

Parks & Open Spaces Committee

29th July 2026

To: Members of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee

Councillors L JACKSON (Chair), R HAILSTONE (Vice Chair), I EDWARDS, R HEATH, S HEYES, A HUGHES, J JACKSON, A JIMMY, V MANRO, S NUKANA, C SKINNER, L STEVENSON.

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to the Parks & Open Spaces Committee meeting of Haydon Wick Parish Council on Tuesday 4th August 2026 to be held at the Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Haydon Wick, Swindon, SN25 1QQ at 7.30pm.

Members are politely asked to forward any questions or queries relating to items on the agenda to the Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Swindon Borough Council Ward Members, the public and press are also invited. Any questions for public participation must be sent to clerk@haydonwick.gov.uk no later than 12.00pm on Monday 3rd August 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Georgina Morgan-Denn

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Chief Officer/Clerk & RFO

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
To receive and note.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
To receive any Declarations of Interest.
- 3. Public Participation**
A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.
- 4. Chairman's Announcements (if any)**
- 5. Minutes of the Previous Meetings**
To approve the minutes of the meeting to be held on Tuesday 2nd June 2026.
- 6. Actions Arising**
To note any actions arising from previous meetings.
- 7. Seven Fields**
To receive any matters arising from the Seven Fields.



8. **Chief Officer/Deputy Clerk & Services Manager's Report**
To update on issues and actions since the last meeting that do not appear on the agenda.
9. **Community Led Action Plan 2026 – 2029**
To receive an update on any Community Led Action Plan items that fall within the Parks & Open Spaces Committee.
10. **Councillor Reports**
To receive reports from members on attendance at external meetings or events and an opportunity for members to bring matters of interest to the attention of the Council for information or future discussion.
11. **Parks & Open Spaces Report**
 - A) To receive an update on the Parks & Open Spaces Maintenance
 - B) To note the statistics for the reporting system for May – July '26 (attached).
12. **Parks & Projects Update**
 - A) To receive an update from the Parks & Projects (attached).
 - B) To receive an update from the Play Area Working Party (attached)
 - C) To consider a request for Outdoor Exercise run independently by a local resident wishing to use public open space at White Eagle Play Area (attached)
13. **Leisure Gardens Update**
To receive an update on any matters arising within the Leisure Gardens (attached).
14. **Bus Shelter Art Project**
To receive an update on the progress of the Bus Shelter Project on Thames Avenue, outside Greenmeadow Stores (attached).
15. **Tree Work – Deben Crescent**
To receive a resident's request for tree works and the costs associated (attached).
16. **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Updates**
 - A) **Mouldon Hill: Himalayan Balsam along the River Ray**
To note the response from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (attached).
 - B) **Seven Fields: Rapid Grassland Assessment**
To note the assessment report and suggested next steps (attached).
17. **Mouldon Hill Country Park s106 Funding**
To note a sum of £15,000 in s106 contributions has been allocated towards a heritage trail at Mouldon Hill Country Park. Planning Ref (S/OUT/14/0833).
18. **Thames Avenue Donation**
To note a donation of £50.00, for the potential damage caused to the Wildflower / Bulb area nr Rushmere Path, Westfield Way, has been added to Miscellaneous Income within the Parks & Open Spaces budget code 307 / 1199 for ongoing maintenance of the grass verges and planters within the area.
19. **Budget Monitoring: Income & Expenditure**
To receive the Income & Expenditure for Month 3 (attached).
20. **Items for the Next Agenda**
To be sent to the Chief Officer before the next meeting due to be held on 6th October 2026.



21. Exclusion of Public & Press

To resolve 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*.

22. Freedom of Information Request

To note the findings of a Freedom of Information Request regarding the costs associated with maintaining Seven Fields and consider next steps (attached).

23. Emerging Proposal for the Devolution of Tree Planting Responsibilities

To note the correspondence and consider next steps (attached).

24. Ground Maintenance Facility

To receive an update (if available).

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation), Crime and Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

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