

SEWARDS END PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Swards End Parish Council

held on Tuesday 7th July, 2026 at 7.30 pm

in St. James Church Hall, Swards End

In the Chair: Cllr. Stokely

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

Also present:

Clerk: Tracy Coston

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127/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Knowles,
No apologies from Bo Davies.

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

129/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

130/25 FINANCE:

PAYMENTS

D/P	Tracy Coston (July wages)	£	293.42
D/P	Monthly bank charges	£	4.25
D/P	Suzanne Powell (Reimbursement for triangle containers/plants)	£	143.36
D/P	Tracy Coston (3 months expenses)	£	265.15
	<u>Total</u>	£	706.18

131/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd June, 2026.
The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

132/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

a) Plants at triangle: Sue Powell arranged the flowers and the planting rota has been completed.

b) Solar Farm: The PC considered that they think that there isn't a paper chain to submit an FOI about the repairs along Cole End Lane.

133/25 FOOTPATH DOWN POUNCE HILL:

a) Update about the project and costings: Two quotes have been received from Daines-Lowe and Nathan Tirling. A third quote will be organised. The PC cannot obtain a grant from Stansted Airport because ECC are not maintaining the path.

b) Update about a permissible path contract: The contract will be created from the Village Hall Maintenance contract.

134/25 PLANNING:

a) For discussion:

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Single storey rear addition and front replacement porch

PC Decision: No objections.

b) Decisions: None

135/25 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Moving the 30mph signs down Pounce Hill: Cllr Mack has emailed and had a response from Development Officer at ECC Highways and she will clarify the information received about which access is to be used.

b) Condition of Cole End Lane near the Solar Farm: Clerk to chase up with UDC Planning.

c) Enforcement action at Bellway Housing (233 houses) in Radwinter Road: The PC has emailed UDC Enforcement and they have issued a stop notice and haven't enforced the stop notice. John Moran will chase up with Enforcement.

136/25 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Training dates for Councilwise training dates: The dates have been circulated to Councillors.

137/25 EX-AGENDA

➤ **District Councillors Report:** Local Government Reform: Email from the Ministry and it looks like it is going ahead and continuing with the Mayor elections in 2028. Elections for the Unity Council will take place next May. A bi-election taken place in UDC and conservatives won a seat.

➤ **County Councillors Report:** Not present

138/25 AREA REPORT:

a) Village Fete: The fete was very well attended and the PC thanked the Committee and other volunteers who supported the event.

139/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7.30 p.m. at St James Church, Swards End.

Meeting finished 8.40 pm

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Date

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