

Stanwick Parish Council

April 2018 Newsletter



***Council News.... Community Garden.... Pot holes.....Parking
Neighbourhood Watch.... Elections.....***

Welcome to the fourteenth annual newsletter from the Parish Council. This newsletter gives a brief summary of the activities of the Council over the past twelve months together with other information.

Your Parish Council has 7 members: Nick Peck (Chairman) Graham Roberts (Vice Chair), Trevor Chinery, Sylvia Glanville-Hughes, Sue Kitchener, Dave Munday and Mark Patrick.

Minutes of Council meetings can be viewed at Stanwick Village Hall, Raunds Library and online at the Council website www.stanwickparishcouncil.org.uk or alternatively contact the Council Clerk.

Parish Office. The Parish Clerk now works from an office in the village hall and is generally available week day mornings to assist with parish related matters.

Stanwick Neighbourhood Plan. The big news of 2017 was the resounding 'Yes' vote for the Neighbourhood Plan in June. This was the culmination of four years of hard work and will help to ensure Stanwick has small, sustainable timely developments that meet the needs of residents and that do not distort the shape and essence of the village; to evolve and expand whilst retaining its unique and distinctive character.

Stanwick Lakes & overflow parking. The Parish Council has initiated a series of meetings with the management of Lakes, Highways England, NCC Highways, East Northamptonshire Council and the Police. The solution is not as simple as to provide more on-site parking. The reality is that in 2017 the Lakes car parks were closed as they were full on 9 occasions. Their management acknowledges that this was 9 too many for Stanwick residents, but they were open for the rest of the year. We are working on ways to deter visitors from travelling to the Lakes when it is known that there will be parking problems, ways to prevent cars being left on the side of the A45 and left within the village. The new double yellow lines on West Street seem to have been effective in 2017 and the Parish Council has applied for additional yellow lines at the junction of Dolben Avenue and where West Street joins the A45.

Adult fitness equipment. A set of equipment was installed at the recreation ground and is frequently in use.

Council App. The Council has been offered the opportunity to trial a parish council app, which would move communications into the 21st century.

Stanwick Showcase 19th April – Stanwick Village Hall 7-9pm

Guest speakers: Northants Fire Service & Nenescape.

First Responders will be running sessions demonstrating how to use the de-fib

Meet the new Vicar; find out what SERVE can do for you; Neighbourhood Watch

Come along and see what is on offer

All Change

In May 2019 the present members of Stanwick Parish Council will be obliged to stand down as it will be election time again*.

Could you be a councillor?

As a councillor representing our community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.

There are eligibility criteria, such as being over 18 years of age and living within the parish. The parish clerk can provide more detailed information.

The Parish Council currently meets in the evening on the third Thursday of alternate months. **If you care about our community** and would like to help make a real difference then **why not?**

Now is the time to start finding out about the Council, what it does and the role of councillors so that you can make an informed decision next year when it is time to be nominated for the council.

* Councillors standing down are able to be nominated for a further term of office.

Important telephone numbers

999

Emergency

111

Non-emergency
medical number

112

Emergency number
that will work on any
mobile anywhere in
the world

101

Non-emergency
number for the
Police



Community Garden

The Community Garden is growing from strength to strength. Created using money secured by the Parish Council with the ITV 'The Peoples Millions', it is a real success story.

There are impressive plans for the coming year.

Look out for the bedding plant sales!

To be part of this success, call Dave on 07920 095981 or speak to a member of the group on site.

Stanwick Community Garden, Raunds Road

OPEN DAY WITH PLANT SALE

SAT 12TH MAY 10.30 – 2.30PM

Dog fouling & litter: don't let it be a blight.

Leaving dog mess in a public place is not only unpleasant and antisocial, it is also a health hazard. Dog owners have a legal duty to clean up every time their dog messes in a public place.

Authorised officers can patrol parks and open spaces and specific areas where dog fouling has been reported. You can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75 if you do not clean up after your dog.

If you witness someone letting their dog foul without cleaning it up afterwards in a public place, you should report this to the dog warden with as much information as possible. For more information please contact East Northamptonshire Council on 01832 742000 or see www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Don't get a ticket!

Yellow line parking restrictions apply to the whole of the highway on the side that they are marked including any footway or verge. Civil Enforcement can issue tickets with penalty charges of up to £70.00.

Under highway law, it is illegal to park a vehicle so that it obstructs other people wanting to use a road or path. It is also illegal to obstruct a private entrance.

Pot Holes

Pot holes in the road are the bane of drivers' lives. The roads, other than the A45, are the responsibility of Northamptonshire County Council. You can report pot holes and other highway problems through their Street Doctor scheme. It's easier to do online rather than on the phone. www.northamptonshire.gov.uk scroll down the home page and click on 'Highways'

Or contact Street Doctor on 0300 1261000 option 4.

Obstruction of driveways

Under highways law it is illegal to park so that it obstructs someone wanting to use the road or path. It is also illegal to block a private drive.

Where a persistent obstruction occurs you can ask Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) to paint a white access line across the entrance to your driveway. There is a charge for this service.

It has no legal significance but has proved helpful in discouraging inconsiderate parking.

To apply for a white line use the NCC website:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycyz712a>

Bus service to Rushden Lakes

Did you know there is a 'quick' dedicated bus service between Stanwick, Raunds and Rushden Lakes that starts early in the day and runs into the late evening? The '45' service fits around the existing services and operates on a **Sunday** unlike the X46 & X47.

It is scheduled to help people get to work and will be ideal for trips out to the cinemas and restaurants (once they are open).

It is being operated on a 2 year trial basis. If it doesn't get used it will be withdrawn.

TIME TABLE AVAILABLE SOON

Have your say

The Parish Council welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Councillors are in post to represent the views and wishes of the parish and to best do that, they need to know what you are thinking.

Contact the Council via clerk.stanwickpc@outlook.com or 01933 625616 or speak to a councillor direct.



Domestic Care

Community Transport

Wellbeing Centre

Mobility Shop

Home Care

**SERVE is a voluntary organisation and a registered charity
We have been providing services and assistance to older people and adults with disabilities in East Northamptonshire and surrounding areas for over 30 years**

Volunteering – This is a worthwhile and rewarding experience. We are always looking for new volunteers in all areas of the organisations - If this is something you are interested in doing get in touch today!



For further details on any of our services please contact us on:
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Neighbourhood Watch is one of the strongest forces operating in the country today, it helps to bind communities and get them pulling together to fight crime and anti-social behaviour.

Neighbourhood Watch is a popular way for people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in preventing and detecting crime and disorder in the community.

Schemes start with people sharing crime prevention advice and taking part in local activities, keeping an eye on neighbouring properties, improving home security and building two-way communication with the police.

What is a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

It is a group of people, concerned about quality of life issues who have decided to act collectively as members of a Watch Scheme to make their community a safer place to live in. Each scheme keeps in close touch with the police, sharing information as necessary.

To find out more about Neighbourhood Watch and how it can help the community **please call 101** and ask for the neighbourhood Watch Office in your area.