**STANWICK ST JOHN AND CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held in the Vestry, St. John’s Church, Stanwick on Monday 12th May 2025.**

**Present:** Cllr. B. Ramsay, Chairman

 Cllr M. Asquith

 Cllr. A. Wells

 Cllr. P. Owen

 Cllr.T.Haggie

1. **Apologies for Absence**

 Cllr. A Thompson

1. **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.

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

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

1. **Matters Arising**

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. Direct action is not possible since these signs are the property of Highways. The clerk was instructed to make a further attempt to have them collected and removed.

The latest update from Wendy Sycamore of Openreach is that the route and therefore the wayleaves needed for the new fibre cable into Stanwick have been agreed with the landowners, subject to review by solicitors.

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 **5. Reports from Local Authorities**

In the absence of Cllr. Thompson there was no report this meeting.

1. **Financial Report**

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

 signed by the Chairman.

 A precept payment of £1995 has been received from North Yorkshire Council for the

 2025/26 financial year.

 Because of substantial savings made in the refurbishing of the traditional signpost

 there is a significant underspend on the Locality grant. Cllr. Thompson to be

 contacted for his instructions.

 **Planning Matters**

There was one planning applications received this period.

1. Stanwick Grange, Stanwick Gardens – Addition of dormer windows to main roof.

This is a retrospective application. The additional windows, which effectively create a third floor, have already been installed without neighbourly consultation much to the annoyance of those whose properties are now overlooked. Some changes are needed to resolve these concerns and the Parish Council will comment accordingly.

1. **Correspondence**
2. E-mail from John Tickner requesting the Parish Council comment appropriately on the Stanwick Grange retrospective planning application. Cllrs. agreed to do so.
3. E-mails from Delphine Clewlow and John Tickner requesting information on repairing the potholes in Clock House road. Both correspondents were advised that the Clock House road is a private road, of unknown ownership, over which the Parish Council has no jurisdiction. Historically such repairs that have been done have been those organised on behalf of the properties who use the road for access.
4. Notification from North Yorkshire Council of upgrades to the Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefits systems. Upgrades will take place from 2 May to end of June during which the Council will be unable to action any changes.

**. 9**. **Any Other Business**

Councillors discussed at length the recent failures of the Planning system to control unauthorised developments and also the way in which the results of consultations were routinely ignored. This matter is to be taken up at the highest level.

Application has been made for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a property in Aldbrough St John. Enquires will be made to find out if this has implications for Stanwick and Carlton.

 The meeting was declared closed at 8.10 pm.

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

 Signed as a correct record \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_