

MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Date: 23rd September 2021
Venue: Committee Room, Village Hall, Stanwick
Time: 7.15 p.m.
Present: **Councillors:-** N Peck (in the chair)
S Kitchener
G Konstantinidis (from 7.21pm)
M Partrick
J Paterson
M Taylor
Clerk to the Council J Hodgson
Members of the Public 0
NNC Councillor Howell

21.83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Glanville-Hughes. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the reason for absence be approved.

Apologies were received from NNC Councillors Levell and Wilkes.

21.84 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 12th August 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21.85 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Paterson declared a DPI in item 21.88 d as an allotment tenant.

21.86 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public present.

21.87 REPORT FROM NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILLORS

Cllr Howell drew attention to the weekly ‘leaders update’ that provided reports from all of the portfolio holders at North Northamptonshire Council. She drew attention the bus survey and encouraged everyone to take part.

21.88 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Internal Control

i. Budget variance report and statement of accounts

The budget variance report and statement of accounts were received and noted

ii. Report in relation to VAT

It was noted that sums of £380.18 and £136.46 had been reclaimed from HMRC for July and August respectively.

iii. Report in relation to PAYE

It was noted that the second quarter’s payment for tax and national insurance had been prepared for payment

iv. Grants received or given

There had not been grants given or received since the July meeting.

v. Amendments to the Asset Register

It was not necessary to make any amendments

vi. Incident reports on council owned land

There were no reports of any accidents or incidents.

vii. Reports from volunteer inspectors

There were not any reports.

b. Report from the Internal Control Councillor

It was noted that the accounts were inspected on 10/08/21 and 16/09/21 and everything was satisfactory.

c. Schedule of payments presented

It was noted that the Direct Debit Mandate for grounds maintenance invoices had not been actioned by North Northamptonshire Council and therefore cheques would be required for the current invoices. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

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

d. Allotment rents for April 2023

Cllr Paterson took no part in this item of business. A financial report was considered. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the allotment rents remain unchanged for the year commencing 1st April 2023.

Cllr Konstantinidis arrived 7.21 p.m.

e. Cemetery fee schedule

A financial report was considered. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the cost of grave excavation be increased by 10% to reflect increasing costs with effect from 1st November 2021. In addition the additional levy for those who cannot satisfy the residency requirement be increased to 100% with effect from 1st January 2022.

f. Bench on West Street

Further to Minute 21.80 it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the quote from SJ Pell be accepted at £225.00.

g. Projects that should be considered for the 2022-23 budget

It was agreed that the Four Year Plan action plans should be used to inform the budget setting process.

h. 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee'

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a budget of £200.00 be set to purchase the tree and necessary sundry items. It was agreed to work with STEP to acquire and plant the tree and that councillors would be present for the planting with a photographic record made. The preferred species is a flowering cherry tree. Plans for the plaque and unveiling would be made separately.

i. Quote for works to the path between Spencer Parade and Mansfield Street

Quote not received.

j. Bus shelter cleaning quote at £192.00 quarterly

It was agreed that this cost seemed excessive and alternative costs should be sought.

k. Donation to Stanwick Races Group

After consideration of the Council stated aims in the Four Year Plan and the action plans it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council would make a donation to the Race Group to be used for Christmas lighting in the village. It was agreed that this was a donation and as such did not confer any liabilities to the Parish Council now or in the future. It was agreed that the cheque could be drawn at this meeting.

l. Budget for supporting the Platinum Jubilee events

It was agreed to set this as part of budget setting at the November meeting.

m. Graffiti on roundabout sign on West Street

It was agreed that a quote for £60.00 to remove the graffiti would not be accepted and alternative methods would be considered.

21.89 PLANNING MATTERS

a. Planning consultations

NE/21/01017/FUL Conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation ancillary to existing dwelling Hill View Raunds Road

This application had been removed from the North Northamptonshire Council website and was not considered.

NE/21/01249/PNT Installation of a 15.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wrap-round Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works. Location: Land East Of Wetenhall Road

After consideration of the planning documents it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northamptonshire Council.

