

MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON

Date: 17th November 2016
Venue: Committee Room, Village Hall, Stanwick
Time: 7.15 p.m.
Present: Councillors:-
A Michel (in the chair)
S Glanville-Hughes
S Kitchener
D Munday
N Peck
G Roberts

138. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Partrick.

139. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 3rd November 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

140. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Munday declared an 'other' interest in the planning application at 12 High Street and Ringstead Quarry. Councillor Kitchener declared an 'other' interest in the Ringstead Quarry application.

141. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

A resident of Mallows Grange spoke against the planning proposal known as Warth Park III citing the January 2014 mini tornado that caused significant damage on the Mallows Grange estate as it funnelled along the Hogs Dyke valley. The resident is concerned that a slab-like structure in the valley will intensify the force of the wind and this could create a risk to life and property.

A resident of Needham Road who is also a member of Warth Park Opposition Group spoke against the Warth Park III proposal. He stated that Warth II is a 'blot on the landscape' and created sufficient noise levels to necessitate residents of Andrews Road and London Road Raunds to keep noise diaries.

The proposals indicate that the loading and parking bays will be on the Stanwick side of the development and the supporting documents indicate 53% of vehicle movements will be outside social hours.

The resident advised that he had been told by a representative of Howdens that the proposals would not generate any new employment opportunities as the existing staff would be redeployed to the new site.

142. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR HUGHES

Councillor Hughes reported on the successes of the County Councils fostering campaign.

143. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR HOWELL

Councillor Howell reported on the proposed parliamentary boundary changes and the new Health and Active Lifestyle contract awarded by East Northamptonshire Council.

She advised that there would be a public meeting at the Saxon Hall to hear the views of the public on Warth Park III on 30th November.

144. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Internal Control

i. Budget variance report and statement of accounts

The budget variance report and statement of accounts were received and the contents noted.

Anglian Water have advised that the water industry is changing for non-household customers with Anglian Water Business being set up as a bid to include water in the utilities market. The Parish Council does not need to take any action at this time.

ii. Report in relation to VAT

The claim of £727.31 for September has been received. A claim for October has not been made as the threshold of £100.00 had not been achieved.

iii. Report in relation to PAYE

All processes are being followed. The Clerk advised that she attended an HMRC webinar on 9th November.

iv. Grants received or given

Cheques have been prepared to pay the annual leisure grants to Stanwick Bowls Club and Stanwick Pocket Park Group.

v. Amendments to the asset register

Amendments are not required.

vi. Incident reports on council owned land

There have been no reports of any incidents on Council owned land. The matter of a complaint made against one of the members of Stanwick Rovers Football Club was discussed and a course of action agreed.

vi. Reports from volunteer inspectors

None.

b. Schedule of payments presented

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the schedule of payments that forms Appendix A to this Minute be approved for payment

c. Parish office

Consideration was given to the estimated costs to equip a parish office. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Council will install a separate line for telephone calls and broadband provision.

That a budget of £700.00 be set for equipping the parish office.

That the Council will incur additional costs for room rent and telephone calls and broadband at approximately £3000.00 annum.

That the Council will enter an agreement with Stanwick Village Hall Trust for exclusive use of the Shant Room.

d. Budget for 2017-2018 & ring fenced reserves

The budget estimates and explanation papers that were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting were considered.

After examining the financial position of the Council, it was proposed

RESOLVED

That the budget shown in Appendix B be approved for 2017-18

That £172.00 be transferred from the General Reserve to the Election Fund to increase the fund to £2500.00.

That the Council is satisfied that the ring fenced reserves are appropriate.

e. Precept for 2017-2018

After considering the budget set in 144 d above, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a precept demand under s41 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 be issued to East Northamptonshire Council for £61545.00 for the year 2017/18 as Stanwick Parish Council has calculated that the budget requirement, as calculated in accordance with s50 of this Act, is £61545.00

f. Tables at the village hall

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the ten tables purchased from Go-Pak stored at the village hall be donated to the Village Hall Trust.

g. Additional grit bins

It was noted that it was possible for the Parish Council to purchase red grit bins and maintain them at the parish expense for locations not covered by the county council.

