

SWANNINGTON WITH ALDERFORD AND LITTLE WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St Margaret's Church, Swannington on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Tim Praill (Chair)	Edward Jones	
Trevor Nelson	Malcolm Rust	
Steve Williams	Steve Griggs	Hazel Nelson (minutes)

1. **Apologies.** HM, attending another meeting and PCSO Stephen Bridges

2. **Declarations of Interest.** None

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2015** It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record.

4. **Matters Arising** As attached Doc A

- Item 4 – Play area lease ongoing
Action EJ/HM
- “Hedge” still not re-sited; NCC to write, again, to landowner **Action TP**
- Bus shelter ongoing **Action SG**
- Value of assets still to complete **Action TN/TP**
- SG to work with Ian clearing more paths in 2016
- Item 7 — CIL and “new Homes Bonus”
Action MR
- No progress on the Atlas refuse collection centre; many queries
- Item 9 – Chestnut Tree – ongoing
Action SG
- Item 10 – Highways will not countenance a lay-by
Action SG
- Grit bin is on a programmed route to be refilled; to be checked
- Wolvercott residents do not want “subsidence” rectified

5. **Commons** - Report attached

- Complaints received re: urbanising Uppgate Common. Parishioners are allowed to take dead wood but, strictly speaking, should not do anything else. A letter to be sent to any parishioner, who is considered to have contravened too much. **Action SW/TP**
- Boardwalk – investigate cost of replacing completely **Action SW**
- No car park will be provided on Uppgate Common as requested by a parishioner. Reply **SW/TP**

6. **Finance** - Accounts attached

a. Invoices:-

It was resolved to agree the following payments:-

	£
• Grass cutting play area and churchyard November (retrospective)	190.95
• Path clearance (32hrs@ £7/hr + £25 petrol) (retrospective)	249.00
• TVC – HLS (retrospective)	34.10
• Norfolk Volunteers 4 visits (retrospective)	57.50
• Stamps – 12 2 nd class	6.48

b. **It was resolved the precept should remain at £4,250**

c. Invoice to church for balance required after the season's grass cutting to be decided at next meeting

d. Transparency – The council will opt-in for audit and so there should be no reason to pay auditors, the internally audited accounts will be posted on the website.

7. Planning

It was resolved not to sign the NALC petition seeking to have third party right of appeal

8. Deighton Hills

There is a move to extend the hours allowed for shooting at the club.

The original hours were agreed after considerable consultation.

After discussion

It was resolved to oppose extension of hours by a majority verdict

1 for extension of hours

3 opposed to extension of hours

2 abstained

Action TP

9. Play Area

HM is requesting quotes for next seasons grass cutting. These will be considered at the next meeting when all figures from last season will be available for comparison.

Action HM

10. Chestnut Tree

Article in *Pilgrim* to gauge parishioner's preferences will aid decision at next meeting

11. Highways

Following discussions with Norfolk Highways engineer:-

1) White Lines

- Down School Road
- At both entrances to Alderford Bridge
- Repainting lines on Reepham Road bend at Hall Road junction
- Repaint SLOW road markings at both entrances to Swannington

2) Road Repairs

- On the triangle at the School Road /Broad Lane junction
- Potholes along Church Lane and at the junction

3) Water on Road

- Improve drainage by small part of the common

Ketts Lane – large vehicles have destroyed the banks and are responsible road surface damage too.

A “NO HGV” sign has been refused. NCC to check for repairs.

12. Swannington Village Sign

- The grass triangle is in a poor state so slightly reduced with wooden bollards discouraging vehicles to mount the grass. **Action TP**
- Plaque to be made to explain the sign. **Action SG**

13. Correspondence

- Contribution sought from Age UK. None granted.

14. AOB

None

Date of next meeting - Thursday 7th April January 2016.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm