

SWETTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Meeting of the Parish held at The Swettenham Club on 18 May 2026 at 7:30 pm

Present: Councillors Shaw, Andow, Sturrock, Keen, French and Millward Clerk & RFO, Mrs P Sturrock; Members of the Public 0		
Item	Detail	ACTION
1	Welcome & Introductions: As there were no residents of the Parish in attendance, these were not required.	
2	Chairman's Report: I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors for their commitment to the parish and for giving up their time to serve the Council. A particular thanks to Alan Sturrock for his work as Vice Chairman. It is much appreciated. Thank you to the Clerk for her work in keeping us all informed and organising our meetings. Mr John Wray, our local CEC borough councillor, has attended several meetings and we welcome his advice when given. I am sure you all agree with me that the cemetery is always tidy and I would like to thank Stuart Goostrey and Karen Robertson for their work in maintaining it. The finances are in a healthy position and the cemetery has been successfully upgraded with new gates and fencing around the soil pile. We have had several planning applications to give our opinions on. There are still a lot of highway issues to be resolved concerning drainage and road surface maintenance. The Councillors were asked to give thought to suggesting objectives for the coming year. Suggestions included a new notice board in the village by the postbox, fingerpost sign and bench. The Vice Chairman thanked the Chairman for steering the parish council in the right direction over the last 12 months.	
3	Finance Report for year ended 31 March 2026 The Clerk & RFO had tabled the summary of Receipts & Payments Account for the financial year ended 31 March 2026 showing balances of £452.46 in the current account and £8505.41 in the reserve account as at 31st March 2026. She reported that the precept for 2026-27 had been set at £9107. Additional income was received from fees for an interment and memorials together with a VAT reclaim. Our expenditure included the usual annual costs of staffing, cemetery maintenance, water bills, payroll, website hosting costs and insurance. The internal audit has been concluded satisfactorily and the Parish Council will be submitting the Annual Governance and Accountability Return after the Annual Meeting	
4	Questions and discussion on matters affecting the Parish: As there were no residents of the Parish in attendance no further discussion took place	
	The meeting closed at 7.40pm	

Signed..... John Shaw Chairman