

MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Date: 12th August 2021

Venue: Committee Room, Village Hall, Stanwick

Time: 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors:- N Peck (in the chair)
S Kitchener
M Partrick
J Paterson
Clerk to the Council J Hodgson
Members of the Public 0

21.68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Glanville-Hughes, Konstantinidis and Taylor. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the reason for absence be approved.

21.69 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 15th July 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21.70 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

21.71 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public present.

21.72 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

NE/21/00661/FUL Tree House Location: 5 The Woodlands

After consideration of the planning documents it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northamptonshire Council

The Parish Council does not objection the proposal.

NE/21/01124/OUT Hybrid planning application comprising: A. A full application for the delivery of access and on-site spine roads, associated access junction arrangements onto the A6 and drainage infrastructure; and B. An outline application with all matters reserved aside from access for a phased development of up to 500 homes, employment development of around 5,700m², public open space and associated infrastructure. Location: Knights Farm 223 Newton Road Rushden

After consideration of the planning documents it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northamptonshire Council

The Parish Council does not have any comment to make.

21.73 CLEBURNE CLOSE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

a. Meeting with FJ Morris & Grand Union Housing Association

Further to Minute 21.63 d it was noted that Cllrs Paterson and Taylor and the Clerk met with representatives of FJ Morris and Grand Union Housing Association on 21st July.

Grand Union Housing Association accepted that they should not have directed the contractors to access the rear of Cumberland Avenue without permission from the Parish Council.

Grand Union Housing Association claimed responsibility for the wire fencing and the area between the wire fencing and the wood fence panels to the rear of properties.

Grand Union Housing Association agreed to tidy up the vegetation and debris and return in the autumn to plant hawthorn whips in the gap in the hedge line of the public open space.

b. Tree contractor using the area to access the rear of Raunds Road

It was noted that on 28th July 2021 a tree contractor had driven on to the public open space to access a rear garden of Raunds Road and remove trees. Consideration was given to whether the area could be made inaccessible to vehicles and it was agreed that this would not be possible without inconvenience to residents. It was noted that Grand Union Housing Association would no longer to use the grass to access their properties and it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to the Raunds Road resident that instructed a contractor to use public open space to access the rear of their property that this was Parish Council owned and maintained land that is not permissible to use it for access without prior consent.

21.74 MEETING: GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONSORTIUM & CONTRACT

Further to Minute 21.63 the meeting report forms Minute A was received. It was noted that the Parish Council preferred option was to stay within a consortium but it may be necessary to make other arrangements if the joint contract was not continued.

21.75 LOWER PANELS OF THE BUS SHELTER ON RAUNDS ROAD

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the quote from S Pell be accepted for £245.00 for the replacement of the two lower panels as the existing panels had developed rust holes.

21.76 BENCH AT THE RECREATION GROUND

An email had been received from a resident detailing antisocial behaviour at the bench outside the play area at the recreation ground. It was noted that the bench had been in place since 2013 and this was the first time a report of antisocial behaviour had been received for this location. It was also noted that the bench was regularly used in the manner it was intended for.

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Police Team had agreed to attend this location when in Stanwick.

It was agreed that the Council would not remove the bench at this time as it would probably just relocate the problem into the children's play area. It was agreed that the resident should be encouraged to report any antisocial behaviour to Police via the official police channels. The Parish Council will monitor the situation.

21.77 PLATINUM JUBILEE (2022)

The Council was pleased to note that early plans for the Platinum Jubilee were in place as detailed in Appendix B. It was agreed that the Parish Council supported the idea of a 'Stanwick in Bloom' for the weekend and that planning for these events should proceed.

21.78 SIGN FROM SPENCER PARADE GARDENS

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the 'cycling and ball games prohibited sign' that had fallen down several years ago would not be re-erected. The metal sign is to be retained.

21.79 FOUR YEAR PLAN WORKING GROUP

Further to Minute 21.12 it was noted that a working party of councillors had had two meetings on Zoom to start formulating a four year plan to guide the actions of the council until the next

elections in 2025. The report that forms Appendix C was given to show actions and outcomes achieved to this point. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That as Northants Highways would not remove the graffiti from the road sign on West Street, the Parish Council would seek a quote to remove it as it does not make a good 'first impression' for the village.

21.80 BENCH ON WEST STREET

It was noted that the bench on West Street adjacent to the Stanwick Hotel was in a poor state of repair. It was agreed to obtain a quote for refurbishment. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Clerk has delegated authority under s101 Local Government Act 1972 to authorise the work if the costs are no more than £200.00.

21.81 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

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

21.82 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on 16th September 2021. Councillors Glanville-Hughes and Paterson gave their apologies for this meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.58 p.m.

Chairman

Notes from grounds maintenance meeting 22nd July at Higham Ferrers TC on Zoom

Key points:

The current contract started 1 November 2015 for 5 years.

1 November 2020 the contracts 2 year extension clause was activated.

Contract due to expire 31st Oct 2022

Partners, including Stanwick Parish Council, would need to give 12 months' notice to quit the consortium (31st Oct 2021)

East Northamptonshire Council was the supervising partner and undertook all tendering processes. As a consortium, the value of the contract required government procurement processes to be used.

If the Parish Council was to go alone, it would not be required to use EU procurement processes.

If the Council was to go alone, there would be additional costs to the council for supervision of the contract, assessment of works carried out, ensuring legal compliance etc. This would take the form of employee hours and possibly training.

