

MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Date: 4th March 2021

Venue: Zoom

Time: 7.15 p.m.

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

This meeting was held 'remotely' via an internet platform as permitted by The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

20.157 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from East Northants Councillor Howell.

20.158 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 21st January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20.159 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Munday declared an 'other' interest in items 20.174 and 20.178

20.160 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

The Council was saddened to learn that Roger Dainty who served as a parish councillor between 2007 and 2015 had passed away in January 2021.

20.161 VIRTUAL MEETINGS FROM 6th MAY

It was noted that on 6th May 2021 the regulations permitting councils to meet remotely would expire. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a request be sent to Mr T Pursglove MP urging the Government to extend the legislation to give town and parish councils the flexibility to continue with remote meetings at their discretion.

Parish Council would want the flexibility of holding either in person or virtual meetings at its discretion because the meeting venue does not support socially distanced meetings for councillors and would prevent members of the public attending. The building does not support hybrid meetings (mix of in person and remote attendees) and the Parish Council does not have technology, skills nor venue to accommodate this. Flexibility would enable the Parish Council to respond to spikes in covid 19 or other pandemic situations. Virtual meetings support the community better and allow people to participate in democracy particularly where their personal circumstances do not allow them to attend in-person meetings. There is a climate benefit as there is less vehicular travel to meetings.

20.162 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

21/00265/FUL One and a half storey side extension 7 The Woodlands

After consideration of the planning documents and an objection received from a resident it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to East Northamptonshire Council

The Parish Council does not object to the proposal. This decision is based on the assumption that there are no objections from adjoining properties and the materials are sympathetic to the existing dwelling.

20.163 HARGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REG 14 CONSULTATION

It was agreed that a representation to the consultation should be made stating that the Parish Council commends the Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for a clear and concise set of documents and for the tone and nature of the Draft Plan.

20.164 EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN PART 2

On the consultation under 2012 Local Planning Regulations 19 and 35; 2004 Environmental Assessment Regulations 11 and 12; and 2017 Conservation of Habitats, Regulation 105 it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council does not have any comment to make on the regulatory compliance of the Local Plan Part 2.

It was noted that there was benefit to councillors to understand the content of the plan document and how it may be applied to Stanwick.

20.165 ENC RESIDENTIAL ANNEXES CONSULTATION

It was noted that East Northamptonshire Council Supplementary Planning Policy for Residential Annexes Consultation had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a representation to the consultation should be made stating that the Parish Council welcome part 9 of the Supplementary Planning Policy which specifically refers to climate change mitigation and hopes to this extended to other areas of planning policy.

20.166 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

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

20.167 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Further to Minute 20.108 a working party of councillors met on 10th February 2021 and considered the Made Neighbourhood Plan in the context of whether the Plan was achieving its purpose and whether should it include any issues that it did not, such as climate change and local green space and whether it should be changed to include site specific land allocations.

The implications of making minor or major changes to the Made Plan were considered.

It was noted that the East Northamptonshire Council Local Plan Part II was nearing completion and is expected to be adopted within 12 months. It was also noted that the new unitary authority North Northamptonshire Council would undertake its own review of higher level planning policies in the near future. It was recognised that where a policy existed in another higher level plan, it is not permissible to replicate that policy in a Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted that there are certain aspects of the existing Made Plan that could potentially be addressed, such as the fact it does not include a settlement boundary; that the wording of the policy regarding the of housing design could potentially be tightened up; and there are traffic pinch points that would be exacerbated by increases in traffic flows from additional developments.

It was noted that Stanwick does not have a proven housing need and that the spatial strategy policy of North Northamptonshire is to focus development on Sustainable Urban Extensions with only windfall developments in village settings.

It was recommended by the working party that it would not be appropriate to make changes to the Neighbourhood Plan at this review. Further reviews will be undertaken prior to a new Neighbourhood Plan being initiated at some point from 2027.

It was recommended that the following actions be undertaken by 31st March 2022:

- Review all evidence base reports created by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and update if required.

- The Parish Council to identify what additional policies it considers desirable, for example, sustainability requirements for all developments, not just those developments over a set number of dwelling, so that the Parish Council may effectively respond to North Northamptonshire consultations on planning policies.
- Review the East Northamptonshire Council Joint Core Strategy and Local Plan Part II to determine whether policies on topics the Parish Council consider significant already exist.

