

STANWICK ST JOHN AND CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held in the Vestry, St. John's Church, Stanwick on Monday 8th September 2025.

Present: Cllr. B. Ramsay, Chairman
Cllr M. Asquith
Cllr. A. Wells
Cllr. P. Owen
Cllr.T.Haggie
Cllr. Angus Thompson

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

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

The discarded signs left on the roadside from previous road works have now been removed but some signs from the latest re-surfacing remain to be collected. The clerk was instructed to notify Highways.

The latest update from Wendy Sycamore of Openreach is that all wayleaves for the new fibre cable into Stanwick are agreed and signed off. We will be informed as soon as work is scheduled to start.

5. Reports from Local Authorities

Cllr. Thompson gave a comprehensive review of the problems faced by the planning/enforcement departments. Both departments are very under staffed and recruiting trained planners is proving almost impossible.

North Yorkshire Councils financial position is equally bleak. Despite already making substantial savings, unless further changes are made the Council is projected to be bankrupt by 2028/29

5. Financial Report

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

Government Auditors PKF Littlejohn advised that the audit of our 2024/25 accounts is satisfactory.

Payments received from Milestone Society £100, Aldbrough Feast £150 and Locality Grant £1350.

Payment of £460 was authorised for Aldbrough PCC. and cheque signed.

Councillors decide to defer setting next year's precept until the December meeting.

Planning Matters

There was one planning applications received this period.

- (a) Stanwick Grange, Stanwick Gardens – Changes as a result of design development during construction.

This is a second retrospective application. It seeks to regularise a large range of work which has been done without planning approval. Unfortunately some items, particularly the new plant rooms have caused considerable upset with immediate neighbours. Councillors decided to comment accordingly.

6. Correspondence

- (a) E-mails from John Tickner requesting the Parish Council comment appropriately on the second Stanwick Grange retrospective planning application.
- (b) Copy of e-mail from David and Gillian Dunlop complaining about the planners handling of the development at Stanwick Grange.
- (c) Report from Mr Ian Beighton of Area 1 Highways confirming our access road did not meet the criteria for formal speed limits and offering a selection of no cost traffic calming measures. After discussion Councillors agreed that a single SLOW painted on the road by the field gate before the North entrance to Church Lodge would be sufficient. The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

9. Any Other Business

Grant money for the new Parish Council defibrillator has been received. Councillors agreed to contact the Ambulance Service for advice on best possible locations.

Complaint from British Horse society re Clock House dogs intimidating riders on the public bridleway. Outside our parish – no action required.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.40 pm.

Date and time of next meeting - Monday 8th December 2025 @ 6.30 p.m.

Signed as a correct record _____ (Chairman) Date _____