The Parish Council objects to the installation of a monopole and accompanying structures at this location. It is noted that this proposal is a different height to the previous application but the difference is a few metres and in itself the 15m height as

opposed to 20m will not diminish the harm caused to the character and appearance of the location. It will be an eyesore at the location and negatively impact the street scene and the design of the entry onto Mallows Grange. The Parish Council refers to the North Northamptonshire Council's officer report for application NE/21/00881/PNT and asserts that application NE/21/01249/PNT is not significantly different and on that basis should be refused permitted development rights.

In the event that consent is granted, the structure should be screened and camouflaged.

NE/21/01238/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and new extension built for a kitchen diner (Revised resubmission to NE/21/00765/FUL) Location: 2 Parklands

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 object to the application. This decision is made on the assumption that the materials should be sympathetic to the existing dwelling and the street scene and that there are no objections from neighbouring properties.

NE/21/01322/FUL Single storey rear extension and layout reconfiguration Location: Hillstone Farm Higham Road

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 object to the application. This decision is made on the assumption that the materials should be sympathetic to the existing dwelling and the street scene and that there are no objections from neighbouring properties.

NE/21/01352/FUL Single storey rear extension at 18 West Street Stanwick

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 object to the application. This decision is made on the assumption that the materials should be sympathetic to the existing dwelling and the street scene and that there are no objections from neighbouring properties.

NE/21/01349/FUL First floor extension over garage, part garage conversion and adjoining two-storey rear extension (revised resubmission to NE/21/00381/FUL) at 5 Manor Gardens

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 object to the application. This decision is made on the assumption that the materials should be sympathetic to the existing dwelling and the street scene and any objections from neighbouring properties are satisfactorily resolved for all parties.

b. Planning decisions made by North Northamptonshire Council

Table to show Planning Consent granted:

Planning reference number	Planning details and address of property that the application relates to
NE/20/00872/FUL	Carry out landscaping works to the garden of Stanwick Hall; Repair, alteration and reinstatement of estate walls; Erection of detached greenhouse; Construct a swimming pool and pergola; Clear and rebuild curtilage listed barn for ancillary estate use at Stanwick Hall
NE/20/00873/LBC	Repair, alteration and reinstatement of estate walls; Clear and rebuild curtilage listed barn for ancillary estate use at Stanwick Hall
NE/20/01011/FUL	Change of use of existing ancillary cottages to allow for use as self-catering rental accommodation (Retrospective); Erection of a shepherds hut for additional self-catering rental accommodation; Landscaping works to include tree planting and re-instatement of second gravel drive at Stanwick Hall
NE/20/01507/FUL	Carry out landscaping works to include the creation of a wildlife pond at Stanwick Hall
NE/21/00918/FUL	Changes to fenestration, new porch and retrospective planning for outdoor swimming pool at The Haybarn, Hall Farm, Higham Road
NE/21/00677/FUL	Proposed single storey front and side extension, first floor extensions above garage and existing utility/dining room. Removal of columns and arches to the side/rear of the property at 29 High Street

Table to show Planning Consent refused:

Planning reference number	Planning details and address of property that the application relates to
NE/21/00881/PNT	Installation of 20.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wrap round Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works at Land East Of, Wetenhall Road,
NE/21/00765/FUL	Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory and first floor side extension over existing garage to provide a fourth en-suite bedroom and dressing room at 2 Parklands

c. Oxford Cambridge Arc consultation

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Clerk has delegated authority under the Local Government Act 1972 s101 to respond to the consultation on the basis of the CPRE advice and comments by Councillor Glanville-Hughes.

21.90 FOUR YEAR PLAN

The Four Year Plan to guide the actions of the Council over its term of office until the next elections in 2025 was offered to the Council. It was noted that it had been created following Zoom meetings with Councillors. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Four Year Plan as shown in Appendix B was approved and adopted. The overarching action plan and Year 1 action plan were approved and adopted.

It was noted that a dedicated web page was being created on the website to hold the Plan and the action plans.

