

**Minutes of Eagle & Swinethorpes Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
2025 at 7pm in Eagle Hall Estate Office.**

Present Cllr David Parkes - Chair, Cllr Jane Fulton-Sutton, Cllr Pat Parkes, Cllr Jane Wallis, Cllr Bernadette Grayston & Cllr Neil Faulkner.

Rachel Popplewell – Parish Clerk  
District Councillor Chris Goldson  
1 member of public

Cllr Goldson made comment that he had been contacted by a resident about some fly tipping on Beehive Lane. The planning application for Land adjacent to Durham Castle, Eagle Barnsdale. Lincoln. Ref – 24/1287/FUL had been approved.

**Agenda Items**

1. Welcome & Apologies.  
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
Apologies were received from Cllr Michael Chennells & Cllr Warren Knight. It was **Resolved** to accept the reasons for absence and the apologies, all agreed – show of hands.
2. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members’ Register of Interest and requests for dispensations.  
None
3. Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to be approved as minutes.  
It was **Resolved** to approve the notes as minutes. – All agreed. Signed by the Chair.
4. Clerks Update & Correspondence, and to Resolve to agree any subsequent actions.  
The Council had received an email from Eagle House Residential Home, asking if their residents could get involved with any community work, in the village.  
Councillors welcomed the offer of help, Clerk to contact and arrange a meeting with the co-ordinator. Action Clerk.  
Councillors acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Dr Caroline Johnson MP, who supported the re-opening of the Post Office, but the re-opening was refused by the Post Office.  
Councillors noted an email from a resident, which asked additional questions about the kitchen block renovations plans.  
The Litter Picker submitted a report for the village, no issues were highlighted.  
The Clerk made comment that the application to secure funding from the Lottery for the Knights Templar project was still on going.  
The Clerk made comment that she has received an email regarding, spraying at the playing field. Asking for the Council to refrain from using chemicals, due to the potential health risk to the public. Whilst the Parish Council understood the concerns of the resident, the Chemical that is used by the contractor is fully licensed and safe to use in the UK. The alternative option to strim the areas in the play park, could potentially damage the wet pour surfacing and the trees.

5. Finance.

- a. To authorise the signing of orders for payment, note bank balances & any monies received. (List previously circulated).

Councillors considered the list of payments. It was **Resolved** to approve the following orders for payment – All agreed.

Cllr Grayston to approve the payments online

Action BG

Date	Name	Net	VAT	Total
30.04.2025	YU energy (direct debit)	£153.29	£7.66	£160.95
30.04.2025	YU energy (direct debit)	£32.13	£1.61	£33.74
30.04.2025	Salaries & Expenses	£637.65		£637.65
30.04.2025	EDF Energy (direct debit)	£41.03	£2.05	£43.08
30.04.2025	Planning App	£204.83	£11.67	£216.50
30.04.2025	Stationary	£46.50	£9.30	£55.80
30.04.2025	Kaspersky	£31.66	£6.33	£37.99
30.04.2025	Manhole cover	£34.50	£6.90	£41.40
30.04.2025	HMRC (Direct Debit)	£293.60		£293.60
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1475.19</b>	<b>£45.52</b>	<b>£1520.71</b>

Bank Balances 31.03.2024	Bank Balances 31.03.2025
Current Account - £9,902.22	Current Account - £3,221.51
Playing Field Account - £341.31	Playing Field Account - £171.25
Savings Account - £13,886.32	Savings Account - £18,298.23

- b. To receive the Bank Reconciliation as at 31.03.2025.

The clerk presented the Bank reconciliation showing the accounts balanced, signed by Cllr Wallis.

- c. To review the budget as at the year-end 31.03.2025

The Clerk presented the budget to Council, showing that the Council were at 100% of income target and 91% of spending at the year-end (excluding the climbing frame purchase), with the climbing frame 168%.

6. To note the receipt of the Parish Councils' planning application, Ref – 25/0301/FUL  
Noted.

7. Playing Field update.

Cllr Faulkner made comment that he had replaced the broken manhole cover.

The door into the toilet block had been broken, the Clerk was asked to purchase a new lock.

A couple of plugs were missing on the new climbing frame, clerk was asked to contact the company.

Action Clerk.

8. To consider setting up a Community Recognition Award.

After discussions it was **Resolved** to set up the Community Recognition award, with the winners being announced at the Annual Parish Meeting. The award will be advertised later in the year, with the closing date for nominations to be received early 2026. The Clerk was asked to investigate the costs of a trophy.

Action Clerk.

9. Date & Time of the next meeting.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm at The Estate Office, Eagle Hall. LN6 9HZ.**

Meeting Closed 8.15pm.

**Signed .....**

**Date .....**

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