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Minutes of the Haydon Wick Parish Council **Full Council** meeting held on **Tuesday 20th January 2026** at 8pm held at Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Swindon, SN25 1QQ.

ATTENDANCE MEMBERS: Councillors V Manro (Chairman), S Heyes (Vice Chairman), R Hailstone, J Ireland, J Jackson, L Jackson, A Jimmy, A John, O Munagala, P Park, A Roupelis, L Stevenson and R Worman.

OFFICERS: Georgina Morgan-Denn, Chief Officer/Clerk & RFO
Julie McMorrow, Meetings & HR Administrator

FC 151 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor B Patrick-Okoh (Personal Commitments). No apologies were received from Councillors J Ali and S Fateru.

FC 152 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hailstone declared an interest in Agenda Item 25 Tadpole – as he is a member of Swindon & Cricklade Railway. Councillor P Park declared an interest in Agenda Item 13A – Public Spaces Protection Order in Seven Fields - as he is a member of Seven Fields Conservation Group.

FC 153 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three residents attended the meeting. The first speaker questioned why he could not access the blue links on the agenda and requested assistance. He also requested the salary budget for the current financial year. *Action Chief Officer to provide this following the meeting.* They also asked in what respect did the Parish Council require a Public Space Protection Order. It was explained this was around the request for an area for dogs in Seven Fields, or other areas in the parish. It was stated that Swindon Borough Council (SBC) would be responsible for the implementation and the Parish Council is requesting it. The two other residents present, who reside in Cloverlands, are experiencing anti-social behaviour caused by privately-owned goal post being left out on open space outside their home. The posts have attracted late night play and, in some cases, abusive behaviour from the children and adults. They reported the posts were recently removed but it remains a concern for the residents. The Chairman stated this is an agenda item and will be discussed shortly.

FC 154 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman reported the sad passing of long-serving Councillor John Fuller. A card is being circulated and Members were informed of the open funeral service to which everyone was invited.

FC 155 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Members confirmed as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2025.

Proposed: Councillor J Ireland **Seconded: Councillor L Stevenson**

Vote: Agreed with two (2) Abstentions.

RESOLVED: Members confirmed as a true record the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 9th December 2025. The Chairman signed the minutes.

FC 156 SWINDON BOROUGH WARD (SBC) COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor S Wilson (Haydon Wick) provided a written report.

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Bryony Way 20mph – Signage has already been installed, and road markings are planned for January, depending on the weather. Public meeting for 28th February to discuss both the implementation and other road safety issues.

Swindon Carers Together – This service, commissioned by SBC, began operating at the beginning of January. It provides support to informal and unpaid carers, who can contact the service via a dedicated telephone helpline on 01793 531133 or visit their website: www.swindoncarerstogether.org.uk.

Policing Precept – The PCC has decided to protect frontline officers, which is a positive decision for our community. They will be seeking efficiencies and considering possible staff reductions during the budget-setting process. [There is a consultation](#) and a proposal to increase the policing precept by £15 per year for a Band D property. The survey closes on 5th February 2026.

FC 157

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor V Manro – Attended the outdoor gym opening, various Working Parties and SBC's Joint Parishes Leadership meeting.

Councillor S Heyes – Attended a new Swindon Town Centre Leadership meeting to learn more about the plans of investment for the town.

Councillor R Hailstone – Helped with Christmas Parcels and deliveries, he also was Father Christmas at a Christmas event (spoiler for younger readers).

Councillor J Ireland – Attended the outdoor gym opening at White Eagle Play area.

Councillor J Jackson – Attended the Christmas Carnival and helped with the Christmas parcel scheme. Attended the opening of the outdoor gym at White Eagle Play Area and supported Prospect Hospice's Christmas Tree collection.

Councillor L Jackson – Attended Christmas Carnival and helped with parcels and attended the outdoor gym opening at White Eagle Play Area and supported Prospect Hospice's Christmas Tree collection.

Councillor A John – Attended budget working parties and the outdoor gym opening at White Eagle Play Area.

Councillor P Park – Attended the opening of the outdoor gym at White Eagle Play Area

Councillor R Ross – Helped with Christmas parcels, attended the Christmas Carnival and event and attended the outdoor gym opening at White Eagle Play Area. Also attended several working parties.

