

STANWICK ST JOHN AND CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held in the Vestry, St. John's Church, Stanwick on Monday 3rd March 2025.

Present: Cllr. B. Ramsay, Chairman
Cllr M. Asquith
Cllr. A. Wells
Cllr. P. Owen

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. A Thompson
Cllr. T. Haggie

2. Declaration of Interest

The Parish Councillors declared that at this point of the meeting, the agenda did not show any requirement for declaration of interest.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

Stanwick Parish Council's new website is now complete and available to view on line – www.stanwickstjohn-pc.gov.uk. All monitoring returns for the grant have been satisfactorily completed.

The application to the British Heart Foundation for a free defibrillator has unfortunately not been successful.

5. Reports from Local Authorities

Cllr. Thompson has kindly circulated a very comprehensive report for February 2025. This gave an update on North Yorkshire Council Finances, Home to school transport, Scams, A66 and Scotch Corner upgrade, Planning and Flooding. The outlook on all topics is without exception very pessimistic. The full report can be viewed on the parish Council's new website.

5. Financial Report

The Financial Summary was presented to the meeting, approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

Major expenses to be incurred in March include insurance and the cost of refurbishing the traditional signpost.

A precept of £1995 has been requested from North Yorkshire Council for the 2025/26 financial year. The small increase is needed to cover the annual costs of maintaining the Councils website.

Planning Matters

There were two planning applications received this period.

- (a) The Old Pavilion, Stanwick – Permission granted for removal and replacement of conservatory structure including new roof to dining room.
- (b) Stanwick Arms, Aldbrough St John – variation of planning permission to first floor footprint and provision of walling. Councillors had no comment to make on this application.

6. Correspondence

- (a) Update from Wendy Sycamore of Openreach advising that two of the wayleaves needed for the route of the new fibre cable into Stanwick have now been agreed. The final wayleave required is still being negotiated.
- (b) Several e-mails from Alistair Rutter of Woodland Parish Council seeking assistance in opposing a 70 eco cabin development in Hamsterley Forest. After due consideration Councillors agreed to send a brief letter in support to the planning officer at Durham County Council.
- (c) Police report for January 2025 crime figures in the Richmond rural area. After discussion on the costs and benefits of installing CCTV councillors decided to keep the matter under review but take no immediate action.
- (d) Multiple E-mails advising road works and road closures in the Richmondshire area – particularly the cobblestones in Richmond marketplace.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr. Wells reported that no action had been taken on the many discarded signs left on the roadside adjacent the entrance to Carlton Grange and along the road as far as Brick Kiln Lane. These now pose a serious safety risk and he will again report the matter to our North Yorkshire Councillor Angus Thompson and Area 1 Highways.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.30 pm.

Date and time of next meeting (AGM + Ordinary Meeting).

Monday 12th May 2025 @ 6.30 p.m.

Signed as a correct record _____ (Chairman) Date _____