

MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON

Date: 7th September 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

17.83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received ENC Councillor Howell.

17.84 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 27th July 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17.85 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Munday declared an 'other' interest in item 17.94.

17.86 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

None.

17.87 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

17/01680/VAR Variation of conditions 13 of a level 4 rating under the Code of Sustainable Homes and 22 Energy Strategy Study pursuant to 16/00864/VAR Darsdale Farm Site

No comment.

17.88 COUNCILLOR AMANDA MICHEL

Further to Minute 17.47 (June 2017) the five potential options were reduced to two, namely re-naming/developing a section of Parish Fields and a civic award.

It was agreed there should be further consideration with input from the pocket park group at the November meeting.

17.89 STANWICK LAKES JOINT MEETING

The meeting report shown as Appendix A to these Minutes was received and noted.

Since the meeting NCC Highways have agreed to look at extending the double yellow lines from the Cotton Lane turning to the clear way signs.

It was suggested that 'no parking – access required at all times' signs were fixed to the Cotton Lane field gate and the field gate adjacent to the Stanwick Hotel.

The Council agreed an area at the junction of Dolben Avenue and West Street for consideration of double yellow lines to improve driver and pedestrian safety.

17.90 'THINK BEFORE YOUR PARK SCHEME'

It was noted that generally the scheme was being effective as the situation had improved on and around Church Street. PS Wildman had recommended slight alterations to the ticket and the revised version was circulated amongst councillors.

Correspondence from residents received via email was reviewed. Primarily these were from residents that had received a leaflet. The Clerk reported on a telephone call received. It was also noted that there had been positive verbal comments from residents, such as 'it is good to see something being done'.

One of the emails suggested a 'disabled' bay being created near the post office.

It was suggested that signage to the car park of the Duke of Wellington could be improved which may further alleviate the issues in Church Street. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

A further batch of tickets be printed.

That a suggestion be made to the owner of the Duke of Wellington that signage to the car park be introduced.

That PS Wildman be asked whether the parking notes could be handed out by people who are not councillors.

An enquiry should be made with NCC Highways whether it is feasible to create a disabled parking bay outside the Groom@stanwick.

17.91 CEMETERY FLOWER BEDS

It was noted that the flower beds were empty as the gate had been left open and this had allowed rabbits to get in and eat the bedding plants. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the flower beds be left empty over the winter to allow for a manure treatment. It was suggested that roses could be introduced to two of the beds and costs for this will be considered at a future meeting.

17.92 'PICK UP YOUR LITTER SIGNS'

A resident suggested that signs were needed at the play area at the recreation ground. It was agreed that a quote should be obtained, and should the costs be under £20.00, a sign should be obtained.

17.93 EMAIL ACCOUNT

After consideration of a report prepared by the Clerk it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That an info@stanwickparishcouncil.org email address should be set up with full functionality at a cost of £2.99 per month for use by councillors in the Clerks absence.

17.94 WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

It was noted that funding streams were available for certain types of works from the War Memorials Trust. As he has received training from the Trust to identify necessary repairs, Councillor Munday agreed to produce a report for consideration at a future meeting.

17.95 TELEPHONE BOX ON SPENCER PARADE

Further to Minute 133 (3 November 2016) the contract for the adoption of the red telephone box was received from BT. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the content of the contract be noted and that the Clerk be authorised to sign the contract on behalf of the Council.

The appropriate licence from NCC Highways was received in November 2016.

17.96 PARISH PLAN 2013-18

A report outlining the items on the Action Plan not yet completed was circulated to all councillors. The Council directed the Clerk as to whether the actions should be marked as 'no further action' or action to be taken.

17.97 REPORT FROM THE WALK ABOUT (17/08/17)

The report that forms Appendix B was approved.

17.98 REFURBISHMENT OF THE DIRECTIONAL SIGN POSTS

It was agreed that the three traditional style sign posts were in very poor condition. These are located in St Laurence churchyard, at the Triangle on East Street and the junction of High Street and Grange Road. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a quote from J&S Pendred be accepted for £440.00 to refurbish all three sign posts.