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

The Parish Council would not purchase additional grit bins.

h. Compensation in relation to grave 621

The Council was advised as to a complication at a burial in plot 621. After consideration of the facts it was proposed and

RESOLVED

An ex-gratia amount of £200.00 be offered to the family.

i. Extension of the allotment water supply

Further to Minute 105 c (September 2016) the Clerk advised that quotes from three companies had been requested. Only one company had submitted a quote. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the quote from R. Richardson Ltd be accepted. Although only one quote had been received that Council is satisfied that the sum is reasonable.

j. Local Authorities Properties Fund

It was noted that all councillors had received details of the Local Authorities Properties Fund offer by CCLA (CCLA is one of the UK's largest charity fund managers). It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a meeting should be arranged with a representative of CCLA.

That the Clerk should make enquiries as to the costs for an Independent Financial Adviser.

k. Community Facilities Fund Application decision

It was noted that the Council application to the East Northamptonshire Council Communities Facilities Fund had not been successful. In accordance with the Council's earlier decision, the proposal for the skills wall and youth shelter would not proceed. The Clerk will submit an application to 'Awards for All' for the exercise equipment.

145. PLANNING MATTERS

a. Planning consultations

16/01907/FUL Demolition of existing single storey side extension & rear porch. Erection of a part two storey & part single storey east side extension. Installation of first floor window to west side elevation at 12 High Street

After consideration of the planning documents available and further discussions it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to East Northamptonshire Council

The Parish Council does not object to the proposal proving the materials are sympathetic to the existing building and the street scene. This decision is made on the assumption that there are no objections from adjoining properties.

16/02125/FUL Demolition of single storey extension and replacement with single storey extension at 19 Cleburne Close

After consideration of the planning documents available and further discussions it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to East Northamptonshire Council

The Parish Council does not object to the proposal proving the materials are sympathetic to the existing building and the street scene. This decision is made on the assumption that there are no objections from adjoining properties.

16/02119/FUL Development of two distribution buildings containing B8 warehousing space with ancillary offices & research & development space (Bc1) together with vehicular access from Warth park Way and London Road, earth works & landscaping including creation of drainage features with green infrastructure and landscaping provision including along Meadow Lane at Land end of Scalley Way Raunds

After consideration of the planning documents available and further discussions it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to East Northamptonshire Council

The Parish Council objects to the proposal.

The proposed addition to Warth Park will create an overall site that is out of proportion to the settlement of Raunds as a whole. It will destroy the character of the land, its view points and the rural nature of the area.

The proposal is contrary to the emerging Stanwick Neighbourhood Plan that seeks to retain the strategic gap between other settlements and Stanwick.

There will be a loss of visual amenity for Stanwick residents. The Council is concerned about the potential for noise and light pollution given the proposals indicate that the loading and parking bays will be on the Stanwick side of the development. The supporting documents indicate that a significant number of vehicle movements will be outside of social hours.

The Parish Council notes that the Joint Core Spatial Strategy specifies the need for East Northamptonshire to create employment to match housing development. However the Parish Council is not satisfied that this development will generate sufficient employment to be commensurate with the impacts of this development (JCS 8.21).

The Joint Core Spatial Strategy indicates that B8 land has been identified at the A14 junctions 9 and 10 to meet the shortfall in North Northamptonshire and the Parish Council therefore questions the need to designate this area as B8.

The Parish Council has been made aware that building a large solid structure in the Hogs Dyke Valley will create a wind tunnel affect that would adversely affect properties and people in Stanwick.

In the event that the proposal does receive consent, the Parish Council would request that all lighting is in accordance with Dark Skies protocols and lighting should not go above the horizontal.