21.91 LEASE WITH STANWICK ROVERS FC & SHED

It was noted that the new lease for the footprint of the Stanwick Rovers Football Club changing room had been signed for submission to the solicitors together with the document for the surrender of the current lease.

It was noted that the existing green shed was being relocated on site, with prior notice to the Council, for security reasons.

21.92 CONSULTATION ‘Draft Summary Corporate Plan’

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council would respond to the North Northamptonshire Council consultation that the available documents provided the aspirations of the unitary authority without any substances on how this would be achieved or when.

21.93 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Cllr Glanville-Hughes for the Appraisal Skills course. It was agreed that a Staffing Committee meeting be convened to consider this further. Cllr Taylor reported he had attend the ‘Off to a Flying Start’ course that he had found useful.

21.94 CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2021

It was agreed that, covid restrictions permitting, a fayre should be arranged for Sunday 5th December. A meeting is to be held with interested parties to determine how this can be best achieved.

21.95 COMMUNITY SAFETY

a. Report from the Joint Action Group

There was no report to give.

b. Current community safety issues

Community Safety log July to September:

Reports of damage to the wall on Spencer Parade and Church wall on Church Street. Bits of stone pulled out and left on the ground. Includes damage to Listed Grade II, No.1371902 church wall and socket. Neighbourhood Police team emailed 09/08/21.

Bench at recreation used by individuals smoking weed. Neighbourhood Police team emailed 09/08/21

Reports of drug exchanges from a vehicle. Resident felt not enough action is being taken by the Police. Cllr Taylor engaged with Police team and resident

Report of individual driving under the influence. Resident advised how to report to the Police.

Broken glass on West Street (smashed Stagecoach bus door). Reported to North Northamptonshire Council to clear glass and Highways England to cut back the vegetation that caused this.

Complaint re Renault white van driving on recreation ground to reach football club. SRFC chairman emailed. Van there due to refurbishment works at changing rooms.

11/08/21 Man stabbed in Raunds and found on Spencer Parade.

14 nitrous oxide canisters strewn on Chelveston Road (picked up by SGH) 19/09/21

Vandalism to pocket park log/seat Sept 21

Email from resident 19/09/21 "12 lager/beer bottles and cans in a short distance from the Stanwick Hotel to our planter. There are yet more down there. It is clear that these are being thrown from car windows coming off the A45 suggesting drinking and driving. None in West Street pull in by gate or on the footpath side. All in the verge and the same brands suggestion they originate from the same vehicle perhaps."

Number of 'Think Before You Park' tickets issued/forwarded to Northants Police: 6

PCSO has requested that the civil enforcement officer (traffic wardens) visit Stanwick

It was agreed that the 'Think Before You Park' scheme should be reviewed at a future meeting with interested parties to determine if it is achieving the desired results.

c. Proposed VAS sign for Raunds Road

Further to Minute 21.62 d (July 2021) it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Council ratify the decision made by councillors via email that the proposed Vehicle Activated Sign for Raunds Road be adopted under the terms previously stated and running costs provided by Northants Highways and SWARCO

d. Garden waste is being tipped into the brook

It had been reported to the Council that garden waste was being tipped in the brook. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to each property backing onto the brook reminding them of their riparian responsibilities.

e. Dead and dying trees on land west of Needham Road

It was noted that a resident of Needham Road had contacted the Council concerned that the trees on the land to the east of Needham Road could become a public hazard. The Clerk had contacted Taylor Wimpey in Leicester as the body responsible for the land. Taylor Wimpey had requested that they corresponded with the resident direct and this had been facilitated.

f. Toucan crossing for the A45

It was noted that the Parish Council had requested that the bodies responsible for the A45 (Northamptonshire County Council and then Highways England) for a safer pedestrian crossing to Stanwick Lakes. Initially the costs of a bridge was prohibitive as an independent structure and the provision of a bridge was linked to plans to dual the A45 from Stanwick to the A14. Proposals to dual the A45 have been repeatedly moved down the priority list and since the period of 'austerity' Highways England have not had the finance to undertake such work. It was noted that a 2019 Highways England proposal for a Toucan Crossing had been followed up and the following responses received:

".....although an improved pedestrian crossing on the A45 at Stanwick Lakes scores highly on our 'needs list', we're only able to progress a small number of schemes each year.

The team's currently working on schemes that have a higher priority and it's unlikely any intervention on the A45 will take place in the near future. That said, we're aware of the need to improve the existing crossing and will reconsider our position should alternative funding become available."

And:

"We can't give exact figures as we don't have a like-for-like scheme to use as a comparison, but the cost for a Toucan crossing could be in the region of £300,000 to design and install."

"As mentioned previously, we are unable to progress a study at this location for some considerable time and any data collected now may well become out-dated by the time we are in a position to develop a scheme. However, we do recognise the benefits of working closely

with stakeholders and your local knowledge will no doubt prove to be of great benefit in our assessment. As such we will be in touch with you again to seek your views as and when we are able to commence work on any improvements here.

Please accept my apologies that I am unable to offer anything more positive at this time.”

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council will seek to identify short term solutions to improve the situation including lobbying for visibility to be improved, lowering the chevron signs, erecting a pedestrian crossing sign.

That the Parish Council will lobby Highways England, our Parliamentary representative T Pursglove MP and North Northamptonshire Council for a toucan crossing.

That the Parish Council will work with local residents to see how change can be effected.

g. Bench at the recreation ground

Further to Minute 21.76 further correspondence from the resident was received. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the resident should be advised that they should continue to report antisocial behaviour to the Police and the Council would not relocate the bench at this time.

h. Complaint about the volume and speed of traffic on Church Street

It was noted that a resident of Church Street had made a complaint that the volume of traffic had increased in recent years and this caused pollution and noise.

It was noted that the Parish Council’s Speed Indication Device was to be used to monitor traffic speeds and volumes on Chelveston Road and Church Street to collect data for comparison with data collected in 2015 so an assessment could be made as to whether the traffic patterns had changed.

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That additional speed indication device brackets be purchased from Westcotec Ltd to facilitate ease of relocating the sign.

i. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators meeting 6th October

It was noted that the meeting was being facilitated by the Council.

21.96 GROUND'S MAINTENANCE

a. Grounds maintenance contract and consortium

Further to Minute 21.74 it was noted that the Clerk had attended a Zoom meeting with C Tompkins of North Northamptonshire Council. The existing contract could not be extended and a new contract would be required from 1 November 2022. Further meetings will be held.

b. Review of the grounds maintenance contract detailed site schedule

It was noted that at the request of C Tompkins, the current grounds maintenance schedule of works had been circulated to all councillors to identify any changes that would be required or desired under the new contract to enable procurement to proceed.

It was agreed that the Clerk will identify potential alterations to the contract.

c. Pocket Park kissing gates

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council would gratefully accept the offer of Mr Cade to undertake the repairs with the Parish Council paying for materials. It was also agreed that the gate behind the bus shelter does not need to be fully accessible as there is an accessible gate a short distance away that has the appropriate access from the road.

d. Planting scheme for the Triangle flower beds for the Jubilee

It was agreed to have a summer planting scheme that reflected the Jubilee.

e. Proposals for main church path

The proposals had not been received.

f. Unstable paving slabs to the side of the church

It was agreed that quotes should be obtained to re-bed the uneven slabs.

g. Minutes from the grounds maintenance consortium meeting 08/09/21

The Minutes were noted.

21.97 HIGHWAYS

a. West Street 'wooded area'

It was noted that further to a site meeting, Northants Highways had agreed to write to the land owner about the trees overhanging the road and would look to 'recover' the highway verge along that section.

It was also noted that Northants Highways have repairs planned to several sections of the stone walls along West Street and Spencer Parade with a target completion prior to the Christmas break and will ensure the site remains safe in the interim period.

b. Engineering solutions to reduce traffic speeds on Spencer Parade/Raunds Road

It was agreed that the Parish Council arrange a meeting with Northants Highways to discuss possible engineering solutions to reduce traffic speeds on Spencer Parade/Raunds Road. This should also look at the 'safer route to school' on Raunds Road.

c. 'Stanwick Primary School' wall on Raunds Road

It was noted that a vehicle had collided with the school wall on Raunds Road at 3.20 a.m. on 12th September 2021 causing significant damage.

d. Licence for planters on High Street

Further to Minute 21.30 j (May 2021) it was noted that the agreement had been received from Northamptonshire Highways for the Parish Council to sign to have a licence for the planters. The terms of the licence would make the previously selected octagonal planters unviable as the path would not be accessible. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the licence should be signed by the Clerk to provide the Council with future choices but the Council should examine other options such as bollards to achieve the desired result of preventing cars parking on the pavement and being a nuisance to pedestrians.

21.98 ALLOTMENTS

a. Minutes of the Community Garden Meetings

The Minutes were noted.

21.99 LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The list that forms Appendix C was received. No other action is required.

21.100 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on 18th November 2021. Cllr Partrick gave his apologies for this meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.10 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	

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

Cheque no	Payee and reason	Amount
1041	Northants CALC – training M Taylor & S Glanville-Hughes	£82.00
1042	Alchemy Tree Surgery – Raunds Road	£450.00
1043	Stephen J Pell – Sign pole Chelveston Rd	£35.00
1044	Alchemy Tree Surgery – Wetenhall Rd	£750.00
1045	ICCM – training S Glanville-Hughes	£162.00
1046	Stanwick Village Hall Trust - meeting room hire Sept 2021	£32.00
1047	HMRC – second quarter tax & NI	£862.96
1048	J Hodgson – 2 months Zoom, email account, mouse mat	£73.84
1049	North Northamptonshire Council – grounds maintenance June 2021	£1939.72
1050	North Northamptonshire Council – grounds maintenance July 2021	£1744.45
1051	North Northamptonshire Council – cleansing June 2021	£13.99
1052	North Northamptonshire Council – cleansing July 2021	£13.99
1053	North Northamptonshire Council – balance of invoice 21/05/21	£2.33
1054	PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit fee	£360.00
1055	Stanwick Races Group - donation	£600.00

The above payments were approved (signature line) _____ Chairman
Date signed 23 Sept 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
15.08.21	DDM	Wave – cemetery water rates	£5.00
31.08.21	DDM	BT Business	£33.59
03.09.21	STD	Stanwick Village Hall	£218.00
09.09.21	STD	LGPS Pensions	£485.50
15.09.21	DDM	E-on for street lighting	£17.42
17.09.21	DDM	Wave – cemetery water rates	£5.00

Table 4: Money received since the last meeting:

Date	Where the money was received from	Amount
19.08.21	HMRC VAT refund	380.18
13.09.21	HMRC VAT refund	136.43

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

Four Year Plan 2021-2025

Introduction

This is a statement of the Parish Council's vision for the parish, its purpose, values, objectives and key priorities. It is not intended to be a traditional 'Parish Plan' which sets out aims and ambitions that are delivered by the community and partners as a whole.

It is a document that sets out what Stanwick Parish Council itself can achieve, either directly or by trying to increase its influence on the relevant delivery body, such as the Unitary Council and partner organisations.

The intention of the Plan is to direct the actions of the Council until the next round of parish elections on May 2025.

This Plan is a living document and the action plans will be added to over the course of Plan period. The Parish Council will update it regularly, enabling it to track and monitor its progress against the Mission Statement and priorities.

Why we are producing a four year plan

Having an agreed strategy provides a framework for the Parish Council to work within, enabling it to operate in a more consistent and co-ordinated way and to be proactive rather than reactive in its decision making.

The Four Year Plan will give Stanwick's residents a clear understanding of what the Parish Council is trying to achieve and how it intends to deliver this. It details what the Parish Council intends to focus on over the next four years. The Plan will be used each year to plan activities and set the budget for the coming year.

It is a statement of intent. However, it will be flexible, subject to future budget constraints and future legislative changes which affect all local authorities. Any changes will be published in an updated plan. This plan will be available for all residents and will be published on the Parish Council website.

Mission Statement and Aspirations

- Maintain Stanwick's 'village' identity
- Develop the centre of the village (High Street/ Church Street) or create an attractive hub
- Make Stanwick an inclusive place where all members of the community are able to participate and be involved
- To grow community spirit
- Raise Stanwick's profile within Northamptonshire
- Be a part of tackling climate change by acting sustainably and promoting sustainability

How the aspirations will be achieved

The Council will actively seek community consultation to understand what local people and businesses want.

The Council will work with community groups and organisations to achieve our aspirations.

The Parish Council will seek grant funding to assist with project delivery as well as provide financial support through its budgetary process.

Structure of the Plan

The Plan will be made up of five pillars

- Environment and Place
- Services and Amenities
- Parish Life and Community Engagement
- Community Safety
- Governance

Each of the pillars will have an action plan. These action plans will be detailed in a separate document.

Some aspects of the pillars may overlap with other pillars.

Pillar 1: Environment and Place

For 'Environment' this pillar will include

- Investigate the possibility of creating a Green Infrastructure Plan and map Natural Capital
- Review Council policies and practices to ensure they are as 'green' as possible
- Parish Council to promote and support sustainable practices wherever possible
- Host Community Climate events
- Put together a list of sustainable 'must haves' for any development
- Actively support local environmental initiatives

For 'Place' this pillar will include

- Enhance the village centre to create an attractive hub
- Create a sense of place by defining the entrances to the village on Chelveston Road and Higham Road
- Improve the appearance of the village by working with partner agencies and organisations to enhance the appearance of West Street from the A45 roundabout

Pillar 2: Services and Amenities

This pillar will include

- The Council will examine the services and amenities it provides look to extend or improve these as appropriate
- The Council will proactively maintain existing assets
- It will seek to facilitate and support inclusive groups within the parish
- It will consider supporting amenities in other areas that benefit Stanwick residents e.g. the Raunds Food Bank
- It will aspire to improving the pedestrian access on Arris Lane

Pillar 3: Parish Life and Community Engagement

This pillar will include

- The Council will proactively listen to community groups and organisations and proactively seek to engage with them
- The Council will encourage local groups to work together for common benefit
- The Council will undertake community consultations to inform the actions plans created as part of this four year strategy
- The Parish Council will seek to raise its profile and be ‘relevant’
- The Parish Council will actively seek involvement on national events or local significant events

Pillar 4: Community Safety

This pillar will include

- Aspirations to improve pedestrian access to Stanwick Lakes from the village
- The Council will actively report highways issues to Northamptonshire Highways
- Working with the Police and partner agencies to make Stanwick a safer place

Pillar 5: Governance

This pillar will include

- The Council will seek accreditation under the nationally recognised Local Council Award Scheme
- Review of the Made Neighbourhood Plan with the expectation that the Council elected in 2025 will be in a strong position to start the development of a replacement Neighbourhood Plan
- The possibility of creating a new Parish Plan from the community consultations that will be undertaken.

Community engagement

The Parish Council considers community engagement an important part of focusing on local needs to the benefit of all parishioners. We ensure residents are kept fully informed of all decisions and proposals that may affect them. This information is shared through the following ways:

- The council website at www.stanwickparishcouncil.org.uk
- Agendas, Minutes and important information is placed inside the Parish Council Noticeboard
- The Parish Council Newsletter- currently distributed annually

Any plan can only succeed if the people it affects support and actively participate in achieving and delivering it. So, this Plan can only succeed if the community believe in it, back it and play their part in bringing it to fruition. To ensure it is consistent with residents' wishes, it will need ongoing input and feedback from the community. We will request and respond to that feedback and regularly consult through our website, social media, public meetings and Parish newsletter. The Plan, and subsequent updates, will be made available for community scrutiny on Parish Council website.

Overview of Stanwick Parish Council

There are two tiers of local government within Northamptonshire, each with different roles:

Stanwick Parish Council is the first and most local tier, with an important role to play in promoting Stanwick Parish, representing both the interests and work of its residents and local organisations.

North Northamptonshire Council is the second tier and is responsible for services such as education, highways, health, social services and environment as well as the strategic planning policies for all development including housing and employment sites via its Local Plan. Following the abolition of Northamptonshire County Council and the creation of North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Unitary Councils, some of these services managed within one of the unitary authorities on behalf of the whole county.

Stanwick Parish Council's main areas of responsibility

The Parish Council is responsible for:

- The management and maintenance of Stanwick Cemetery
- The management, maintenance and development of Stanwick Recreation Ground
- The management and maintenance of Stanwick Open Spaces at Mallows Grange
- The management, maintenance and development of the gardens on Spencer Parade
- The management, maintenance and development of East Street Triangle
- The maintenance of the church yard
- The maintenance of Stanwick War memorial
- The management, maintenance and development of telephone box

- The management of Stanwick Allotments
- Cutting the grass of the county verges within the speed limit signs
- Five street lamps [Green Lane and the path between Spencer Parade and Mansfield Street]
- The provision of Community Organisation Grants
- Stanwick Emergency Plan
- Submitting comments on all planning applications and change of use applications in Stanwick as a statutory consultee of the Planning Authority

The Council is also represented on a number of external organisations, including:

There is currently a Parish Council representative on

- Stanwick Village Hall Trust
- Ringstead Quarry Liaison Committee
- Joint Action Group
- Police Liaison Group

Who else has responsibility for delivering services in Stanwick

North Northamptonshire Council is responsible for environmental services (litter, refuse and recycling, including dog fouling), business support and the provision of housing services (along with Housing Associations). They are the Planning Authority for Stanwick.

North Northamptonshire Council also is responsible for on-street parking, highways issues, signage, and coordinating public transport (along with service providers). They are responsible for health and social care, library services and education.

Balfour Beatty is responsible for the majority of street lights in the parish.

Northants Police is responsible for addressing crime and antisocial behaviour in Stanwick

Where services are provided by others, the Parish Council endeavours to ensure that they are dealt with effectively and in accordance with the wishes of the community.

The Council also looks to reflect the views of our community by liaising with other public bodies and commenting on key strategic issues such as housing, highways, planning etc.

How the Plan will be reviewed and updated

Evaluating progress against the list of activities which make up the 'Action Plans' will take place at Parish Council meetings and will seek to understand the progress made, where further work is needed and if there are any blockages to progress. The whole Plan will be reviewed annually and updated to keep the document relevant and up-to-date.

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List of correspondence received

1. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 09/07/21 (circulated to councillors)
2. Email: Voluntary Impact Friday Bulletin
3. Email: North Northamptonshire Council's 'This summer... Stay' campaign (circulated to councillors)
4. Email: CPRE - A birthday bottle for Boris (circulated to councillors)
5. Email: Rushden Town Council Mayor's Barn Dance - Saturday 12th March 2022
6. Email: Highways England: progress update on A45 Stanwick to Thrapston (circulated to councillors)
7. Email: Rushden Mayor's Proms in the Park - Saturday 4th September 2021
8. Email: Summer edition Northants ACRE magazine (circulated to councillors)
9. Email: ACRE Village Viewpoint Summer Edition (circulated to councillors)
10. Email: CPRE What does the countryside mean to you? (circulated to councillors)
11. Email: Heat Health Alert
12. Email: N ACRE reminder of Covid Champions celebration evening (online)
13. Email: Northamptonshire Pension Committee - Invitation to nominate an Employer Representative – reminder (circulated to Staffing Committee)
14. Email: CPRE Have you shared your story? (circulated to councillors)
15. Email: Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 17/07/21
16. Email: Update from the Leader of North Northamptonshire Council 16/07/21
17. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 16/07/21 (circulated to councillors)
18. Email: Class Q Ltd – Neighbourhood Plan review status query
19. Email: BHIB A guide for new clerks and councillors from BHIB Councils Insurance (circulated to councillors)
20. Email: Northants Pensions We want your opinion on our Funding Strategy Statement
21. Email: Northamptonshire Pension Committee - Invitation to nominate an Employer Representative
22. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 23/07/21 (circulated to councillors)
23. Email: Voluntary Impact Friday Bulletin
24. Email: Northants Highways Severe weather Update 23-07-2021
25. Email: Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 23/07/21
26. Email: N ACRE July bulletin (circulated to councillors)
27. Email: Rushden Town Council - Upcoming Mayor's Events for September 2021
28. Email: Request for volunteers for Hedgerow Campaign (circulated to councillors)
29. Email: CPRE Hedgerows (circulated to councillors)
30. Email: Annual Civic Opening of Rushden Feast and Fish & Chip Supper - Friday 17th September 2021
31. Email: PRESS RELEASE: Northants ACRE celebrates its 75th anniversary (circulated to councillors)
32. Email: Update from the Leader of North Northamptonshire Council 30/07/21 (circulated to councillors)
33. Email: Open Space Society - New case officer appointed | AGM 2021 report (circulated to councillors)
34. Email: Northants CALC eUpdate - Jul/Aug 2021 (circulated to councillors)
35. Email: Important information about E.ON and your account
36. Email: NNC Q & A Session with Cllr David Howes (circulated to councillors)
37. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 06/08/21 (circulated to councillors)
38. Email: Mayor of Rushden Town Council's Civic Service - Sunday 10th October 2021

39. Email: Active Place newsletter
40. Email: Voluntary Impact Friday Bulletin
41. Email: Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service CFO Annual Report 2020-21 (circulated to councillors)
42. Email: Higham Ferrers TC Civic Service Sunday 12th September – Invite (circulated to chairman)
43. Email: Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 10/08/21
44. Email: N ACRE Community Festival details 5/09/21
45. Email: CPRE Through your eyes: a week in our countryside (circulated to councillors)
46. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 13/08/21 (circulated to councillors)
47. Email: Voluntary Impact Friday Bulletin
48. Email: NSALG NAW ‘competition winners, digital ALG3 and new leaflets’
49. Email: Update from the Leader of North Northamptonshire 13/08/21 (circulated to councillors)
50. Email: Highways Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 13/08/21
51. Email: CPRE Open to read our latest countryside news round-up (circulated to councillors)
52. Email: NACRE Parish Council Members - August E-Bulletin (circulated to councillors)
53. Email: Voluntary Impact Friday Bulletin
54. Email: NCALC Friday Mini eUpdate - 20/08/21 (circulated to councillors)
55. Email: Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 24/08/21
56. Email: Northants Pension Committee - non-local authority employer representative roles notification
57. Email: The Open Spaces Society: General Meeting 20 September 2021 (circulated to councillors)
58. Email: NACRE AMENDED PRESS RELEASE - Community Festival 5 September 2021
59. Email: Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 27/08/21
60. Email: Update from the Leader of North Northamptonshire Council 27/08/21 (circulated to councillors)
61. Email: Rushden Mayor's Civic Service & Reception - Sunday 10th October 2021
62. Email: Northants CALC Training Newsletter (circulated to councillors)
63. Email: Invitation to the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Virtual Councillor meetings (Sept 2021 - Jan 2022) (circulated to councillors)
64. Email: Open Spaces Society NEW image archive website | General Meeting update (circulated to councillors)
65. Email: Voluntary Impact Friday Bulletin
66. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 03/09/21 (circulated to councillors)
67. Email: OPFCC Newsletter September 2021 (circulated to councillors)
68. Email: Active Places newsletter
69. Email: CPRE Town & Country Awards 2021 - closes Oct 31 (circulated to councillors)
70. Email: Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 06/09/21
71. Email: NCC Public Consultation on our Draft Summary Corporate Plan Consultation (circulated to councillors)
72. Email: NCALC Friday mini eUpdate - 10/09/21
73. Email: The Open Spaces Society 2021 Group Member Survey (circulated to councillors)
74. Email: NCC Update from the Leader of the Council 10/09/21 (circulated to councillors)
75. Email: Weekly Schemes Works Programme For Councillors 10/09/21

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