Councillor L Stevenson – Helped with the Christmas parcel scheme and attended outdoor gym opening at White Eagle Play Area. Reported that a resident in the Parish is approaching their 100th birthday. It was discussed that it would be lovely to get this resident one hundred (100) cards to mark their significant birthday.

Councillor R Worman – In attendance at various Working Parties.

Councillor A Jimmy – Nothing to report.

Councillor O Munagala – Nothing to report.

Councillor A Roupelis – Nothing to report.

FC 158

CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

SBC/Parish Clerks Operational Meeting 12.01.26

Frustrating meeting with the Borough last week. Main reason being their lack of confirmation about whether they are undertaking road sweeping and weed control in forthcoming financial year having a significant impact on all parishes budget setting. While they recognised they have statutory responsibilities, they are saying they are reluctant to commit to anything because of an ongoing restructure and not to rely on them to fully discharge the function. When they do undertake

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something, parishes must fit in with their programme and not the other way. Clerks again made SBC aware of the time sensitivity relating to setting budgets/precepts, and their continued lack of information was not acceptable.

More positively, they have appointed fly tipping enforcement officers (and we have a named contact). Also, a proposal to reduce parishes fees for Streetworks licenses (benches, signage etc) by 50% is being taken to cabinet for hopeful approval. Community Hub prototypes in North, South, East and West parishes are being rolled out this year. Cabinet paper on 27th January will have more information. Improvements to Jadu reporting system is going live from beginning of February. This contact management database is designed to improve case logging and avoid duplicating cases with Ward councillors. Transfer of Deed meetings are being held with all the parishes. The minutes of this meeting will be circulated once received from SBC.

SBC/Parishes Shared Leadership Meeting 19.01.26

Chairman and I attended above meeting. Disappointingly no leaders were present and there was only 7 out of the 20+ parishes represented. We received presentation on their early intervention/prevention strategy and the introduction of four Community Hub being rolled out in parishes with the greatest need. Clerks, outside of those four parishes, are also in contact with SBC to join up their existing Community Hubs. The Parish & SBC Protocol (a relationship framework) was discussed and will now be discussed after the May 2026 elections – this was disappointing because it has taken 3.5 years already to get to this stage and parishes were hopeful for it to signed by all parties last year but SBC did not agree to it. The minutes of this meeting will be circulated once received from SBC.

Resolved to move forward Agenda item 13A – Public Space Protection Order in Seven Fields.

FC 159

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES RECOMMENDATION - Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in Seven Fields

Councillor Worman reported that an incident occurred with a dog and a resident, who was not the dog owner. The area where the incident took place is busy with walkers, cyclists and joggers who may not see a dog running up to them whilst in a public space. There is no PSPO in place at Seven Fields. The meeting heard there is no legal requirement for members of the public to keep their dogs on leads in public areas. But it is against the law to have a dangerous dog anywhere, but enforcement remains difficult. A PSPO may help prevention and provide an extra layer of help should a dog hurt a member of public – but this enforcement would be the responsibility of SBC's Dog Warden and not the Police. However, should this order be put in place, SBC must install signage denoting the area which may help with this issue. Members were asked to collate areas of concern and agree the location at Parks & Open Spaces Committee. Councillor P Park did not take part in the discussion or vote.

Action: all Councillors to submit their areas to the Deputy Clerk for the Committee meeting on the 3rd March 2026.

Proposed: Councillor R Worman

Seconded: Councillor L Stevenson

Vote: Agreed with two (2) Abstentions

RESOLVED: Members agreed to collate areas and send to the Deputy Clerk to take to Parks and Open Spaces Committee for consideration.

Resolved to move forward Agenda Item 15 – Cloverlands Open Space

FP 160

CLOVERLANDS OPEN SPACE

Council had received a complaint from a resident of Cloverlands regarding children playing football and installing goal posts directly outside their property on the adjacent communal open space. The complaint raised concerns relating to disturbance, proximity to the dwelling, and the placement and condition of football goals. It was noted Cloverlands Open Space is a shared amenity space intended for recreational use by residents, including informal play by children. The Council investigated the matter and in liaison with the Parks and Open Spaces Team, conducted a consultation with Cloverlands residents. The letter advised on the condition and appearance of the goal posts, how it affects maintaining the area in the spring and that the goal posts were not remove, could be classed as 'Fly Tipping' which could lead to them being removed. The meeting was updated earlier in the meeting the goal posts have now been removed. Further considerations were discussed, such as installing signs but the Council does not have any enforcement powers. Members concluded the land in question was not suitable for football.

