

# SWANNINGTON with ALDERFORD & LITTLE WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MAY 17<sup>th</sup>.2023

Present: Mrs.Sue Darling – Chairman Mr.Jim Graves – Clerk  
Three councillors No members of the public Mr.Greg Peck (NCC)

### 1. The Chairman gave her annual report:

The Ugate boardwalk was removed the previous year for safety reasons. Following discussions including a public consultation, the Council decided on a rolled aggregate path. Discussions took place with Natural England who raised no objections and after a sealed bid tendering process, the work was carried out. The total cost was £6,641.00 but Norfolk County Council contributed £2,333.00 for the section which is a public footpath. The remainder came from the Council's accrued reserves. Other work carried out on the commons included felling a dead ash tree at Alderford and laying timber barriers to regulate parking at Ugate.

Steve Williams continues to be our lead councillor on all matters relating to the commons and liaises with all funding bodies, contractors and volunteer groups to ensure that they are properly maintained. A further five year extension to the stewardship scheme under which the Council receives funds for Commons maintenance has been achieved.

Dr,Hassall resigned from the Council during the year and was thanked for his many years of service to the community.

Following expenditure projections from the Clerk the Council again resolved to make no increase in the parish precept which remains at £6,000.

The Council continues to make an annual grant to the Church towards burial ground maintenance and has also agreed to make an annual grant to the Play Area.

My thanks are due to all members of the Council for the time spent on community matters for the benefit of the parish and also to Jayne Phillips who decided not to stand for re-election.

### *Sue Darling – Chairman of the Parish Council*

### 2. The Clerk presented the draft accounts for 2022/2023

Accrued Balances at 31-3-2023

Current a/c £2,285

Deposit a/c £17,561

Commons a/c £25,571

### 3. County and District Council reports.

Councillor Peck said that NCC hoped that the funding of the Western Link would be resolved shortly and there were continued discussions on the devolution deal being offered by the government.

### 4. Police Report

No crimes had been recorded in February or March.

### 5. Any other business - None