield works comprising two new taxiway links to the existing runway (Rapid Access Taxiway and Rapid Exit Taxiway) to enable continued airfield operations of 274,000 aircraft movements and an increase in passenger throughput from 43 million terminal passengers to up to 51 million terminal passengers, in a twelve-month calendar period”

PC Decision: No objections

b) Decisions:

UTT/25/1126/FUL Barn At Will's Ayley Wills Ayley Lane

PROPOSAL: Conversion of barn to four self-contained dwellings, with associated part demolition, internal alterations, landscaping, garden enclosures, car parking and vehicle parking and manoeuvring areas.

The application was withdrawn.

UTT/25/1240/CLE 13A Walden Road

PROPOSAL: Erection of 1no. dwelling and garage/home office building with enhanced Biodiversity and associated infrastructure (As approved by applications UTT/15/1520/FUL, UTT/22/2068/FUL and UTT/23/2712/FUL)

UDC approved Certificate of Lawfulness.

UTT/25/1125/FUL Former Piggery At Wills Ayley Farm Wills Ayley Lane

PROPOSAL: Conversion of former piggery building to create a single self-contained dwelling, with associated internal alterations, landscaping, garden enclosure, car parking and vehicle parking and manoeuvring areas.

UDC approved with conditions.

79/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd June, 2025: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

80/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

a) Communication policy: The draft policy was discussed and will be added to the website when it is approved.

81/25 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Footpath down Pounce Hill: The LHP hasn't approved the feasibility study and LHP's are being phased out over next 2 years.

Phase 1 Adrian Knowles has a meeting with the Town Council tomorrow meeting

Phase 2 The PC are talking to landowner for options. Funding maybe required for additional funding next year.

Phase 3 Ask Highways for funding.

b) Moving the 30mph down Pounce Hill: The Clerk will email Sarah Tomlin about progress on moving the 30mph with information from past minutes.

c) Update on Local Highways Panel: The LHP's will be disbanded over next 2 years.

d) Police speeding check: The police carried out a speed check in Walden Road on 26th June. Highest recorded speed in a 30Mph was 39Mph.

1 driver was reported for speeding.

e) Bridleway: Chris Stokley to check the bridleway and report to the PC and ECC PROW will be asked to fill in the ruts on the corner of the byway to Frogs Green.

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RESPONSES TO LOCAL RESIDENT'S CONSULTATION:

- a) Traffic calming was an overwhelming consensus priority for village. The PC agreed to replace the VAS signs near Dragons Green and in Radwinter Road.
- b) A wall-mounted Anaphylaxis kit with adrenaline auto-injectors, training and monitoring. The PC agreed to research the safety for future expenditure.
- c) The possibility of speed bumps along the road from Redgates Lane leading out of the village towards Radwinter, and also along the stretch of Radwinter Road from the top of Pounce Hill to Redgates Lane. Alternatively perhaps road narrowing also seen just before the Church in Radwinter. The PC's short term solution is to replace the VAS signs and they will ask Highways for process/policy on traffic calming.
- e) Improvements to the footpath from Swards End to Saffron Walden. This is under discussion with Highways and the developers of 233 houses.
- f) Improvements to the Community Orchard – The PC will ask Kelvin Newman to check the trees and report back to the PC.
- g) Planned maintenance schedule of the Village Green: To be added to the PC budget.

VAS Signs: The original sign in Walden Road is not repairable. The PC agreed to replace the speed sign in Walden Road and Radwinter Road with a new sign. The Clerk will obtain a price for two signs. The Clerk will complete the application to apply for a licence for a VAS sign where the 30mph starts on left coming out of Pounce Hill before Cole End Lane.

The Clerk will speak to Highways to ask how Swards End will be able to have some traffic calming installed. If so what type of speed calming would be available and what funding would be available

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VILLAGE GREEN

- a) **Fence at the Village Green:** The PC approved the quote from Kelvin Newman to replace all the fence posts around the outer fence posts. They would like the fencing work completed by the end of November.

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CORRESPONDENCE: All emailed.

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EX-AGENDA

- **District Councillors Report:** Not present
- **County Councillors Report:** Not present

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FINANCE:

PAYMENTS

D/P	Tracy Coston (July wages)	£	446.27
D/P	Monthly bank charges	£	4.25
D/P	Fasthosts	£	21.36
	<u>Total</u>	£	471.88

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is 2nd September 2025 at 7.30pm at St James Church, Swards End.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed

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Date

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