It was also recommended that at either at the July 2021 meeting of the Parish Council, or at a specifically convened meeting, the aims and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan should be assessed to determine what progress has been made and agree what action should be taken. This may include a new Parish Plan.

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the recommendations detailed above be accepted and adopted by the Council.

20.168 6th May 2021 PARISH ELECTIONS

It was noted that the elections should be proceeding. Information on the processes would be circulated to councillors and made available to members of the public.

20.169 'WELCOME TO STANWICK SIGN'

Further to Minute 20.145 e a quote for £1570.43 from the original sign makers, Signs of the Times, had been received. There would be additional costs for installation. It was agreed to defer the decision at to the next agenda and in the meantime investigations would be made to determine if it could be repaired locally.

20.170 QUOTES FOR WORKS AT THE PLAY AREA

Further to Minute 20.145 g the new information requested by Council was considered. On the basis of this information it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the quote from Grey Hound Leisure for a total of £2971.00 (net) accepted and the work instructed.

20.171 QUOTE FOR TREE WORKS AT MALLOWS GRANGE

A quote for lift the height of the trees on the public open space on Wetenhall Road was received. After consideration of the benefit and needs of the work, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the quote from Turney Landscapes Ltd for a total of £650.00 be accepted and the work instructed.

20.172 E-SCOOTERS AT THE RECREATION GROUND

It was noted that E-scooters had been seen used on and near the recreation ground. It was noted that the use of E-scooters on the public highway is illegal. The local Police Sergeant has advised that recreation ground would actually be classed as a public space due to the fact that it is open to the public paid or otherwise and therefore it would most certainly be illegal to use e-scooters there.

It was agreed that any instances of the scooter being used at the recreation ground should be reported to the Police on 101. It was also agreed to undertake a publicity campaign on the noticeboard, Facebook page, the website and with posters to advise that if individuals use e-scooters at the recreation ground they may be reported to the Police on 101.

20.173 PATH FROM MANSFIELD STREET TO SPENCER PARADE

Further to Minute 20.152 g it was noted that the managing director of Hawkes Technical had taken advice and four trees would need to be removed as severing the offending roots would result in the trees becoming unstable. This work is expected to take place 18th/19th March and the tree surgeon may close the footpath in the interests of public safety.

It was agreed to wait until the trees had been removed before agreeing the extent of the path repair works required.

20.174 WAR MEMORIAL CENTENARY & FLAG POLE

Further to Minute 20.136 it was noted that the centenary of the Stanwick War Memorial would be on 8th May 2021.

It has been suggested by Rev Aldwinkle and Mr Thoday of the Royal British Legion that a rededication ceremony be held on the afternoon of Sunday 9th May 2021. On the 9th May 1918 four Stanwick men died and they can be remembered at the same time.

It has also been suggested that the service is followed by teas, coffee and cakes from the Church.

The Parish Council had received a suggestion that it provide a flagpole at the churchyard. It was noted that the Parochial Church Council (PCC) agreed in principle with the proposal provided the Parish Council paid for it and the flag. A member of the PCC has offered to apply for a faculty from the Diocese. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council agrees in principle with the proposal to install a flag pole in the church yard. Formal quotes should be obtained and the location should be agreed before proceeding further.

20.175 TRAFFIC CALMING AT THE WETENHALL ROAD/RAUNDS ROAD

Further to Minute 20.152 d it was noted that Northamptonshire County Council have obtained a specification from SWARCO for an approved solar powered sign and this had been circulated to councillors. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That providing the Speed Indication Device preferred by Northamptonshire County Council and paid for by Taylor Wimpey is solar powered, the Parish Council will adopt it once it has been installed. That the sign is to be located on the same side as the footpath.

It was also noted that the schematics for the mini roundabout indicated that the 'Welcome to Stanwick' sign on Raunds Road would be relocated toward Raunds and be placed in a location where it would be difficult to maintain the flower box. The planter is maintained by STEP. Northamptonshire County Council have confirmed that this relocation will not be required as the welcome to Stanwick sign will not block the sight lines for the new signage.

20.176 BOLLARDS ON HIGH STREET

Further to Minute 20.152 b it was confirmed that letters had been delivered to Stanwick Post Office, Groomers@Stanwick and Pressed for Time. An email with the same information had been sent to For the Love of Wine and N Brailsford (as a premises owner). The only response had been received from Stanwick Post Office and Councillors Peck and Kitchener had met with Mr Sidhu on site to talk through the proposals and to determine whether it would affect deliveries to his premises or his customers.

