SWANNINGTON with ALDERFORD & LITTLE WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON September 18th. 2024

Present: Mr.Steve Williams Mr.John Powles Mrs.H.Mutimer (Vice-Chair) Mr.T.Nelson

In attendance: Mr.J.Graves - Clerk Public – Two Mr.Peter Bulman (BDC)

a) **Public Participation** Residents expressed concern at the speed of agricultural contractors passing through the village.
b) **Police Report** There were no incidents reported in July
c) **Norfolk County Council Report** n/a
d) **Broadland District Council Report** Cllr.Bullman spoke on the work that had started on the A47, the cancellation of the Norfolk devolution arrangements and the fact that the future of the Western Link was still uncertain.
e) **Full Council Meeting**

1. **Apologies** Mrs.Sue Darling (Chair) Mr.D.Harvey
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes** The minutes of the meeting on July 17th. were confirmed and signed.
4. **Reports** None
5. **Co-option** The Council agreed to the co-option of Mr.Chris Drayson of Church Farm House, Alderford who then completed the declaration of acceptance of office and took his seat at the Council table.
6. **Planning** 2024/2409 Walnut Tree Barn, Alderford – PVC windows. The Council had no objection.
7. **Commons** Mr.Willams gave his report detailing work done by volunteers on gates and fencing. Scrub had been cleared and grass cut. A donation of £55.00 to Marie Curie was agreed in lieu of grass cutting expenses. The two paths on Upgate Common had not been cut by Nurture Landscapes and the Clerk was asked to make contact with their supervisor to resolve the matter. The Clerk would locate the collapsed information board at Upgate Common and if appropriate arrange repair and re-installation.
8. **Urban Verge Cutting** NCC had written to all parish councils offering to transfer a sum of money if the Parish Council would undertake the work. It was agreed that with the small sum of money involved the responsibility should remain with NCC. Concern was raised at the lack of rural verge cutting and this would be referred to Cllr.Peck.
9. **Church Toilet Upgrade** The PCC had written to say that the diocese architect would undertake a feasibility study at a cost of £2,000. The Council decided it could not use funds towards a feasibility study but once this was completed and an idea of the project cost was known it would consider the matter further. The PCC would be encouraged to convene a public meeting to gauge support.
10. **Correspondence** A resident of Alderford expressed concern that there had been no outcome to the Council's report of his near-miss traffic accident at the Station Road/Reepham Road junction. The Clerk would again write to the highways engineer and copy in the NCC member Cllr.Peck.
11. **Finance** The Clerk had provided an update of the Council's financial balances.

Cheque signed between meetings:	
PLG – Fencing materials (inc.VAT)	£219.59
Cheques signed at the meeting:	
Nurture Landscapes – Play area mowing (Inc.VAT)	£67.20
J.Graves – Salary & Exp. 2nd.Qtr. (inc.PAYE)	£809.80
PLG Ltd. – Timber for repairs at commons (inc.VAT)	£337.49
Marie Curie – Donation in lieu of volunteer's expenses	£55.00

12. **Clerk's and Councillors' Reports** None
13. **Next Meeting** Swannington Church – Wed.November 20th. at 7.30 p.m.