

MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Date: 23rd February 2023
Venue: Committee Room, Village Hall, Stanwick
Time: 7.15 p.m.
Present: Councillors:- N Peck (in the chair)
S Glanville-Hughes
S Kitchener
M Partrick
Clerk to the Council J Hodgson
Members of the Public 0

22.173 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Paterson, Councillor Taylor, and Councillor Konstantinidis. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the reasons for absence be approved.

22.174 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 19th January 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22.175 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Kitchener declared a non-registerable interest in item 22.185.

22.176 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public present.

22.177 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

NE/23/00036/LBC Removal of an existing single storey glazed conservatory and construction of a single storey traditionally built lean-to to match the adjacent buildings Location: The Cottage Stanwick Hall

After consideration of the planning documents, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northants Council.

The Parish Council does not object to the proposal providing that the materials used are sympathetic to, and in keeping with, the listed building environment.

NE/23/00042/FUL Double storey rear and side extension with the erection of a part garage part workshop at the rear Location: 9 West Street

After consideration of the planning documents, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northants Council

The Parish Council does not object to the proposal. This decision is made on the assumption that there are no objections from adjoining properties and that materials used are sympathetic to the environs. The Council also would request that all vehicle movements necessitated as part of the build are not undertaken at unsociable hours in consideration of the amenity of adjoining residents.

NE/23/00094/FUL Single storey rear and front extension with a double storey side extension (Re-submission of NE/22/01067/FUL) Location: 2 Mansfield Street

After consideration of the planning documents, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northants Council

The Parish Council does not object to the proposal. However, the Council requests that careful consideration is given to road safety of the junction Mansfield Street and Dolben Avenue as this is a site of accidents and near misses. The Council is concerned that the enlarged property could, if not now, but in the future, accommodate additional occupants who would most likely be vehicle owners. This is an area of parking congestion and limited safe parking opportunities.

This decision is made on the assumption that the materials will be sympathetic to the existing structure and that there have been no objections from adjacent homeowners.

22.178 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Further to Minute 22.164 a it was noted that there had been no further offers from North Northants Council and the planned meeting for January had been cancelled. It was also noted that the offer by North Northants Council to assist the Parish Council with grounds maintenance maps had been withdrawn as their system was no longer 'up to date'.

It was noted that Councillor Taylor and the Clerk were continuing to work on an independent specification.

22.179 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO CLEBURNE CLOSE

Further to Minute 22.89 it was noted that councillors had met on site to gain a greater understanding of the situation. At that time it was identified that a portion of land included in the Parish Council's Title Plan had been used as residential garden by a property in Cumberland Avenue. It was agreed that this was a complex situation that required careful consideration and negotiation to ensure the best outcome for the parish.

It was agreed that the first step would be to enter a dialogue with Grand Union Housing Association.

22.180 WORK TO TREES AT THE CEMETERY

Further to Minute 22.153 (a) a quote from Alchemy Trees was considered for the works identified as high priority by the tree survey. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the quote from Alchemy Trees for £1130.00 be accepted.

It was also noted that the high priority works at the recreation ground that had previously been identified by the Council had been carried out by Turney Landscapes on 20th February 2023.

22.181 VANDALISM OF THE JUBILEE TREE

It was noted that the cherry tree planted to mark HM The Queens Platinum Jubilee had had most of its branches torn off between 11th and 12th February 2023. The Police crime reference number is 23000076409.

It was agreed that the remnants of the tree should be monitored to see if it showed any sign of life. The Council will reconsider the situation in the autumn once the full outcome is known.

It was noted that at other locations in the village branches and fencing had been 'snapped' and left on the ground suggesting this was not targeted damage to this particular tree.

22.182 KINGS CORONATION 'STANWICK DAY' EVENT

It was noted that plans were coming together.

22.183 TERMS OF THE METAL DETECTING LICENCE

Further to Minute 22.170 the terms of the metal detecting licence were agreed. It was agreed that the licence should be issued for 12 months.

22.184 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The long term arrangements for the Christmas lights in the village were discussed. This included both those for the Christmas tree and those put up in recent years by the Christmas Lights Group.