North Northamptonshire Council's position

New senior officers at NNC have not had the chance to discuss this situation yet.

There are no immediate plans in place for changes.

Waste Manager (CT) will see if it is possible to extend the contract for a further year [logistically it is easier to change contractors at a season start/end than half way through a season]

Kettering has an in-house grounds maintenance service. CT to find out costs and whether it is possible to add us to it.

CT will make available to us the current spec to use as a framework if going forward alone.

Any new contract should look at the green credentials of prospective contractors

Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee

Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June

Marking the event

- Plant a tree for the jubilee [East Street triangle – flowering cherry? Plant in autumn; plaque installed and unveiled at the time/ceremony – who is invited, anyone who remembers the coronation?]
- Brick for the Jubilee bridge? [the bridge at the East Street triangle is known as the jubilee bridge as it has a brick that marks a jubilee of Queen Victoria]
- Village decoration [do we have enough bunting? Where is it?]
- Stanwick at the time of the coronation history display?

Picnic in the Park

- Use the social area at the allotments and pocket park rather than a street party
- Picnic in the park – bring your own
- Date & time?

Senior citizen event?

Stanwick in bloom

- To run over the weekend
- Categories of entry – household, street, group, window, craft [bring in WI?]
- Flower arrangement competition in the church, themed? Once saw this type of thing at Melchbourne. Church to offer tea & cake on the ‘day’
- Token charge to enter – charity?
- Sponsorship?

What other events could be held in Stanwick in the run up to the weekend/ Pre-school scarecrow festival?

Report to meeting 12th August – Four Year Plan working party immediate actions

1. Maintenance of roundabout and Highways England (HE) verge – email sent to HE representative 02/08/21 requesting clarification on HE responsibilities for maintaining the area around the roundabout. Travelling west from Raunds and turning on to West Street, the vegetation is encroaching into the road and does affect driver sight lines. It would be helpful to know the maintenance schedule.
11/08/21 Chance meeting with HE surveyor due to tree damage to Stagecoach bus. Discussed to cut back due to sight lines etc. Northants Highways Area Manager also present.

There is an area from the back of the ‘splitter’ island to the speed signs that comes under Northants Highways. Northants Highways & Highways England to negotiate on who cuts it.
2. Vegetation on county verge east bound is encroaching into the road– reported to Northants Highways.
11/08/21 site meeting with Northants Highways Area Manager. In Sept area to be flailed back. Tall shrubs in verge to be removed to improve visibility.
3. Graffiti on roundabout sign – Northants Highways will not take action because: As the issues is not causing a safety concern on the Highways, we will not be taking any further action at this time. If however, further graffiti appears and obstructs the instructions on the front of the sign, appropriate action will be taken
4. Woodland area adjacent to Stanwick Hotel – reported to Northants Highways 05/08/21 with a request for information
11/08/21 site meeting with Northants Highways Area Manager. Northants Highways to re-start dialogue with owners. Northants Highways to check maps etc to see if ‘county verge’ exists so that it can be added to the mowing schedule.
5. Installation of Red Lion Roundabout traffic lights [part of Darcie Park Development] – most likely early 2022
6. Start date for duelling to A45 – Response from Highways England The competition for funding in the latest Road Investment Strategy (RIS) was very strong and it has not been possible to include every scheme proposed within an affordable, deliverable and value for money plan. Although the A45 Stanwick to Thrapston has not been included in RIS 2 (2020-25), any contribution of evidence that supports the case for this scheme, coupled with work to build a local consensus for it, will bolster its prospects for inclusion in future RIS periods
7. 20mph advisory scheme for outside Stanwick Primary – waiting for response from Northants Highways

8. Possibility installing a path along Arris Lane - waiting for response from Northants Highways
9. 'Stanwick' signs (please drive carefully) on Higham Road and Chelveston Road so that all entry points identify Stanwick - waiting for response (costings) from Northants Highways
10. Flag pole – waiting for information on the progress of the Faculty application
11. Hanging basket pole on bund – no action taken

Appendix D

Schedule of Payments presented for authorisation at the meeting.

Table 1: Schedule of payments made outside of the meeting (Financial Regulation 6.8)

Cheque no	Payee and reason	Amount
None	None	None

Table 2: Schedule of cheques presented for authorisation at the meeting

Cheque no	Payee and reason	Amount
1037	Stanwick Pocket Park Group – donation per Minute 21.56d	£120.00
1038	S Glanville-Hughes – travel to Memorial course	£61.60
1039	Stanwick Village Hall Trust - meeting room hire Aug 2021	£22.00
1040	Turney Landscapes Ltd – tree works at Mallows Grange	£780.00

The above payments were approved (signature line) _____ Chairman

Date signed 12 Aug 2021

Table 3: For information (Financial Regulation 6.5 & 6.6) automated payments

Date	Method	Payee and reason	Amount
30.07.21	DDM	BT Business	£36.52
03.08.21	STD	Stanwick Village Hall	£218.00
09.08.21	STD	LGPS Pensions	£485.50
11.08.21	DDM	E-on for street lighting	£17.42

Table 4: Money received since the last meeting:

Date	Where the money was received from	Amount
26.07.21	Stanwick Rovers Football Club – annual rent	£125.00
28.07.21	Stanwick Bowls Club – annual rent	£40.00
30.07.21	L Betteridge - cemetery	£230.00

Note: *The General Power of Competence adopted 20th May 2021*