Proposed: Councillor L Jackson

Seconded: Councillor J Jackson

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To continue to monitor the situation and since the Goal Posts have been removed, no further action is required at this time.

FC 161

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS MATTERS

FC 161.1

S/TPO/25/1628

20 Henman Close, Swindon, Sn25 4ZW

Works to TPO (no.1) 1987.

HWPC Comments: Not required to Comment.

FC 161.2

S/HOU/25/1649

4 High Street, Haydon Wick, Swindon, SN25 1HX

Erection of a single storey rear extension,

HWPC Comments: No objection.

FC 161.3

S/HOU/25/1667

2 High Street, Haydon Wick, Swindon, SN25 2HX

Erection proposed rear extension.

HWPC Comments: No objection subject to approval of the dimensions of the lantern on the designs.

FC 161.4

S/HOU/25/1675

53 Clary Road, Haydon Wick, Swindon, SN2 2ST

Erection of a second storey extension over existing garage.

HWPC Comments: No objection.

FC 162

PLANNING APPEAL – S/25/0127 MCDONALDS DRIVE-THRU, NORTH SWINDON DISTRICT CENTRE

Committee noted that HWPC had submitted a response to the Planning Inspectorate 'Haydon Wick Parish Council (HWPC) strongly object on the grounds that this application would be of detriment to the environment in terms of increased noise during anti-social times of the day which would affect many residents in the area. It is strongly believed that opening hours must be restricted due to the locations of residential homes. The Parish Council considers that to the NO grounds for any additional opening hours. HWPC submitted comments of Strong Objections to the Planning Authority on the 25th February, 24th June 2025 and 23rd July 2025.

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ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

As presented, five actions are outstanding and still in progress.

FC 164

BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2026/27

The Finance and Policy Committee considered the proposed budget in advance of the meeting and agreed a recommendation for Council's consideration. Full Council agreed that this year's budget represents a positive and forward-looking Council, supporting the continued delivery of high-quality services and community investment for another successful year. Members agreed to recommend an increase in the Precept to ensure the Council remains dynamic and progressive, with prudent and careful budgeting. The budget will deliver:

- Investment in exciting community partnerships with local groups to deliver tangible improvements across several open spaces within the parish.
- A rolling refurbishment programme for the Council's 23 play parks, one of the highest numbers managed by any parish council in Swindon. This programme requires significant year-on-year investment, with a dedicated budget of £100,000 agreed.
- An increased budget for the highly popular Christmas and Summer community events, ensuring these well-attended activities continue to bring residents together.
- Additional funding for the annual Christmas parcel scheme, supporting vulnerable residents during the festive period.
- Provision of a budget to operate the new Grounds Maintenance Facility, strengthening the Council's capacity to maintain and improve parish assets.

It was noted that, considering the increased budget allocation for events, partnership and sponsorship opportunities would try to focus on non-event projects. Following a thorough discussion, Council agreed a precept of £1,573,942.69 per annum, equating to £176.13 per year for a Band D household. This represents an increase of 14.61%, or £22.69 per year, reflecting continued investment in services, facilities, and community wellbeing across the Parish.

Proposed: Councillor R Worman

Seconded: Councillor O Munagala

Vote: Agreed Unanimously.

RESOLVED: A 3-year Budget and Precept of £1,573,942.69 per annum, equating to £176.13 per year for a Band D household.

FC 165

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES RECOMMENDATION – SBC's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Consultation

All Councillors are requested to submit in their comments to the Chairman who will collate and submit on behalf of the Council. *Action: Deputy Clerk, HR & Services Manager will add the Local Cycling and Walking Consultation to Parks & Open Spaces Committee and report it retrospectively.*

FC 166

MOULDON HILL

Full Council considered the report and safety measures required around the lake and associated areas. The report focused on prevention following the sad passing of another dog. Sensible actions are needed to be take place, signage and precautions and prevention to warn people without fear. Safety fences perhaps around dug out culverts could be considered in future discussions.