It was noted that there were photographs of the signs dating to the 1970s showing more destinations on the 'arms'. It was agreed that the arms should be refurbished with the current destinations only.

17.99 OUTSTANDING HIGHWAYS WORK

Further to Minute 73 (August 2016), the following updates were received.

- Railings on West Street – NCC Highways are not able to complete this works and the monies paid over by the Parish Council will be returned.
- B663 signage – NCC is waiting for investigative work to be undertaken with respect to potential electrical works prior to this proceeding.
- 30 mph extension of Higham Road – the legal process has been completed.
- Yellow lines for Raunds Road – this work is expected Sept/Oct 2017
- Bollards for Church Street – expected during the autumn/winter
- Horse signs for Higham Road - expected during the autumn/winter

It was noted that 30 mph signs on Raunds Road were still obscured by vegetation despite being reported via Street Doctor. It was agreed that Mr Mission should be asked to cut back the growth to improve visibility of the signs,

17.100 NCALC AGM (7/10/17)

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Munday would be the voting delegate for the Parish Council.

17.101 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FIRE SERVICE CONSULTATION

Further to Minute 17-65 d it was noted that the results of the consultation had been in favour of the proposal and the Commissioner had submitted a business case to the Home Office.

17.102 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the schedule that forms Appendix C be approved for payment.

17.103 PARISH FIELDS FORUM MEETING 9th SEPT

It was noted that Cllr Kitchener would represent the Council at this meeting.

17.104 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting will be on 21st September 2017

Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman

Meeting held 5th September 2017 at Stanwick Village Hall

Re parking and capacity issues at Stanwick Lakes

Present:

Alyson Allfree	Rockingham Forest Trust
Mark Wood	Site Services Manager, Stanwick Lakes
P.S. Sharan Wildman	Northants Police
Dudley Hughes	NCC
Helen Howell	ENC
Richard Lewis	ENC rep of Stanwick Lakes Management Board
Glenvil Greenwood-Smith	ENC rep of Stanwick Lakes Management Board
Sarah Barnwell	Community Liaison Manager, NCC Highways
Phil Donaldson	Assistant Community Liaison Officer, NCC Highways
Julie Smith	ENC Head of Customer & Community Services
Jon Gray	Irthlingborough TC
Angie Daly	Irthlingborough TC Clerk
Nick Peck	Stanwick Parish Council
Mark Partrick	Stanwick Parish Council
Sue Kitchener	Stanwick Parish Council
Trevor Chinery	Stanwick Parish Council
Sylvia Glanville Hughes	Stanwick Parish Council
Dave Munday	Stanwick Parish Council
Graham Roberts	Stanwick Parish Council
Jenny Hodgson	Clerk Stanwick Parish Council

After welcome and introductions the meeting was shown two short dash-cam clips illustrating the issues by overflow parking during the weekend of 26th August 2017.

The Stanwick Lakes representatives outlined the existing situation from their perspective.

- The car parks have been closed on 9 occasions since 1st January 2017 and it is recognised that this is 9 times too many for affected residents.
- The existing car parking capacity is 250-270 vehicles which can be increased to 510 vehicles by utilising the overflow carpark area.
- The use of the overflow car park can be dependent on weather/ground conditions
- Increasing the on-site parking capacity does not eliminate the possibility of off-site parking, as there may still be over flow parking and those who wish to avoid paying parking charges.
- The on-site resources are finite. There has been a recent occasion of mains water running out.
- The additional car parking area at the Irthlingborough end of the site is no longer used, due to staff and security issues.
- The Police have advised staff to put up the 'car park full' signs and not engage with drivers to keep the traffic moving.
- Lakes management avoids hosting special events on dates they expect to be otherwise busy.

- There are at least 5 pedestrian access points around the site and it is not possible to exclude visitors arriving on foot.