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That Northants Highways be requested to proceed with the bollards on the corner of High Street and Spencer Parade.

That the Parish Council explore the option of planters rather than bollards outside the Groomers as this would be more aesthetically pleasing than bollards. Northants Highways should be asked if they can make a financial contribution as they would have paid for the bollards.

20.177 CHURCH STREET

An email from a resident making a number of complaints about Church Street had been received and the Council reviewed the email and the response sent by the Clerk and the action taken. It was noted that the Clerks request for further information from the resident had not been replied to. It was noted that the email considered a request to extend double yellow lines by approximately one meter. It was agreed that it would be more appropriate for a resident with concerns about parking outside the property's access to contact Northamptonshire County Council direct and make arrangements for white lines to be installed.

20.178 SPENCER PARADE STONE WALL

An email report from resident regarding HGVs passing through Stanwick between midnight and 4am from A45 towards Raunds in significant numbers on some occasions was noted. The vibrations cause books etc to fall to the floor in the resident's house and the resident expressed concerns as to how it would impact on the stone wall holding up Parklands.

Highways England was emailed 5th February requesting their support in ensuring HGVs do not come through Stanwick during road closures.

Northants Highways was emailed 8th February to request a full safety inspection of carried out on the wall. Northamptonshire County Council own the wall having purchased the area some years ago with the intention of widening the road and straightening it near the church. Northants Highways have advised that they are procuring work for the wall but have not specified what this work is.

20.179 TREES AT THE RECREATION GROUND

A letter from a resident of Rectory Close regarding trees in the recreation ground was received requesting work is undertaken on certain trees. It was noted that a tree surgeon had been asked for his views on the fact sheet applied by the resident. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the resident be advised that having taken advice from a tree surgeon, the Council would not be removing the trees. The resident is to be advised that having taken advice from the tree surgeon and that the resident is within his rights to cut back the branches at the point where they overhang his property. He would not be within his rights to cut back any branches within Parish Council property.

20.180 GIGACLEAR WORKS IN STANWICK

It was noted that Gigaclear contractors have been working through Stanwick installing ultrafast broadband cables and ports. Gigaclear had not responded to requests for information from the Clerk and had caused access difficulties at the Village Hall. Other issues included traffic lights 'sticking' on red, where supplies had been stockpiled, how operatives had interacted with residents when they wanted vehicles moved, not notifying residents when traffic lights were being placed outside their properties. These matters had been addressed through Northamptonshire County Council.

It was noted that there had been two reports of residents receiving very poor broadband and lost their phone line for a number of hours whilst Gigaclear contractors were working close to their properties. It was suggested that the equipment being used may have adversely affected the existing infrastructure.

It was also noted that further to Minute 20.91 that the Clerk had received notification from Gigaclear that the company would now be utilising existing ducting and would therefore not require an agreement with the Parish Council nor make a payment as previously offered.

20.181 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on 25th March 2021.

Meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.

Chairman

Appendix A

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
1008	SLCC Enterprises – Conference 23-25 Feb 2021	£90.00
1009	East Northamptonshire Council - cleansing service Jan 2021	£13.99
1010	East Northamptonshire Council - grounds maintenance Jan 2021	£595.07
1011	J Hodgson – 1 month Zoom, laminating pouches, cable ties	£31.33
1012	Ian Morris-Pascoe – tap repairs at the allotments	£140.00

The above payments were approved (signature line) _____ Chairman
Date signed 4 March 2021

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

Date	Method	Payee and reason	Amount
30.01.21	DDM	BT Business	£71.94
03.02.21	STD	Stanwick Village Hall Trust - office costs	£218.00
09.02.21	STD	LGPS Pensions	£485.50
12.02.21	DDM	E-on – power for street lights (5)	£17.42
17.02.21	DDM	Wave – cemetery water rates	£5.00
01.03.21	DDM	BT Business	£32.34
03.03.21	STD	Stanwick Village Hall Trust - office costs	£218.00

Table 4: Money received since the last meeting:

Date	Where the money was received from	Amount
22.02.21	Northamptonshire County Council - county verge contribution	£405.38

Note: *The General Power of Competence adopted 19th November 2015*