The benefits of establishing an events committee as part of the Council was discussed together with potential terms of reference. It would be permissible to have councillor and non-councillor members. To have such a committee operational would meet a number of objectives from the Four Year Plan.

It was agreed that idea of the committee be put community groups to ascertain their level of engagement before a decision is made in May as to whether a committee would be established.

22.185 NEW LEASE WITH STANWICK BOWLS CLUB

Councillor Kitchener took no part in the discussion or decision making.

Further to Minute 22.167 it was noted that the signed but undated lease had been returned to the Parish Council solicitor. Further to Minute 22.46 it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Council awards a grant of £1200.00 to Stanwick Bowls Club in respect of legal fees for the new lease. As part of the grant arrangements, the Club would not be required to pay the Parish Council prior to reimbursement.

22.186 ‘SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING POLICY FOR SUSTAINABILITY’

The Council’s policy was reviewed and found to be satisfactory.

22.187 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SUPPLEMENTARY POLICY

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the identified amendments be approved with immediate effect.

22.188 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

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

22.189 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 20th APRIL

The confirmed attendees were noted.

22.190 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

The format of the annual newsletter was considered. It was agreed that in line with the Parish Council stated green ethos it would be appropriate to change the style and length of the newsletter to produce an item that could be more easily be recycled. It was agreed that a short version be printed and delivered to each household and that there should be information as to where further details can be found.

22.191 'LEVELLING UP AND REGENERATION BILL'

The Parish Council response to the consultation was agreed.

22.192 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on 16th March 2023.

Meeting closed 8.00pm

Chairman

Appendix A

Schedule of Payments presented for authorisation at the meeting.

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

Cheque no	Payee and reason	Amount
001142	HM Land Registry – Title plan for open space at Mallows Grange	£7.00

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

Cheque no	Payee and reason	Amount
none	none	£0

Table 2a : Schedule of BACS payments made between meetings

	Payee and reason	Amount
23/01/23	Stanwick Bowls Club – grant per Minute 22.150 g	£250.00

Table 2b : Schedule of BACS payments presented for authorisation at the meeting

Payee and reason	Amount
Open Spaces Society – annual subscription	£45.00
J Hodgson – printer paper, office supplies	£34.98
Stanwick Village Hall Trust – committee room hire Feb 2023	£23.00
Northants CALC – Civility & Respect Training NP, MT & JLH	£136.80
Wellers Law Group LLP – Bowling Green Lease	£1450.80

The above payments were approved (signature line) _____ Chairman

Date signed 23rd February 2023

Table 3: Payments made on the corporate debit card

Date	Payee and reason	Amount
24.01.23	Stanwick Post Office – postage for lease documents to the solicitor	£4.05
06.02.23	HM Land Registry – title plans	£6.00
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07.02.23	Boston Seeds – 150 winter bulbs for the cemetery	£53.99
17.02.23	Bosworth Garden Centre – primroses for cemetery	£9.95

Table 4: For information (Financial Regulation 6.5 & 6.6) automated payments

Date	Method	Payee and reason	Amount
31.01.23	DDM	BT Business	£36.66
02.02.23	DDM	North Northants Council – Cleansing Nov 22	£14.27
02.02.23	DDM	North Northants Council – grounds maintenance Nov 22	£2164.37
03.02.23	STD	Stanwick Village Hall Trust - office rent	£218.00
04.02.23	STD	Transfer from Nat West to Unity Trust Bank	£50.00
09.02.23	STD	Northamptonshire Pension Fund	£622.08
15.02.23	DDM	Wave – cemetery water rates	£5.00
15.02.23	DDM	nPower Business Solutions - street light power	£19.04
20.02.23	DDM	North Northants Council – grounds maintenance Dec	14.27
20.02.23	DDM	North Northants Council – grounds maintenance Dec	817.01

Table 5: Money received since the last meeting:

Date	Where the money was received from	Amount
25.01.23	W Spreckley – interment fee	£290.00
09.02.23	HMRC VAT for January 2023	£276.05
10.02.23	WNC Finance – grass verge annual payment	£405.38

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