It was recognised that the most ideal situation would be to deter drivers from the site once the car parks are approaching capacity. Suggested methods to achieve this were:

- Stanwick Lakes to send bulletins to local radio stations such as BCC Northampton and Heart Radio for public broadcast
- Improve the message content from 'car park full' to 'site full' or 'facility full'
- Investigate the possibility for having a static digital information sign on the A45, to advise traffic from both directions. This sign has the potential to be used for other messages.
- Investigate the possibility of incorporating signage as part of the Chowns Mill redevelopment.

Julia Smith offered the services of the East Northamptonshire Council communications team to the Stanwick Lakes team to assist with a communications strategy.

To address other associated issues:

- Sarah Barnwell to talk to the Traffic Manager to see if it possible to have signage on the A45 verge to deter parking
- Stanwick Parish Council to look at requesting short lengths of double yellow lines at the junction of Dolben Avenue and West Street to improve road safety.
- Stanwick Parish Council to advise residents when it is appropriate to report an obstructed path to the police on 101.
- Stanwick Parish Council to advise residents that it has been only 9 instances in 2017
- Stanwick residents can pay to have white lines painted in front of their drives to deter parking, but these cannot be enforced.

It was agreed that a follow up meeting should be held with an expectation that this will be in November 2017.

Appendix B

Actions required following councillor walkabout 17/08/17

Mallows Grange

Public area behind Wetenhall Road Cuts back and remove waste	Mr Mission
Open area at Manningham Cut back shrubs around path, removing nettles & brambles	Turneys
Cleburne Close open area Remove sycamore/cut down from shrub bed	Mr Mission

Recreation ground

Signs by path to Mansfield St Clean	Mr Mission
Signs by car park Cut back vegetation	Mr Mission
Car park Talk to duty planner about possibility of extending the car park	Clerk
Trees in 'rough' area alongside Rectory Close Lift tree line to 2m head clearance	Mr Mission
Signs on Raunds Road pointing towards the recreation ground - Clean.	Mr Mission

Spencer Parade Gardens

Trees overhanging footpath Lift to 2 m clearance	Mr Mission
Shrub beds Find out who has cut the shrubs back and get waste cleared	Clerk Complete 18/08/17

St Laurence church yard

Lime trees over hanging church street Lift to 2 m clearance	
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Chelveston Road

County verge Brambles etc cover verge preventing pedestrians from using it Report to Street Doctor	Clerk 892937 18/08/17
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The Triangle

Paving slabs uneven and some are broken Obtain quote	Clerk
Sign post requires refurbishment Obtain quote from J & S Pendred [emailed 18/08/17]	Clerk
Consider further enhancements to the area	Council

Cemetery

Trees overhanging the paths Lift to 2m clearance	Mr Mission
Black bench on patio area Re-paint	Mr Mission
Agree action for the flower beds	Clerk/Turneys

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
000662	Stanwick Village Hall Trust room hire	£52.25
000663	BT Payphones	£1.00
000664	East Northamptonshire Council Cleansing June 17	£16.28
000665	BDO LPP Audit	£480.00
000666	M Oliver allotment deposit refund	£30.00
000667	A Neville allotment deposit refund	£15.00
000668	N Wilson allotment deposit refund	£30.00
000669	East Northamptonshire Council cleansing July 17	£16.28
000670	East Northamptonshire Council grounds maintenance July 17	£1889.32
000671	J Hodgson – stationery	£40.25
000672	Cash	45.00

The above payments were approved _____ Chairman
7th Sept 2017

For information (Financial Regulation 6.5 & 6.6)

Date		Detail	Amount
28.07.17	DDM	BT Business	£51.92
11.08.17	DDM	E-on	£12.42
15.08.17	DDM	Anglian Water	£5.00
29.08.17	DDM	BT Business	£51.92

Receipts:

Date	Detail	Amount
17.08.17	HMRC	£817.00
22.08.17	Stanwick Bowls Club (annual rent)	£40.00