

MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Date: 15th December 2022

Venue: Committee Room, Village Hall, Stanwick

Time: 7.15 p.m.

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

22.126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Partrick. Councillor Konstantinidis was absent.

22.127 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 17th November 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22.128 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Kitchener declared a non-registerable interest in item 22.135 and NE/22/01247/FUL

22.129 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

A resident of Mansfield Street spoke in objection to planning application NE/22/01247/FUL.

22.130 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

NE/22/01247/FUL Proposed dwelling Location: Land Next To 2 Rectory Close

Councillor Kitchener took no part in the discussion or voting on this item.

After consideration of the planning documents, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the following response be sent to North Northants Council

The Parish Council strongly objects to this planning application.

This site is not appropriate for development and the scheme is not in keeping with the layout and design of the estate as a whole. It would create a dwelling that is out of keeping with the other properties of Rectory Close and Mansfield Street and have an adverse impact on the street scene contrary to Stanwick Neighbourhood Plan.

This is a garden development, shoehorning in a property in such a way that it will have a negative impact on existing properties. The proposed property will cause a loss of amenity for 2 Rectory Close. It will also negatively impact the road users and pedestrians by reducing sight lines.

The development would be contrary to Policy 11 b) of the Joint Core Strategy, adopted 2016, as it will materially harm the character of the settlement and residential amenity. The application does not offer evidence that the terms of Policy 13 of the Joint Core Strategy have been satisfied. The application does not offer evidence of a proven housing need.

The development would be contrary to Policy EN13 of the draft Local Plan Part 2 as it would not “integrates positively with the surrounding area and creates a continuity of street frontage in terms of appearance, layout, massing and scale”.

The application does not satisfy the draft Local Plan Part 2, policy EN1, part 2 foot note 51.

The plans do not show internal dimensions and the Parish Council is not satisfied that the national space standard, the minimum floor area for any new home of 37m², has been met. (Draft Local Plan 2 EN13 part g)

The Parish Council is not satisfied that the specifications set by Northamptonshire Highways can be met.

This site has been previously determined as not appropriate for development by East Northamptonshire Council and this was upheld by the Planning Inspectorate at appeal.

Therefore the Parish Council respectfully requests that consent is refused for this proposal and refused for the principle of development on the plot and the site is reinstated to a garden.

NE/22/01410/FUL Single storey front extension and insertion of 2 ground floor windows at 1 Brookside

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 this application subject to the materials and finish match the existing dwelling. This decision is made on the assumption that there are no objections from adjoining property owners.

NE/22/01405/FUL Proposed tennis court. Location: Stanwick Hall Higham Road

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 subject to Natural England being satisfied that work can proceed. The application does not make reference to floodlighting. The Parish Council would expect any lighting arrangements to meet the standards of draft Local Plan part 2 EN13 i) in that it will not cause unacceptable light pollution or cause loss of amenity for nearby residential dwellings.

NE/22/01403/FUL Removal of an existing single storey glazed conservatory, and construction of a single storey traditionally built lean-to Location: The Cottage Stanwick Hall Farm Villa Lane

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.

22.131 'IN HOUSE' GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL

An email from C Haines at North Northants Council had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. It set out three options for the future of the grounds maintenance contract. After consideration of the probable cost implications of option 1 for Stanwick Parish Council's share of the 'in-house option', it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council would not proceed with the in house option as it cost was prohibitive as it represented a £30,000.00 increase on anticipated costs for 2023-24.

Option 2, whereby North Northants Council would procure a five year contract for the four consortium members was considered together with the likely fee for this service and the annual supervision costs for the duration of the contract. It was agreed that further information was required before a final decision on this option.

It was noted that the Parish Council had already agreed to seek an independent quote for grounds maintenance works (Minute 22.102) in line with option 3.

22.132 FUTURE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

It was noted that Raunds Town Council had suggested a meeting with consortium members to discuss alternative ways forward. It was agreed that the Clerk with at least one councillor should attend this meeting.

