

# MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

**Venue:** Committee Room, Village Hall, Stanwick

**Time:** 7.15 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors:-  
N Peck  
T Chinery  
S Glanville-Hughes  
S Kitchener  
D Munday  
M Partrick  
G Roberts

## **17.36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

## **17.37 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was proposed and

### **RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **17.38 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None.

## **17.39 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

District Councillor Howell distributed a written report to councillors.

A member of the Stop Warth Park III Group outlined his complaint to East Northamptonshire Council and then provided information about the Crowd Justice funding page that has been launched by the Group.

The legal process of a Judicial Review was outlined by a second member of the Group. It was noted that the request for a review had been lodged with the Courts on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

A resident of Collingham Close spoke against the 'no parking' sign on the open space at Mallows Grange.

#### **17.40 'NO PARKING' SIGN AT MALLOWS GRANGE**

Further to public speaking time (18<sup>th</sup> May 2017) the Council reviewed its decision of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (Minute 228) and the objection of the resident who could see the sign from their property. It was proposed and

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Council would hold a site meeting to consider whether the sign could be relocated.

#### **17.41 DISCUSSION WITH THE PARISH VOLUNTEER WARDENS**

At the invitation of the Council Mr Turner, volunteer tree warden, and Mr Page, volunteer highways warden attended the meeting.

Mr Turner outlined his role and summarised the latest guidance on how to deal with ash die back. He identified two areas where there is Japanese Knotweed that should be reported to Northamptonshire County Council.

Mr Page said he was unsure if the Northamptonshire County Council Highways Representative scheme still existed. He raised a query about Northamptonshire County Council weed spraying protocols.

Mr Page asked the Council to consider replacing the lamp columns on Green Lane as he considers them to be reaching the end of their functional life.

#### **17.42 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM (29/06/17)**

It was noted that as East Northamptonshire Council's referendum publicity was limited to legal notification and poll cards, the Clerk had arranged for banners and leaflets utilizing funds in the Neighbourhood Plan budget. It was proposed and

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Clerks actions were appropriate and the expenditure is covered by the Neighbourhood Plan budget.

#### **17.43 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

**17/01013/FUL            Single storey, pitched roof extension to side of property at 10 West 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 is concerned that proper plans for the proposal do not appear to have been provided on the planning portal and therefore the Council does not have adequate information to fully consider this application.

On this basis the Council is of the view that the extension should not protrude further than the existing wall lines of the dwelling. The materials used should be sympathetic to the dwelling and the street scene.

This response is given on the assumption that there have not been any objections from adjacent properties

**17/01000/SCQ          Scoping opinion: Outline planning for sustainable urban extension to the east of Rushden**

It was noted that the Clerk had submitted a ‘no comment’ response on this application.

**17.44    SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

It was proposed and

**RESOLVED**

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

**17.45    STOP WARTH PARK FIGHTING FUND**

A request for a financial contribution towards the legal costs of the Judicial Review was received. After lengthy consideration of the associated issues, it was suggested that the Stop Warth Park Group III be provided with a grant application form.

It was agreed that a poster provided by the Group could be displayed in the notice board subject to an appropriate disclaimer being in place.

**17.46    GRANT APPLICATION FROM STANWICK VILLAGE HALL TRUST**

Councillor Kitchener withdrew from this item as she has a pre-existing declaration of interest. Councillor Peck declared an ‘other’ interest. It was proposed and

**RESOLVED**

That a grant of £145.00 be paid towards carpet cleaning costs.

**17.47    COUNCILLOR MICHEL**

Several suggestions were discussed for a remembrance for Councillor Michel. The ideas are to be pooled for consideration outside of the meeting. It was agreed that Mr Michel should be consulted.

#### **17.48 ALLOTMENT SITE INSPECTION 8/06/17**

A verbal report was received and action was agreed.

#### **17.49 TAP AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

A request was received from the Community Garden Group to change on of the standpipe taps from the push variety to a tap that would facilitate the use of a hose pipe. It was proposed and

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Council would not change the type of tap used.

#### **17.50 PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT**

The Clerk advised that she had undertaken the quarterly operational inspection and that the safer surfacing underneath the Nexus had come away from the edging. It was proposed and

#### **RESOLVED**

That a quote for effecting repairs be obtained and circulated to councillors outside of the meeting.

#### **17.51 COUNCILLOR PHOTOGRAPHS & NAME BADGES**

It was suggested that photographs of councillors should be displayed on the website and notice board so that it would be easier for members of the public to engage with councillors. It was also suggested that formal name badges be purchased for public events. It was decided not to proceed with this at the present time.

#### **17.52 PARKING NOTICE**

Further to Minute 17-26d the format of the notice was agreed. It was proposed and

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Clerk may proceed with printing the notices once the approval of the police has been secured. That guidelines for using the notices should be drawn up prior to the notices being used and a publicity campaign should be instigated.

#### **17.53 STANWICK SHOWCASE (20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017)**

It was agreed that the event had been the most successful to date.

#### **17.54 SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PHONE BOX, HOT SPOTS AND GROT SPOTS**

Appendix B lists the suggestions made.

## 17.55 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017. There was a request from a member of the public that fly tipping on Higham Road be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.18 p.m.

