

MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Date: 4th May 2023

Venue: Committee Room, Village Hall, Stanwick

Time: 7.15 p.m.

Present:	Councillors:-	S Kitchener (in the Chair)
		S Glanville-Hughes
		M Partrick
		J Paterson
		M Taylor
	Clerk to the Council	J Hodgson
	Members of the Public	0

22.228 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Konstantinidis was absent.

22.229 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 30th March 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22.230 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Partrick declared an other interest in planning application 20/01453/OUT as he knows one of the landowners and item 22.241 as the contractor had approached him about offering a quote. No member of the council has viewed the quotes prior to this meeting.

22.231 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR PECK

The resignation of Councillor Peck had been received. He had served the Council since 2013 and had been the Parish Council chairman since 2016. Councillor Peck's contributions to the Council and the parish during his term of office were acknowledged and members of the Council expressed their thanks. The proper processes were being followed with regard to the casual vacancy created by his resignation. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Peck be removed from the bank account with immediate effect.

22.232 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public present.

22.233 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

NE/23/00215/TPO T1 Pine - Remove dead lower branches Location: 8 The Hollow

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 removal of dead branches and will rely on the opinion of the tree officer.

NE/23/00304/TPO T1 Sycamore - branches currently overhang the rear garden by about 5 metres. Reduce amount that these branches overhang by approximately 3 metres 27 Hill House Gardens

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 and will rely on the opinion of the tree officer.

20/01453/OUT Outline Planning Application for a Sustainable Urban Extension comprising residential development of up to 2,200 dwellings (Class C3), residential institution (Class C2), up to 110,000 square metres of employment development (Classes B2 (General Industrial), B8 (Storage and Distribution), E(comprising Office, Research and Development of Products or Processes and Industrial Processes)), two local centres, two primary schools, one secondary school, details of the principal accesses from A6 /John Clark Way roundabout and Newton Road, secondary vehicular and non-vehicular accesses, public open space including Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace, cemetery, allotments, noise mitigation features, drainage, primary sub-station utilities apparatus and associated engineering works, demolition of existing buildings, earthworks and ground remodelling (All Matters reserved except Access) at Rushden East Urban Extension Liberty Way Rushden Northamptonshire
Additional information received 30th March 2023

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 have any comment to make.

22.234 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

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

The costs of the allotment clearance were noted and it was agreed that the costs were reasonable. It was noted that Allotment Rule 36.2 permitted the Council to recover costs in these circumstances and that the ex-tenant would be written to requesting reimbursement.

22.235 STANWICK DAY CORONATION EVENT

The final arrangements were discussed and the rota for Councillor attendance was agreed.

22.236 GRAFFITI

It was noted that graffiti had started appearing in Stanwick, notably one consistent tag. It is on walls, the Raunds Road bus shelter, BT box and the side of a house. In addition the Spencer Parade bus shelters had drawings in the dirt. The graffiti had been discussed with PC Bristow at the Annual Parish Meeting. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That arrangements should be made to remove graffiti from the bus shelter and that efforts should be made to find a regular cleaner for the bus shelter.

22.237 GRANT APPLICATION FROM STANWICK PRE-SCHOOL

An application from Stanwick Pre-school was received to purchase 4 folding table for use by the children. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Council would purchase four tables and donate these to Stanwick Pre-school.

22.238 METAL DETECTING ON PARISH FIELDS UPDATE

Prior to the meeting an email detailing the finds to date had been circulated to all councillors.

22.239 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th April 2023, whilst hosting a number of interesting stalls had been poorly attended by members of the public. It was agreed that future consideration should be given to how the meeting arranged in 2024 with the possibility of an 'information' event being held separately, later in the year on a Saturday.

22.240 RULES FOR STANWICK CEMETERY

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That Rule 4.9 be amended to include the statement: Where the living owner wishes to transfer the Exclusive Right of Burial to another person, this can achieved where there is a family relationship with the proposed owner only and the Council reserves the right to request documentary evidence to that effect.

22.241 MAIN CHURCH PATH

The meeting may be closed to the public and press by resolution for agenda item 22.241 if it is considered that the discussion is of a confidential nature.

Further to Minute 22.204 it was noted that the Clerk had contacted four companies for the previously agreed specification. Only two had responded and none had provided a quote by the stated submission deadline. It was also noted that a local company had suggested an alternative specification that retained the majority of the existing concrete and had provided a quote accordingly. It was agreed that both specifications should be sent to the Diocese and a meeting held with the Diocese to discuss how the Diocese could contribute to the costs. It was understood that the Diocese had a fund to assist with financing.

A preferred specification was not selected by the Parish Council and a quote was not accepted at the meeting.

22.242 DATES OF THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

18th May 2023 Annual Council Meeting

21st May Centenary Bowls Match

20th July 2023

21st September 2023

16th November 2023 (Budget setting) Cllr Paterson gave her apologies for this meeting.

Meeting closed 7.54pm

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
None	None	£0

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
None	G Dowsett - Alchemy Trees	£1130.00

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

Payee and reason	Amount
J Hodgson – printer ink (cyan)	£25.29
Stanwick Village Hall Trust - April hall rental (APM)	£74.00
Stanwick Village Hall Trust - May room rental including Coronation	£69.00
Northants CALC – annual subscriptions	£1079.39
Northants ACRE – annual subscriptions	£42.00

The above payments were approved (signature line) _____ Chairman

Table 3: Payments made on the corporate debit card

Date	Payee and reason	Amount
03.04.23	Stanwick Post Office - stamps	£4.40
17.04.23	Instant Print – coronation flyers	£104.43
21.04.23	Stanwick Post Office- cash for flyer delivery	£40.00
21.04.23	Stanwick PO- cash as balancing sum to pay in Allotment cash*	£2.50
21.04.23	Instant Print – coronation sign	£36.10
03/04.05.23	Stanwick PO- cash for allotment clearance	£200.00

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

Date	Method	Payee and reason	Amount
03.04.23	STD	Stanwick Village Hall Trust – office rent	£218.00
11.04.23	DDM	North Northants Council grounds maintenance Feb 23	£1115.90
13.04.23	DDM	North Northants Council cleansing Feb 23	£14.27
17.04.23	DDM	Wave (cemetery water rates)	£5.00
19.04.23	DDM	Npower Business (power to street lights)	£18.26
30.04.23	DDM	BT Business	£49.09
03.05.23	STD	Stanwick Village Hall Trust - office rent	£218.00

Table 5: Money received since the last meeting:

Date	Where the money was received from	Amount
Various	Allotment fees	£553.75
11.04.23	HMRC VAT refund	£362.19
13.04.23	Blenkharn Memorials	£90.00
17.04.23	A Abbotts & Sons	£290.00
20.04.23	RGR Memorials	£400.00
21.04.23	*Cash just withdrawn paid back in	£2.50
24.04.23	North Northants Council - precept	£81545.00
03.05.23	A Such Grave 70	250.00

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

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