

SWANNINGTON with ALDERFORD & LITTLE WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MAY 20th.2026

Present: Mrs.Sue Darling – Chairman Mr.Jim Graves – Clerk
Five councillors Six members of the public Mr.Dave Thomas (NCC) Mr.Peter Bulman (BDC)

1. The Chairman gave her annual report:

Work on both commons has continued with the removal of scrub and small fallen trees together with some fencing repairs. 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 and the Council makes best use of the funds given by the Rural Payments Agency. Two new traditional oak benches have been ordered to replace those that are beyond repair.

New regulations have meant that the Council have formally adopted an IT and FOI policy and changed the Council's email address to clerk@salwparishcouncil.gov.uk which provides more security than the old gmail address.

The Council's request for priority signage at Alderford Bridge has been refused by Norfolk County Council as they have insufficient accident reports to justify the change.

Following expenditure projections from the Clerk the Council again resolved to make a small increase in the parish precept which is now £6,360.00

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 2025/2026

Accrued Balances at 31-3-2025

Current a/c £ 3,417

Deposit a/c £18,256

Commons a/c £34,710

3. County and District Council reports. – Councillor Bulman said that there was still uncertainty over the Local government re-organisation as it had been announced that legal challenges were to be made. Councillor Thomas introduced himself as the new member of Norfolk County Council.
4. Police Report - No crimes had been recorded in February or March.
5. Any other business – Residents spoke at length on their opposition to an outline application for three dwellings at Hall Farm Barns, Lt.Witchingham and asked for the support of the Parish Council.