

SWANNINGTON with ALDERFORD & LITTLE WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON July 15th. 2026

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

In attendance: Mr.J.Graves - Clerk
Public – Two

- a) **Public Participation** The residents present discussed at length with members of the Council their opposition to the proposed Tree Preservation Order for land off School Road.
- b) **Police Report** There was one incident recorded in May
- c) **Norfolk County Council Report** Mr.Thomas sent a written report in which he confirmed that the local member fund had ben scrapped and that he was still pressing for priority signage at Alderford bridge
- d) **Broadland District Council Report** n/a.
- e) **Full Council Meeting**
 1. **Apologies** Mrs.H.Mutimer Mr.D.Thomas (NCC) Mr.P.Bulman (BDC)
 2. **Declarations of Interest** Mrs.Darling on the planning matters
 3. **Minutes** The minutes of the meeting on May 20th. were confirmed and signed.
 4. **Reports** The Clerk reported that he was having difficulty in making contact with the manufacturer of the new benches for the commons for a progress report.
 5. **Planning** TPO BD0812 Tree preservation order for land south of School Road, Swannington. The Council raised strong objections to this order. They felt that the trees concerned were quite young and had little merit. The willow tree would take a lot of water from the surrounding ground and had little impact as a habitat for wildlife. The impact on the street scene in School Road was minimal
2025/3982 Outline application for self build dwelling and garage on land south of School Road, Swannington (amended) The Council had no objection.
 6. **Commons** Mr.Willams gave his report detailing work done by volunteers and the future work plan.
 7. **Correspondence** None
 8. **Finance** The Clerk had provided an update of the Council's financial balances.

Cheques signed between meetings:		
Nurture Landscapes	Mowing (inc.VAT)	£129.02
J.Graves	Salary & Exp.(inc.PAYE) 1 st .Qtr.	£895.56
Defib. Store	Pads (inc.VAT)	£70.80
Internal Audit	Gratuity	£15.00
Cheques signed:		
Nurture Landscapes	Mowing (inc.VAT)	£188.28
Norfolk Cons. Corps	Work on commons	£70.00
Norfolk ALC	Web hosting (inc.VAT)	£86.88
 9. **Clerk's and Councillors' Reports** The Clerk was asked to chase NCC on their inspection report for Swannington bridge. The Council would trial a 7.00 p.m. start for the September Council meeting.
 10. **Next Meeting** Swannington Church – Wed. September 16th. at 7.00 p.m.