

SEWARDS END PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Swards End Parish Council

held on Tuesday 2nd December, 2025 at 7.30 pm

in St. James Church Hall, Swards End

In the Chair: Cllr. Ridler

Present: Cllrs, Mack, Hutchinson, Chitson, Powell, Stokely

Also present: John Moran

Clerk: Tracy Coston

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127/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Adrian Knowles and Cllr Foley

128/25 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 minutes): None

129/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

130/25 FINANCE:

PAYMENTS

D/P	Tracy Coston (December wages)	£	293.62
D/P	Monthly bank charges	£	4.25
D/P	British Legion Poppy Appeal	£	25.00
D/P	C W Low & Son	£	655.20
D/P	Viking Stationery	£	79.14
D/P	Tracy Coston Expenses	£	277.00
	Total	£	1,334.21

b) Budget discussion:

The PC discussed the draft budget and agreed to reallocate £ 10,000 for improvements to the path down Pounce Hill and VAS signs and £ 5,000 for Village Green projects.

131/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the Parish Council meeting held on 4th November, 2025. The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

132/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

133/25 FOOTPATH DOWN POUNCE HILL:

The PC discussed about raising the precept to pay for improvements to the path down Pounce Hill.

Hazel Mack and Kathleen Hutchinson have researched about permissive paths and the information will be sent to all Councillors.

Clerk to investigate about permissive path insurance.

- 134/25 **PLANNING:**
a) Applications for discussion: None
- b) Decisions:**
UTT/25/0525/FUL Dutch Barn At Swards End Farm Walden Road Swards End
Demolition of existing Dutch Barn and erection of 3no. residential units, with associated works including bin/cycle storage, parking provisions and landscaping. Approved with conditions.
- 135/25 **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**
a) Moving the 30mph down Pounce Hill: Cllr Moran agreed to ask ECC where the £ 8,000 that was allocated in the Local Highway Improvement meeting at UDC to move the 30mph limit on Pounce Hill has gone. If Cllr Moran hasn't received any answers then the Clerk will send an email to the Local Highways Improvement panel.
b) Additional VAS signs: The VAS signs will not be purchased until the 30mph signs have been moved at the top of Pounce Hill. Elancity have confirmed that two signs cannot be attached to one post.
- 136/25 **VILLAGE GREEN**
a) Community Orchard trees: Kelvin Newman to remove the trees and give a quote for replacing the trees.
b) ECC Community Initiative Grant: The Clerk has applied for a grant for the fence.
- 137/25 **CORRESPONDENCE:** All distributed via email.
- 138/25 **EX-AGENDA**
➤ **District Councillors Report:**
1st April 2028 is the day that the reorganisation starts. County Council elections will take place in May 2027 and the Mayor elections will take place in May 2027. Elected mayor will have devolved responsibility from Central Government and responsibility training for economic growth in Essex.
The decision about the unity is going to be structured in March 2026.
➤ **County Councillors Report:** Report sent.
- 139/25 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The date of the next Parish Council meeting is 6th January, 2026 at 7.30pm at St James Church, Swards End.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm.

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