

SWANNINGTON with ALDERFORD & LITTLE WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON January 18th.2023

Present: Mrs.Sue Darling (Chair) Mrs.Helen Mutimer (Vice-chair) Mr.Steve Williams

In attendance: Mr.J.Graves - Clerk Mr.Peter Bulman (BDC) Public - None

- a) **Public participation** None.
- b) **Police Report** The website indicated no recorded crime in October and November
- c) **Norfolk County Council Report** n/a
- d) **Broadland District Council Report** Mr.Bulman reported on planning issues in neighbouring parishes which were of interest to residents and confirmed that he had written to Bernard Matthews Ltd. on the litter issue in Alderford. BDC were setting up a joint venture with Norwich and South Norfolk Councils and Anglian Water to develop projects to solve the “nutrient neutrality” issue which was impeding development.
- e) **Full Council meeting**
 1. **Apologies** Mr.Trevor Nelson Mr.John Powles Ms.Jayne Phillips
 2. **Declarations of Interest** None
 3. **Minutes** of the meeting on November 16th. were confirmed and signed.
 4. **Reports** The Clerk reported that the Upgate parking issue was ongoing, that enquiries had been made with regards to speedwatch and it was agreed to monitor the situation. Details of the finances of the Swannington Play area had been received and it was agreed to make an immediate grant of £855.55 to cover repair work and the possibility of an annual grant would be placed on the March agenda.
 5. **Planning** No applications to be considered
 6. **Commons** Mr.Williams gave his report and confirmed that further scrub clearance would be undertaken within the next few weeks.
 7. **Precept** The Council considered the report from the Clerk on likely expenditure and resolved to maintain the precept at £6,000
 8. **HLS Agreements for the commons** Five year extensions to the existing agreements for Alderford and Upgate commons had been received and these were accepted by the Council.
 9. **Western Link** The proposals to close Station Road, Attlebridge to traffic from Reepham Road was opposed and the Clerk would reply to the consultation from NCC.
 10. **Defibrillator** A request for a Community Access Defibrillator was discussed. As this would need a power source for the cabinet heater and there was a need for 24hr. Accessibility this would be further investigated before the next meeting.
 11. **Correspondence** None
 12. **Finance** The Clerk tabled an update on the Council’s finances and the following cheques were signed:

Norfolk Conservation Corps – Commons	£12.00
Swannington Play Area – Grant	£855.55
cheques signed between meetings	
J.Graves – Salary and exp. 3 rd .qtr. (inc.PAYE)	£870.07
SLCC – part subscription	£23.01
 13. **Clerk’s and Councillors’ Reports** The Clerk said that he would write a short piece for the Pilgrim pointing out the end of the parish council electoral cycle and that elections were scheduled for May 4th.
 14. **Next Meeting** Swannington Church March 15th.2023