Proposed: Councillor L Stevenson

Seconded: Councillor V Manro

Vote: Agreed Unanimously.

Initials _____

RESOLVED:

For Haydon Wick Parish Council to:

- 1. To install up to ten information points around Mouldon Hill Lake as part of the previously agreed QR code trail trial, using existing posts, bins, or other suitable infrastructure where possible, and incorporating water safety warnings and QR codes linking to further information on the Parish Council website relating to water features and watercourses.**
- 2. To ensure that all Parish-installed signage, QR-linked content, and relevant website pages clearly set out the respective responsibilities of the Parish Council and Swindon Borough Council in relation to Mouldon Hill Lake and other watercourses within Mouldon Hill.**
- 3. To review and maintain Parish Council website content supporting the signage, ensuring information is clear, accurate, and accessible.**
- 4. To identify and assess locations around the lake and along watercourses that may present a higher safety risk, including proximity to footpaths, depth, water flow, visibility, drainage features, and flood behaviour.**
- 5. To write formally to the Chief Executive of Swindon Borough Council, enclosing this resolution and requesting the actions set out below.**
- 6. To review Swindon Borough Council's response, and any actions proposed or undertaken, at the February Full Council meeting.**

To request Swindon Borough Council:

- 1. To review storm drains, culverts, and other relevant drainage features associated with Mouldon Hill Lake and watercourses within Mouldon Hill, including confirmation of which assets fall within Swindon Borough Council ownership, and ensure that they meet current safety standards in line with national guidance and best practice.**
- 2. Provides an initial written response to the Parish Council within 14 days of receipt of this resolution, setting out ownership, responsibility, the findings of any review, and proposed next steps, or confirming if further assessment is required.**
- 3. To request that any measures implemented by Swindon Borough Council are proportionate, do not unreasonably restrict access, maintain the open character of the site, and do not increase flood risk.**

FC 167

COMMUNITY LED ACTION PLAN 2026-2029 CONSULTATION

Members received an update on the Community Led Action Plan. Consultations for public drop-in sessions commenced on the 20th January 2026, there are a further three diarised sessions with Councillors all before Full Council meetings at 6.30pm leading up until April. There will be a soft launch of the future strategy at the Annual Parish Meeting in March, which is an ideal time and place to reach out further to the public and for Councillors and Officers to enhance public engagement. A letter has been drafted and presented to the Chief Officer for approval to reach out to schools to allow HWPC to understand what our younger residents would like to see on offer to them in and around the Parish. There is now a live HWPC stand in the library which offers the chance for Councillors a warm environment to sit and talk to residents and listen to their feedback. All Councillors are encouraged to do this.

FC 168

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM) 10TH MARCH 2026, ORBITAL CENTRE LIBRARY

Two successful site visits have taken place to confirm the location for the APM and visitors and speakers invited. There will be an open afternoon where its hoped that residents will come in and learn more about HWPC and what it does in the

community, this will work alongside the soft launch of the Community Led Action Plan. There will be the opportunity for the public to discuss all areas, community events, Parks and Open Spaces, meet the team and officers and to engage with the Councillors. The afternoon will hold itself to an 'informal' approach with a café style area with soft seating and refreshments along with stands demonstrating what we do, currently offer and what is coming up during the next few months. At 6pm until 8pm there will be a formal meeting which will take place under the previously used structure, Chairmans welcome, guest speakers, grant recipients and of course Haydon Wick Heros which will be the evening to a close at 8pm.

Meetings & HR administrator left at 9.38pm. Members of the public left the meeting.

FC 169

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Members received the report for Bus Shelter refurbishments and agreed that the benefits supported the approval of the recommendations. It was felt that partnering with local schools would encourage student participation in design and ownership and pride and celebrating our younger residents.

Proposed: Councillor P Park

Seconded: Councillor R Ross

Vote: Agreed Unanimously.

RESOLVED: To note the report about initiatives happening in other parish councils locally to revive bus shelters. To implement this initiative to enhance the street art offering already established within Haydon Wick.

FC 170

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

A revised report for Snow and Ice Policy was received and approved. It was noted SBC's published grit bin map is out of date. Members were encouraged to report any missing or damaged bins directly to the Borough.

Proposed: Councillor L Stevenson

Seconded: Councillor A Roupelis

Vote: Agreed Unanimously.

RESOLVED: To adopt the updated Snow and Ice Policy, as presented.

FC 171

STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY UPDATE 2025 CONSULTATION

Members noted SBC's Licensing Policy Update 2025 consultation. It was acknowledged the bulk of the changes are in the Town Centre and are responding to national changes in the guidance. The draft policy will take effect from 1 April 2026 and is out for consultation until 10 February 2026.

What the Licensing Policy Consultation Covers

The *Statement of Licensing Policy* sets out the Licensing Authority's expectations and approach when determining licence applications under the Licensing Act 2003. This policy guides applicants, licence holders, responsible authorities, and members of the Licensing Committee on how licensable activities are regulated in the borough. The consultation invites views from residents, licence holders, businesses, and community partners on the draft policy. Responses will help shape the final version before it comes into force in April 2026. The Chairman volunteered to co-ordinate comments and submit a response on behalf of the Council. *Action: Chairman to provide submission to Chief Office to add to future agenda to note in retrospect.*

FC 172

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED: In accordance with Standing Order 3(d) that 'in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted and in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they be instructed to withdraw'. Reasons: *Contractual and Sensitive*.

FC 173

COUNCILLOR BEREAVEMENT

Members noted with sadness the recent passing of John Fuller, a former Parish Councillor, and expressed their sincere thanks for his decades of dedication and service to the parish and wider community. Mr Fuller served on the Council for over 25 years, during which time he was awarded the Freedom of the Parish in 2013 in recognition of his outstanding contribution. He also served as Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee for many years, playing a significant role trying to influence SBC's planning department on the design and structure of the parish's housing and highways infrastructure. Members recorded their appreciation for his commitment and offered their condolences to his family and friends. Chief Officer explained that, because the bereavement is within six months of the Parish elections, under electoral rules, an election does not need to be advertised. Council concurred with the ruling.

Councillor R Worman left the meeting at 9.30pm

FC 174

TRENT ROAD – HAYDON VALE FC

Members received an update on, and considered a proposal to renew, the lease for Trent Road Playing Field for a further 12 months in partnership with Haydon Vale Football Club. Council agreed to the lease renewal, subject to an amendment to Clause 14 to permit training sessions for players up to and including Under 17s. The use of the site for training purposes will be monitored, and the arrangement may be reviewed during the term of the agreement should any disturbance to nearby residents arise.

Proposed: Councillor L Stevenson Seconded: Councillor J Jackson

Vote: Agreed Unanimously.

RESOLVED: To renew the lease with Haydon Vale Football Club with an amendment to Clause 14: "The age group for this location will remain Under 14s and below for all matches. Training sessions may include players up to and including Under 17s. Training use will be monitored and may be reviewed during the term of this agreement should disturbances occur to nearby residents."

FC 175

CLARY ROAD – DRAYCOTT FOOTBALL CLUB

Members received a business proposal to work with Draycott Football Club and agreed to progress negotiations based on the draft Memorandum of Understanding which sets out the intentions of Haydon Wick Parish Council and Draycott Football Club to begin formal discussions on a possible long term lease of Clary Road field for football use, providing a clear structure for early negotiations and identifies responsibilities for both parties.

Proposed: Councillor L Jackson

Seconded: Councillor R Hailstone

Vote: Agreed Unanimously.

RESOLVED: To agree to progress negotiations based on the draft Memorandum of Understanding which sets out the intentions of Haydon Wick Parish Council and Draycott Football Club.

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TADPOLE – SWINDON & CRICKLADE RAILWAY

Members received a verbal update the ongoing negotiations with Swindon and Cricklade Railway.

FC 177

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Members received a verbal update the ongoing completion of the Facility.

Councillor P Park and Councillor O Munagala left the meeting at 10.10pm.

Members received an informal update on matters relating to Seven Fields.

The meeting closed at: 10.20pm

Chairman _____

Initials _____