A copy of this response should be sent to Raunds Town Council for their information.

b. Planning decisions made by East Northamptonshire Council

It was noted that planning consent had been granted in the case of:

16/01672/FUL	Single storey side extension and installation of a new bay window to the front of property at 10 Higham Road
16/01667/TPO	Works to two sycamore at 25 Hill House Gardens
16/01915/LBC	Works at the Duke of Wellington
16/01856/VAR	Variation of conditions at Marks Close
16/01904/FUL	Two storey extension at 24 St Laurence Way

c. Ringstead Quarry planning application 16.00055.MINNMA

After consideration of the planning documents available and further discussions it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to Northamptonshire County Council.

That the Parish Council has no comment to make.

146. CHURCH BOUNDARY WALL

It was noted that the Treasurer of St Laurence Church had advised the Church's insurance policy covered the church wall.

147. COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The arrangements were noted.

148. PARISH PLAN ACTION PLAN

The outstanding actions in the Stanwick Parish Plan 2013-2018 were noted.

149. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RAUNDS ROAD STANWICK

It was noted that as part of the development at the Darsdale site, a roundabout would be created at Wetenhall Road. There would also be speed indication devices on Raunds Road.

150. REGULATION 14 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

The public comments made as part of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation that may require Parish Council action were reviewed. It was noted that a number had already been achieved.

151. PARISH MEETING APRIL 2017

It was agreed that the format of the Parish Meeting should be that of the 'Stanwick Showcase' with groups and businesses invited to attend. It was suggested that Nenescape, the police and the fire service be invited to give a brief talk.

152. CURRENT COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

a. Recent spate of break-ins at Stanwick businesses

Recent break-ins of businesses and vans were noted.

b. Residents' request for CCTV to be installed in the centre of the village

The Council discussed the issues relating to the installation of CCTV. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That it was not viable for the Council to install CCTV at the present time.

c. 'Street Watch'

Councillor Munday will facilitate should members of the public want to volunteer for Street Watch.

d. Community Speed Watch

A report from the Police providing details of the letters sent as a result of the scheme was circulated to councillors. It will be decided at a future meeting whether the Council will sponsor Stanwick's involvement in 2017.

e. Boundary at the edge of Parish Fields

A request to block off a gap in the hedge adjacent to the right of way was received. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Council would not take any action at the present time.

f. Gate arrangement on the access road at Amos Lawrence

It was noted that there had been on-going problems with the gate across the right of way that leads to the Anglian Water pumping station. The Clerk has received complaints from residents regarding anti-social behaviour as a result of cars having access to the track. Raunds Town Council are proposing to install a more robust gate arrangement to overcome the problems.

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Council would offer a contribution of £250.00 towards the cost of a new gate.

153. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ISSUES

a. Memorial garden flower bed

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a budget of £100.00 set for additional plants in the memorial gardens.

b. Complaint regarding garden waste being fly tipped at the boundary of Mallows Grange

It was agreed that the Council would use newsletters and the website to request that fly tipping does not take place.

154. ALLOTMENTS

a. Minutes of the Community Garden Meetings and the Allotment Society Meetings

The Minutes were noted.

b. Site inspection report

It was noted that the site inspection had taken place on 22nd October. Two plot holders were contacted as a consequence of the inspection regarding the lack of cultivation.

155. WATER SPACE SEMINAR

The Clerk provided a report on the Water Space seminar regarding future improvements of the River Nene.

156. LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE

The list that forms Appendix C was received.

157. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next scheduled meeting will be on 19th January 2017. No future agenda items were suggested.

Meeting closed at 9.27 p.m.