22.133 FOOTPATH ALONGSIDE HAWKES TECHNICAL

Further to Minute 22.91 b (September 2022) an email setting out the works to bring the footpath up to a standard that Northants Highways would adopted was considered. It was agreed that it was cost prohibitive to bring the path up to the adoptable standard when considering the limited costs the Council has been exposed to in the past 20 years.

22.134 GRASS CUTTING AT THE ALLOTMENTS

The grass cutting arrangements for 2022 were reviewed. It was agreed that the Council was satisfied with the work undertaken by Mowerman Ltd and it proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Mowerman Ltd should be instructed for the 2023 season subject to the costs were confirmed with no more than a 10% of the 2022 costs. If the costs would increase more than 10% the matter should be referred back to full Council.

22.135 DRAFT BOWLS CLUB LEASE

Further to Minute 22.117 a revised draft from the solicitor was considered. It was noted that Stanwick Bowls Club had reviewed the latest draft and were satisfied with the content. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That Council would sign the current version of the draft lease and the engrossed copy should be requested from the solicitor.

22.136 CHRISTMAS FAYRE DEC 2022

It was noted that the Council had set a budget of £400.00 (Minute 22.84). Costs incurred to date total £222.87 and stalls fees received were £115.00. It is not known if Raunds Electrical will invoice for the safety checking of the Christmas lights. The arrangements for on-the-day were discussed and it was acknowledged that there should be a designated deputy to take over in the event that the main organiser is not available on the day. That person would need to be fully conversant with the plans and have the necessary keys and contacts to be able to deal with all eventualities.

22.137 THE KING'S CORONATION MAY 2023

It was agreed that contact should be made with village community groups to ascertain the level of interest in holding events on May 8th 2023 as part of the King's Coronation weekend.

22.138 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

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

22.139 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be on 19th January 2023.

Meeting closed 7.55pm.

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
23/11/22	Friends of Stanwick Church – grant for Stanwick Film Night II per Minute 22.112 e	£200.00

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

Payee and reason	Amount
Transfer between current account and deposit account at Unity Trust Bank per minute 22.80 c	£20,000
Northants CALC – backdated VAT invoice	£108.20
Stanwick Village Hall Trust – meeting room & Fayre costs	£62.25
J Hodgson - purchases on Amazon etc – oil, envelopes, ink, cloak room tickets	£55.68
HMRC – quarterly tax & NI payment – due after 6 th Jan 2023	£1667.58
Society of Local Council Clerks - annual subscription	£187.00

The above payments were approved (signature line) _____ Chairman

Date signed 15th December 2022

Table 3: Payments made on the corporate debit card

Date	Payee and reason	Amount
26.11.22	Everyday Essentials - plants for cemetery	£3.00
26.11.22	QD Stores – materials to decorate fake Xmas light switch	£5.98
07.12.22	Post Office - stamps	£7.34

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

Date	Method	Payee and reason	Amount
30.11.22	DDM	BT Business	£40.97
01.12.22	DDM	North Northants Council July grounds maintenance	£2678.41
01.12.22	DDM	North Northants Council Aug grounds maintenance	£2065.07
01.12.22	DDM	North Northants Council Sept grounds maintenance	£2136.19
01.12.22	DDM	North Northants Council Associated Service x3 grounds maintenance	£42.80
03.12.22	STD	Stanwick Village Hall Trust - office rent	£218.00
05.12.22	DDM	North Northants Council May grounds maintenance	£1823.72
09.12.22	STD	Northamptonshire Pension Fund	£859.83
15.12.22	DDM	Wave – cemetery water rates	£5.00
15.12.22	DDM	nPower Business Solutions - street light power	£15.25

Table 5: Money received since the last meeting:

Date	Where the money was received from	Amount
17.11.22	HMRC – VAT reclaim	£1048.74
17.11.22	RGR Memorial Masons – additional inscription	£10.00
22.11.22	Cash for Xmas fayre 2 stalls	£30.00
06.12.22	Blenkharn Mon Masons – kerbs & headstone	£200.00
06.12.22	Cash from Xmas Fayre stalls	£40.00

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