

Stanwick Parish Council

Annual Newsletter

June 2015

Welcome to the eleventh annual newsletter from the Parish Council. Normally it is issued in April but it has been delayed to allow for the election results. This newsletter gives a brief summary of the activities of the Council over the past twelve months.

Your new Parish Council has 7 members: Amanda Michel (Chair), Dave Munday (Vice Chair), Sylvia Glanville-Hughes, Sue Kitchener, Mark Partrick, Nick Peck and Graham Roberts.

Minutes of Council meetings can be viewed at Stanwick Village Hall, Raunds Library and on line at the Council website www.stanwickparishcouncil.org.uk or alternatively contact the Council Clerk.

In April 2015 a new format for the Annual Parish Meeting was trialled as 'Stanwick Showcase'. It was considered a success by those who attended and it is hoped that this success can be built on in future years. The 2016 event will be held on 21st April.

How we spend your money

Expenditure for 2014/15 is down on the previous year. The Accounts will be audited over the summer and will be available on the Council website in due course.

The Council gave careful consideration to the budget for 2015/16 and whilst the Council has asked for slightly more money, because more households are paying the precept (local tax) the amount payable by each household actually shows a slight decrease.

Shaping the future of Stanwick - Stanwick Neighbourhood Plan

Work started on the Neighbourhood Plan in March 2014. By its very nature it is a lengthy undertaking. The finished plan will influence development in Stanwick until 2031.

During 2015 the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be asking you for your opinions. This may include suggested locations for any development.

It is vitally important that you take the opportunity to have your say.

A Neighbourhood Plan that has been successful at the village referendum stage can be used to repel unwanted proposals from developers.

During 2015 more information will be published on the dedicated website.

If you think you can offer any time or skills to the plan process, please contact the Parish Clerk.

www.stanwickneighbourhoodplan.org.uk

2014 A winning year for Stanwick

2014 saw Stanwick win both the Northamptonshire Large Village of the Year and the ITV Peoples Million Competition, which secured £50,000 for the Allotment and Community Garden Project.

A big thank you to everyone who voted and helped with the campaign.

Future meetings of the Parish Council

All Council meetings start at 7.15 p.m. and are held in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. The dates for the coming year are 21st May, 16th July, 17th Sept, 19th Nov, 21st Jan 2016 and 17th March 2016.

Additional meetings may be called in between these dates, particularly to consider planning applications. These will be advertised on the notice board and the website.

Members of the public are always welcome to come and listen at meetings. There is an opportunity to speak at the meeting and further information can be obtained from the Clerk.

Dog fouling & litter: don't let it be a blight.

Sadly dog fouling and litter continues to be a significant problem in some areas. Dog mess is both unpleasant and a health hazard. Please use the dog bins for bagged dog waste.

Authorized officers can patrol parks and open spaces and specific areas where dog fouling has been reported. You can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75 if you do not clean up after your dog.

If you witness someone letting their dog foul without cleaning it up afterwards in a public place, you should report this to the dog warden with as much information as possible. For more information please contact East Northamptonshire Council on 01832 742000 or see www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Parish Councillor Code of Conduct

The Localism Act requires all Councils to have a Code of Conduct that all Councillors must adhere to. The Code of Conduct for Stanwick Parish Council can be viewed on the Council website or a copy can be obtained from the Parish Clerk upon request.

If you have reason to believe that a Councillor has not complied with the Code of Conduct, a complaint should be made to the Monitoring Officer, Ms S Matthews, at East Northamptonshire Council, East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ



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Overhanging branches

Common law allows that if branches of a tree start to grow over your side of a boundary, you can cut them back to the boundary point. However this does not include any branches that are not on your land.

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