Chairman

Appendix A

Power of General Competence adopted 19th November 2015

Schedule of payments made outside of the meeting (Financial Regulation 6.8)

Cheque no	Detail	Amount
	None	

Schedule of payments presented for payment at the meeting

Cheque no	Detail	Amount
000567	A & R Print Solutions Ltd	£56.70
000568	Northamptonshire County Council	£200.00
000569	East Northamptonshire Council - Course for DM (chairing meetings)	£60.00
000570	Stanwick Village Hall Trust	£34.00
000571	Alchemy Tree Surgery work at Mallows Grange	£550.00
000572	Mr Mission – various works	£935.00
000573	Stanwick Pocket Park Group – annual grant	£200.00
000574	Stanwick Bowls Club – annual grant	£200.00
000575	J Hodgson – travel to Lincoln, banner, calls made	£107.81
000576	Cash – for petty cash	£60.00

The above payments were approved _____ Chairman
17th Nov 2016

For information (Financial Regulation 6.5 & 6.6)

Date		Detail	Amount
09.11.16	STD	NCC Pensions	£443.96
12.11.16	DDM	E-on	£11.32
17.11.16	DDM	Anglian Water	£5.00

Receipts:

Date	Detail	Amount
01.11.16	Stanwick Rovers Football Club	£120.00

Budget for 2017-2018

Receipts		Payments	
Cemetery fees	3000.00	Staff costs	23500.00
Bowls club	40.00	Office costs	3500.00
Highway Verges	405.00	Training	500.00
Stanwick Rovers	120.00	Insurance	950.00
Interest	15.00	Subscriptions	1050.00
Grants	0.00	Room Hire	280.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	Election Reserve	0.00
Allotment rents	585.00	Grounds maintenance	21500.00
		Repairs and renewals	1500.00
		Misc	2000.00
		Loan repayments	4715.00
		Section 137	0.00
		Leisure grant	400.00
		Parish Fields/allotments	1000.00
		Neighbourhood plan	0.00
		Street Lighting	150.00
		Addition to cap res*	0.00
	<u>4165.00</u>		
			<u>61045.00</u>

Reports and Correspondence Received

1. Email: NCC consultation re merge of schools in Earls Barton
2. Email: NCC consultation re merge of schools in Rushden
3. Email: Invitation to consultation regarding the River Nene Waterspace Study (circulated to councillors)
4. Email: September's news from my county council (circulated to councillors)
5. Email: Meeting papers for Joint Complaints Committee
6. Email: ENC briefing (circulated to councillors)
7. Email: Invitation to the Northamptonshire Local Nature Partnership fourth annual conference (circulated to councillors)
8. Email: resident complaining about weeds in the kerbs on MG. Reported to Street Doctor
9. Email: NCALC eUpdate Sept/Oct (circulated to councillors)
10. Email: ACRE AGM notice (circulated to councillors)
11. Email: ENC briefing for Town & Parish Councils (circulated to councillors)
12. Email: details of CPRE event (circulated to councillors)
13. Email: Agenda for ENC meeting
14. Email: notification of road closure 17th April 2017 for Stanwick Road Race.
15. Email: Details of the Police & Crime Commissioners survey. (circulated to councillors)
16. Email: Summary of National Flood Resilience Review (circulated to councillors)
17. Email: Open Space Autumn magazine (circulated to councillors)
18. Email: Details of the Countryside Alliance Rural Oscars nomination procedures
19. Email: Details of Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire conference (circulated to councillors).
20. Email: ENC newsletter October 2016 (circulated to councillors)
21. Email: notification of police boundary changes (circulated to councillors).
22. Email: Octobers news from my county council (circulated to councillors)
23. Email: Notification of road works on Weedon Rd Northampton
24. Email: Rushden Mayors Christmas service (circulated to councillors)
25. Email: ENC Town & Parish Briefing (circulated to councillors)
26. Email: Northamptonshire Rural Housing Assn annual report
27. Email: NCC consultation re Prioritisation Framework and Process
28. Email: Notification of latest Superfast Northamptonshire newsletter (circulated to councillors)
29. Email: ENC Town & Parish Briefing (circulated to councillors)
30. Email: NCC consultation re the Fire Service (circulated to councillors)
31. Email: NCC consultation regarding schools in Earls Barton
32. Email: NCC consultation regarding schools in Wellingborough
33. Email: NCC consultation Early Years Single Funding Formula
34. Email: NCC consultations: school admissions 09/2018