SWANNINGTON with ALDERFORD & LITTLE WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON September 16th. 2026

Present: Mrs.Sue Darling (Chair) Mr.Steve Williams Mr.C.Drayson Mr.D.Harvey

In attendance: Mr.J.Graves - Clerk Mr.D.Thomas (NCC) Mr.P.Bulman (BDC)
Public – None

a) **Public Participation** None
b) **Norfolk County Council Report** Mr.Thomas was still pursuing a submission to NCC for priority signage and speed reduction at Alderford bridge. He was in receipt of speed data and support from the police and he had asked for RTC data. There was also a multi-signature petition from local residents. The Parish Council gave full support to Mr.Thomas in his efforts to resolve this issue. Mr.Thomas gave a brief summary of changes to the criteria under which applications could be referred to the full Planning committee.
c) **Broadland District Council Report** Mr.Bulman reported on the Planning Inspectorate meeting with reference to the proposed Alderford Solar farm. A decision was awaited. He also briefed members on planning issues in neighbouring parishes,
d) **Full Council Meeting**

1. **Apologies** Mrs.H.Mutimer Mr.J.Powles Mr.T.Nelson
2. **Declarations of Interest** None
3. **Minutes** The minutes of the meeting on July 15th. were confirmed and signed.
4. **Reports** The Clerk reported that the national pay award had been agreed and the Clerk's pay was now £16.89/hour
5. **Planning** None to consider
6. **Commons** Mr.Willams gave his report detailing work done by volunteers and the future work plan.
7. **Replacement Benches** The business who had accepted the order were no longer trading and could not fulfil the order. Mr.Harvey said that he had a possible source via HM Prison Service and the Clerk would send him the design and measurements in order to get a quotation.
8. **Flytip** It had been established that this was on the very edge of Upgate Common and had been accessed via private land. It would require further investigation.
9. **Dead Ash Tree at Alderford Common** A quotation in the sum of £500 for removal was accepted.
10. **Correspondence** NCC had confirmed that the Parish Partnership scheme would continue.
11. **Finance** The Clerk had provided an update of the Council's financial balances.

Cheques signed between meetings:		
Nurture Landscapes	Mowing (inc.VAT)	£148.18
Cheques to be signed:		
Nurture Landscapes	Mowing (inc.VAT)	£144.18
R.Hart	Scrub Clearance (inc.VAT)	£510.00
J.Graves	Salary & Exp. 2nd.qtr. (inc.PAYE)	£944.89
Information Commissioner	Annual Fee (Direct Debit)	£47.00

12. **Clerk's and Councillors' Reports** None
13. **Next Meeting** Swannington Church – Wed. November 18th. at 7.00 p.m.