### Chairman

### Appendix A

#### *Power of General Competence adopted 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015*

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

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
000636	Stanwick Community Garden Group - grant	£100.00
000637	Zurich Municipal - annual ins premium	£995.13
000638	Cheque destroyed – incorrect amount	
000639	Stanwick Village Hall Trust - May room hire	£18.00
000640	East Northamptonshire Council -grounds maintenance Apr 17	£2032.28
000641	East Northamptonshire Council - associated services Apr 17	£16.28

Schedule of payments presented for payment at the meeting

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
000642	Northants CALC – DPA & FOI training JH	£75.00
000643	National Allotment Society – annual subs	£66.00
000644	Stanwick Village Hall Trust - room hire June	£13.50
000645	A & R Print Solutions – app flyer	£42.00
000646	HAGS-SMP Ltd – fitness equipment	£12,000.00
000647	HMRC – quarterly tax & NI	£848.03
000648	J Hodgson – banners, travel & padlock	£439.99
000649	Mr Mission – works at allotments	£495.00

For information (Financial Regulation 6.5 & 6.6)

<b>Date</b>		<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
30.05.17	DDM	BT Business	£56.30
01.06.17	STD	Stanwick Village Hall Trust - office rent	£200.00
09.06.17	STD	NCC pensions	£467.38
11.06.17	DDM	E-on	£12.42
11.06.17	DDM	Anglian Water – cemetery water rates	£5.00

Receipts:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
30/05/17	Allotment rent & deposit plot 9	£55.00
08/06/17	P & S Protty	£400.00
13.06.17	Blenkharn (Headstones)	£140.00

Feedback from the Stanwick Showcase about Stanwick:

### ‘Good’

- Community spirit x 3
- I think living in Stanwick is the best
- It is still a village which is unique
- Nice rural location, but with good transport links and good local shops & pub
- There is a lot of greenery to play on
- Sense of community
- Scarecrow festival
- Shop, Bistro
- Community garden, Stanwick Races, Pocket park, allotments
- Feel safe at home and in village
- Always something going on – club/village hall etc
- Great amenities
- Friendly residents
- The village cinema – fantastic
- It’s a nice village to play out in. And has got a really good park. It is also really homely to live in.

### Grot Spots

1. Via email:

Due to a prior engagement I regret that I am unable to attend this meeting tomorrow night so am writing to ask if you could raise the following topic for me if appropriate under the "Grot Spot" heading.

I am becoming more and more concerned at the increasing disregard for parking laws in the Church St, High St area of the village. Without fail on any school day you will find cars parked on pavements astride yellow lines in Church St and others overhanging the junction with High St. It is a regular habit, at any time of day to find cars parked right at the junction in the High St completely blocking the dropped kerbs, making it difficult and dangerous for wheelchair users or people with prams to cross this busy junction. The situation is just as bad in the evenings when the Bistro is open along with the Public House, cars are again parked on yellow lines outside the pub making it almost impossible to pass and creates a blind spot with traffic approaching from The Avenue. The other evening I saw a car parked in Church St with 3/4 of its length sticking across the junction of the High St, the driver was nowhere to be seen. On really busy evenings I have even seen several cars parked on the pavement in Raunds Rd !! I have spoken in friendly terms with drivers in the past only to be told in vile terms to mind my own business. Do we have to wait for someone to be killed or seriously injured before action is taken?

I ask the Parish Council to stop ignoring this problem and put pressure on those responsible for enforcing parking regulations in this County to take strong action to stamp out this growing problem now if not it will only get worse. It’s great that the Parish Council promote such things as Allotments and Pocket Parks but what good are they when the character of the village is destroyed at its central point by this disregard for others. A number of people that have visited us in the past have said they would never consider living here with the parking situation being worse than what they have in there town or city.

Having lived in the village for over 30 years I have never known this problem to be so bad, I myself have thought that this is no longer a pleasant village to live in all because of others disregard for their surroundings and the law of this land.

2. Speeding down Spencer Parade& West Street. Early hours...vehicle was hit broadside by a speeding vehicle. Luckily no fatalities. It's unacceptable. Chicanes/road calming is needed urgently.
3. Parking – there are more often than not cars parked on the double yellow lines outside the pub. Spot check by the police maybe. A fire engine would struggle to get through.
4. Speed of traffic along Raunds Road! Parking on double yellow lines outside school and pub
5. The park was better before, rubbish now and full of rubbish. Need a walking to lakes.  
(stet)
6. Traffic along Spencer Parade. Pelican crossing near village hall? Lack of parking.

#### **Suggestions for future use of the phone box**

No of times suggested	Suggestion
i	Free library
iii	Book exchange
ii	Museum for Stanwick
i	Made in Stanwick photos or showcase actual items
I	Toilet
i	Cash machine
i	Seat with protection from the rain
iii	Put defib in there
i	Decorate it, make it part of Stanwick
i	Hot chocolate dispenser
i	Vending machine
i	Photo booth
i	Toy machine
i	Ice cream dispenser
i	A place for superheroes to change
i	Letter box
i	Make it a larger planter to grow veg, flower, herbs
i	Surplus food collection point
i	Where old people can stay for the night
i	A storage home