SWANNINGTON with ALDERFORD & LITTLE WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MAY 15th.2024

Present: Mrs.Sue Darling – Chairman Mr.Jim Graves – Clerk
Four councillors One member of the public Mr.Greg Peck (NCC)

1. The Chairman gave her annual report:

Work on both commons has continued with the removal of scrub, small fallen trees and a dead ash tree at the roadside in Alderford. 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.

The Council were concerned that at times, due to holidays/sickness, the Council could become inquorate although the minimum was three attendees. The Council co-opted Doug Harvey as a new councillor to avoid this problem. One vacancy remains.

During the year the Council has made capital expenditure using some of the Community Infrastructure funds which resulted from small developments in the parish.
A new noticeboard has been installed next to the bus shelter in the Street, a dog waste bin has been installed in Upgate at the entrance to the common and a Community Access Defibrillator has been installed at the Lodge, Manor Drive. This has been registered on the national database and access follows a 999 call when the keycode is issued if deemed appropriate.

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 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.
Sue Darling – Chairman of the Parish Council

2. The Clerk presented the draft accounts for 2023/2024
   Accrued Balances at 31-3-2024
   Current a/c £2,209
   Deposit a/c £17,773
   Commons a/c £26,228
3. County and District Council reports. - Councillor Peck spoke at length on the benefits of the proposed devolution deal and the ongoing problems with the Western Link Road. He also mentioned the conversion of old septic tanks to combat nutrient pollution and said that 28 properties in Hainford had applied.
4. Police Report - No crimes had been recorded in February or March.
5. Any other business – Siting of a temporary compound for arisings from the septic tank conversions should not be at the entrance to Upgate Common unless every other avenue had been explored. The Clerk was asked to look at repairs to the Upgate noticeboard and information board.