

MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON

Date: 6th April 2017

Venue: Committee Room, Village Hall, Stanwick

Time: 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors:-
D Munday (in the chair)
S Glanville-Hughes
M Partrick
N Peck
G Roberts

The Council stood in a minutes silence in remembrance of Parish Councillor Amanda Michel and former District Councillor Peter MacGovern who had both passed away on 29th March 2017.

217. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Kitchener who had been attending Mr MacGovern's funeral. The reason for absence was approved.

218. CASUAL VACANCY

It was noted that a poll had not been requested and the casual vacancy had been advertised with a view to be filled by co-option. The closing date for expressions of interest is 30th April 2017.

219. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 16th March 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

220. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

221. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

None.

222. ENC'S DECISION REGARDING WARTH PARK III

It was noted that the Development Control Committee had considered application 16/02119/FUL on 29th March 2017 and had voted to grant permission. The Parish Council was very concerned to hear that the planning officer present stated that the Stanwick Neighbourhood Plan had 'little' weight.

It was also noted that the representations made by Stanwick Parish Council and Stanwick residents were not included on the planning web pages.

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council is aggrieved at the attitude of planning officer to the Neighbourhood Plan and seeks clarification on the attitude of East Northamptonshire Council towards Neighbourhood Plans.

That the Parish Council should seek the opportunity to make a verbal statement at the East Northamptonshire Council meeting 10th April 2017.

That a letter should be sent to senior management at East Northamptonshire Council outlining the Council's concerns and requesting an explanation.

223. CCLA INVESTMENT

Further to Minute 114 j (November 2016) it was noted that the cost of advice would be £350.00. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That now is not the time to proceed and the investment opportunity would be examined again at a later date.

224. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

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

225. ALLOTMENT RULES

Further to Minute 209 c (March 2016) there was a discussion regarding the permissible structures on allotment plots. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Allotment Rules are to be amended with immediate effect so that

- Full size plot holders may apply for a poly tunnel up to a maximum of 12ft by 20 ft
- Half size plot holders may apply for a poly tunnel with a foot print of a maximum of 80 square foot.
- Where consent is issued for the keeping of hens, the hen house must be proportionate to the number of hens kept and in accordance with hen welfare recommendations.

226. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Further to discussions with the Highways Manager 25th August 2016 (Minute 73) the following updates were received.

a. Bollards for Church Street

A site plan for the bollards and proposed design were received. It was noted that the Highways Manager expected to be able to include this work in the East Northants budget for 2017-18.

It was suggested that a copy of the plan and the design should be sent to landlord of the pub for information.

b. Horse signs for Higham Road

It was noted that the Highway Manager would be arranging for signs to be placed at each end of Higham Road.

c. Painting of the railings on West Street

Northamptonshire County Council will issue an invoice for this work that the Parish Council has previously agreed to fund. The work will be instructed once the invoice has been paid.

d. Village only sign for Chelveston Road

The Highways Manager is unable to provide the style of sign that Parish Council would prefer. Designs for the type of signage Northamptonshire County Council would permitted were provided for the Council to view. The cost of this signage will provided at a later date for the Council's consideration.

e. New & existing yellow lines in and around Church Street and Raunds Road

It is expected that approval for the additional yellow lines will be received in the next few weeks. The Highways Manager has advised that the existing yellow lines will be assessed when the new lines are painted to determine if they required re-painting at the same time.

f. Cutting back on Raunds Road to improve sight lines for the zebra crossing

Northamptonshire County Council has written to the landowner (Stanwick Primary School) to request that the hedge is cut back.

g. White directional signs in various locations

The Highways Manager is investigating alternative ways to restore limbs of the signs.

227. DOG WASTE BIN BY THE PARISH FIELDS GATE

Further to Minute 208 b (March 2017) it was noted that two responses had been received from nearby residents, both of which were favourable. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Clerk submit an application to East Northamptonshire Council for the provision of a dog waste bin.

228. BOUNDARY OF MALLOW GRANGE

The Council has been advised by a resident that someone has been driving on the area by the balancing pond, parking and unloading motorbikes for use on the land behind Mallows Grange.

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

A sign should be erected stating ‘no unauthorised vehicles permitted on the grass.’

A letter to be distributed to residents near the balancing pond requesting that the report be made to the police when unauthorised vehicles are parked on the grass.

229. STANWICK SHOWCASE (20/04/17)

Final arrangements for the showcase were discussed.

230. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This item was moved from an earlier position on the agenda.

The Council was made aware that the Examiners Report is being finalised and that East Northamptonshire Council has provided details of most of the recommendations. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That once the finalised Examiners Report has been received the Clerk should provide a report on the recommendations and implement the modifications with a view to being able to present a ‘Referendum Version’ of the Plan for approval at the meeting to be held 18th May 2017.

The referendum version of the plan would need to be adopted on the 18th May to enable the referendum to be held within the prescribed time limits.

231. DONATION TO CANCER RESEARCH UK

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a cheque for £100.00 be drawn in remembrance of Councillor Michel.

232. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on 18th May 2017. No items were identified for future agendas.

Meeting closed at 8.45 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
000619	East Northamptonshire Council Associated services Feb 17	£16.28
000620	East Northamptonshire Council grounds maintenance Feb 17	£974.11
000621	East Northamptonshire Council Associated services Mar 17	£16.28
000622	East Northamptonshire Council grounds maintenance Mar 17	£1656.83
000623	J & S Pendred new signs at the rec	£84.00
000624	A & R Print Solutions Ltd – showcase printing	£99.60

The above payments were approved _____ Chairman
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For information (Financial Regulation 6.5 & 6.6)

Date		Detail	Amount
28.03.17	DDM	BT Business	£54.56
02.04.17	STD	Stanwick Village Hall Trust - office rent	£200.00

Receipts:

Date	Detail	Amount
various	Allotment rents	£405.00
23.03.17	Grant	£10,000
17.03.17	Central England Co-operative Funeral directors	£70.00
23.03.17	HMRC	£187.70