

MINUTES OF STANWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Date: 22nd February 2024
Venue: Committee Room, Village Hall, Stanwick
Time: 7.15 p.m.
Present: Councillors:- M Taylor in the chair
J Ashby
S Glanville-Hughes
S Kitchener
G Konstantinidis
Clerk to the Council J Hodgson
Members of the Public 0

23.169 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Partrick on medical grounds and Councillor Paterson. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the reasons for absence be approved.

Apologies were received from NNC Councillors Howell, Levell and Wilkes.

23.170 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 18th January 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23.171 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

23.172 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public present.

23.173 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

NE/23/01266/FUL Demolition of building/structures to include the Plumbing shop, loft barn, large shed style structures and a single storey building previously used as a showroom/office; Construction of a two storey and single storey rear extension, widening of

existing entrance with new gate and Change of use of part of land from mixed use to residential.
Location: 25 Church Street

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

The Parish Council has previously responded on the demolition proposal and stated that the stone buildings to be demolished form a historically significant street scene as they are located in one of the older sections of the village. It is always disappointing when stone structures are lost.

However, the Parish Council recognises that the structures may be beyond economic repair and as such does not object to the application.

As this is a street setting with some of the most historic buildings, the Parish Council requests that all street facing external walls are constructed of an appropriate matching stone. Reason- to ensure heritage value of the street scene is maintained.

The Planning Authority should ensure that all necessary licences are in place and adhered to with regard to the presence of bats.

In the interests of general public health and safety all appropriate measures should be used for the removal of any asbestos.

The Parish Council would draw the attention of the applicant to the presence of the primary school on Church Street and suggest that consideration is given to the timings vehicle movements as the road regularly becomes blocked at school drop off and collection times. There is also significant pedestrian traffic at these times.

NE/24/00043/FUL Provision of concrete ramp to dwelling house for disabled user Location:
54 Raunds Road

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

The Parish Council does not object to the proposal

23.174 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The draft contract as issued by the solicitor 22nd February was considered. It was agreed that the proposed contract was broadly acceptable. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That under s101 Of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman has authority to finalise the contract with any minor amendments necessary and send it through to Turney Landscapes Ltd.

That Councillors Taylor and Kitchener be duly authorised to sign the Ground Maintenance Contract on behalf of Stanwick Parish Council.

23.175 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

It was proposed and

RESOLVED

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

23.176 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting aka What's On Evening 18th April 2024 was considered. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council would fund refreshments, including wine.

23.177 CHURCH PATH

Further to Minute 23.125 a proposal has been submitted to the Diocese Advisory Committee (DAC) for consideration at their March meeting. If the DAC support the scheme, they will issue a Faculty application. Final consent is given by the Diocese Chancellor to the Faculty.

Church warden Mrs Adair, has identified a possible grant fund that could be applied to.

It was agreed that if the DAC approved the methodology, a tender specification would be drawn up and sent to a minimum of two contractors before the Parish Council selected a preferred contractor. This is to ensure the Council has a like for like quote to base its decision on. The Council would seek grant funding where ever possible and that the clerk is authorised to make any appropriate funding applications.

23.178 DAFFODIL TRIAL PRIZES ON 23rd MARCH 2024

It was agreed that Councillor Taylor would award the prizes. All councillors were invited to the event.

23.179 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

It was agreed that a two sided news letter be printed via an external company for distribution. The final content be to provided to councillors via email prior to printing for their information.

23.180 COMMUNITY GROUP START UPS

It was proposed that the Parish Council considers working in partnership with the Village Hall Trust to secure start-up funding for drop in community groups, i.e. craft group, board/card games. The aim would be for the groups to become self-sustaining after a couple of years.

It was agreed that the Council supported the idea and the Clerk was authorised to apply for grants as necessary.

23.181 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

It was noted that the formal application to request double yellow lines on High St & Samuels Close have been submitted.

23.182 ANNUAL GRANTS BUDGET

Consideration was given to how the remaining balance of the 2023-24 grants budget should be used. It was proposed and

RESOLVED

That the remaining funds held under the Miscellaneous budget heading as at 31st March 2024, including unspent monies set aside for grants and the Coronation, be earmarked for costs to be incurred refurbishing the Church path.

23.183 RAUNDS SKATE PARK

Further to Minute 23.152, after due consideration of the unspent monies in the grant budget, it was proposed and

RESOLVED

That a donation of £500.00 would be made to the Crowd Funding Page for the Raunds Skate Park as residents of Stanwick would be able to use the new facility as well.

23.184 TREES ADJACENT TO THE RECREATION GROUND

Further to Minute 23.160 refers it was noted that the landowners had been identified through Land Registry and letters had been sent. A site meeting was being arranged.

23.185 COURTWOOD AND LAND BEHIND

It was noted that fifteen acres of land situated behind Courtwood/Manor Gardens that reaches Parish Fields was owned by an investment company based in St Kitts per Land Registry documents. There is an access point onto the land within Courtwood and during recent storms, the fencing/gate has failed. Residents have expressed concerns about site security.

It was noted that the Clerk had passed on contact details held on file. It was agreed that this was ‘neighbour matter’ between the land owner and the residents and it was not appropriate for the Council to become involved or provide replacement fencing.

23.186 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS

16th March 2024 Operation Spring Clean (10.00 meet outside the Post Office)

21st March 2024 Full Council

18th April 2024 Annual Parish Meeting (What’s On Evening)

16th May 2024 Annual Council Meeting
27th June 2024 Events Committee Meeting (19.00)

Meeting closed at 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
None	

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

Payee and reason	Amount
Stanwick Village Hall Trust – meeting room hire Feb 2024	£11.00
J Hodgson: longer cable ties Amazon	£7.30
Northants CALC Ltd – JH Training Equality, Diversity & Inclusion	£50.40

The above payments were approved (signature line)_____Chairman

Date signed 22nd February 2024

Table 3: Payments made on the corporate debit card

Date	Payee and reason	Amount
18.01.24	Safety Signs Ltd (dog fouling notices)	£38.41
23.01.24	Urban Hygiene Ltd (graffiti wipes & spray)	£37.10
29.01.24	Land Registry (land behind recreation ground)	£6.00
29.01.24	Raunds Hardware (Cable ties & string (to put up signs))	£9.98

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

Date	Method	Payee and reason	Amount
19.01.24	DDM	nPower Business Solutions – street lights	£43.80
19.01.24	DDM	Wave – water rates	£5.00

Date	Method	Payee and reason	Amount
30.01.24	DDM	BT Business	£40.37
03.02.24	STD	Stanwick Village Hall Trust Office rent January 2024	£240.00
04.02.24	STD	Unity Trust Bank: monthly transfer	£5000.00
09.02.24	STD	Northants Pension Fund	£607.70
08.02.24	DDM	North Northants Council Dec 23 grounds maintenance	£793.63
08.02.24	DDM	North Northants Council Dec 23 cleansing	£17.29
19.02.24	DDM	nPower Business Solutions – street lights	£46.06
19.02.24	DDM	Wave – water rates	£5.00

Table 5: Money received since the last meeting:

Date	Where the money was received from	Amount
31.01.24	A Abbotts & Son #614	1300.00
05.02.24	W Fraser 24-25 rent #5	40.00

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