

MINUTES OF  
**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, SWALLOWFIELD PARISH**  
HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2026  
IN SWALLOWFIELD PARISH HALL AT 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr. J. Anderson (Chair), Cllr. R. Chapman, Cllr. J. McDermott, Cllr. M. McDonald, Cllr. L. Smith, Cllr. S. Taylor, E. Halson (Clerk)

**Borough Councillors:** Cllr. C. Glover

**Apologies:** Cllr. C. Drew, Cllr. L. Edmonds, Borough Cllr. D. Edmonds

**Members of the public:** 35

**NB:** *This is not a verbatim account, but is provided to give a flavour of what was said.*

1. Welcome from the Chairman

Cllr. J. Anderson welcomed residents and gave an overview of the Annual Report which was distributed at the meeting. An on-line copy can be found at: [2025/2026 Annual Report](#).

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – it was **PROPOSED** and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be approved. All in favour.

[Minutes of the 2024/2025 Annual Parish Meeting](#)

2. Climate Resilience and How You Can Help, Katrin Harding

Katrin gave an interesting talk about climate resilience and what communities like Swallowfield can do to prepare, respond to and recover from the impacts of climate change. Slides illustrating her main points can be found here. [Climate Resilience](#)

3. Identifying and Avoiding Scams, Cllr. Rob Chapman

Rob gave an informative talk about how to identify and avoid scams and more importantly what to do should you be scammed. The newsletter which will be delivered shortly has a “cut-out” page for detailing key information and his presentation can be found here.

[Identifying and avoiding scams](#)

4. Questions from the public

Mr. Ian Fullerton wanted to make everyone aware of a planning application for a site on Trowes Lane/Charlton Lane. He explained that a small group of residents had met the previous evening to discuss possible responses which they would share with parish residents. Mr. Fullerton asked how the council could help communicate with residents.

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Cllr. Taylor explained that the council would consider the application at its meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June and publish its response immediately after the meeting which would be circulated to anyone who had signed up to receive communications from the council.

Residents expressed their concern that WBC had not consulted with near neighbours. It was explained that WBC had consulted as required for such an application.

5. Informal discussions over refreshments