

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST. BOTOLPH'S
PARISH CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2016 AT 8 PM**

Present: Councillors Young (Vice-Chairman, presiding), Allen and Humfryes and the Clerk (Mr D Stowell).

- 014/16 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Hayes and Butcher, and County Cllr Bywater
- 015/16 Declarations of Interest in relation to any agenda item** - none
- 016/16 Public Open Forum** – not required
- 017/16 Minutes of the Meeting held 20 January 2016 were approved and signed**
- 018/16 Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda)** – none
- 019/16 Meeting planned for 10 February** – It was noted that this meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum as only Cllrs Hayes and Young, the Clerk and County Cllr Bywater attended. Cllr Butcher had advised that it was unlikely that he could attend. It was later discovered that Cllrs Allen and Humfryes had not received the emailed notice of the meeting.
- 020/16 Finance**
The following payments were approved
 100398 HMRC, PAYE, £64.60
 100399 F D Stowell, Salary and Expenses, Jan - March, £290.63 (inc £4.59 VAT)
 This replaces cancelled cheque no 100397 which had omitted cost of ink cartridges.
Proposed purchasing of laptop and scanner,
 The Clerk's action to apply for a grant via CAPALC for a laptop (Acer Aspire F5-571 15.6" £291+VAT) and scanner (Canon CanoScan LiDE 220 £50 +VAT).was approved.
- 021/16 Planning**
Response to new planning application
16/00097/LBC, Alterations to window type and positions, 2 Church Lane. Following circulation of details to members the Clerk sent the following response to HDC on 11 February: The parish council has no objection to these proposals and recommends approval.
To note decision(s) by the Local Planning Authority
15/01983/HHFUL, Proposed outbuilding/garage and study, The Old Chapel, 2 Spaldwick Road – permission granted.
15/01824/FUL, Three new gas compressors and associated works, Huntingdon Compressor Station, Bigrams Lane, Stonely - permission granted including conditions related to tree and landscape works, ecological management, air quality, noise, external lighting, water drainage and management of construction traffic routes.
- 022/16 Assets and infrastructure**
Health and Safety – Cllr Allen presented a list dated 23 March which showed all checks OK.
- 023/16 Highways, byways, footpaths** - to consider any new problems
Local Highway Improvements 2016/17
 To note Panel results received 2 March - The SLPC bid came bottom of the list, one of 19 unsuccessful bidders.
Communities and Hauliers uniting in Covenant – It was resolved to accept the terms of the Covenant and to participate in the scheme. Currently Mick George is the

only haulier known to have signed up, but as others do so this channel can be used to address any problems which arise.

024/16 Review of current projects – see Appendix

**025/16 Correspondence – to consider what action to take in respect of the following:
Electoral review of Huntingdonshire**

It was decided to make no proposals to the Local Government Boundary Commission's electoral review of the District Council which is taking place for a period of 6 weeks ending on 4 April 2016, the intention of which is to retain the council at its present size with 52 members. Due to the forecast increase in population it is expected that by 2021 the average electors per member will have increased from 2515 to 2931. The review aims to correct imbalances between the numbers represented by individual councillors by moving parishes between wards.

Electoral review of Cambridgeshire – It was noted that the LGBC has completed its review of the County Council and has made recommendations which, subject to parliamentary approval, will be implemented at the 2017 elections. The local division will be known as 'Alconbury and Kimbolton' represented by one County Councillor. It will be comprised of the following parishes: Alconbury, Alconbury Weston, Barham & Woolley, Brington & Molesworth, Buckworth, Bythorn & Keyston, Catworth, Covington, Easton, Ellington, Great Gidding, Great Staughton, Hail Weston, Hamerton & Steeple Gidding, Kimbolton, Leighton, Little Gidding, Old Weston, Perry, Spaldwick, Stow Longa, Tilbrook, Upton & Coppingford and Winwick.

CCC Key Issues January 2016 – circulated by email 1 February were noted.

Litter Bin emptying - The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from HDC which had identified the bin near the phone box as owned by the parish council but incorrectly stating that it is emptied by HDC; and that the free service for bins in that category is to be discontinued shortly. When the Clerk pointed out that this bin had not been emptied by HDC in recent years, HDC advised that they are now prepared to empty it weekly at an annual charge of £252.64 not including cost of repairs or replacement. Members present were of the view that this offer be considered in future should difficulties arise with the current voluntary system.

026/16 Any Other Business

Noise from Kart Club – It was noted that Mr & Mrs Beszant have recently written to HDC regarding the noise from the meetings which is extremely disturbing to resident's outdoor activities for one weekend in each month. They have asked HDC to take this complaint into consideration should the Kart Club ever wish to increase its usage. Cllr Humfryes said she had been in contact with the Beszants in this connection and awaited their response to her suggestions to obtain wider support from villagers.

027/16 Future Meetings – The following schedule for 2016 meetings was confirmed

Apr 13, May 11 (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting), June 15, July 13, Sept 14, Nov 23. Should the need arise for meetings in between, they will be arranged on an ad hoc basis to suit members and any external requirements.

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 9.38 pm.

Appendix - Review of current projects – the current positions were reported as follows

Project	Report	Action by
Memorial for Peggy & Ray Convine	2/3 trees are to be planted to replace a dead tree on the northern boundary of the churchyard.	M Hayes
Village Cross	A notice has been posted on the website inviting villagers to show their support for the cross to be reinstated. Negotiations have been restarted with relevant authorities.	J Young
Re-siting of post box	Royal Mail require written confirmation from CCC that it may be located on the site outside the Old Chapel.	Clerk to inform Royal Mail
Kerb to the Green outside the Old Vicarage	The proposal for funding as a Highway Improvement has been rejected by CCC.	SLPC to consider alternative funding
Repairs to the Green and verges following electricity & phone work	Raised manhole left by BT between The Lane & Church Lane Repairs to be the Green & other verges	Clerk to request BT to rectify SLPC working party to be arranged if necessary.
Children's play area	Swing: monitor wear, clean seats, and paint where necessary. Park Bench: replace damaged slat(s) and repaint Sign with emergency info Repair to damaged kerb is not considered necessary	M Hayes to arrange Clerk none
Speedwatch	8 volunteers responded to the website advert and attended a training session on 12 March. This was followed by an operational session.	J & S Humfryes will arrange further sessions when teams are available.
Highway resurfacing	Request to be submitted to CCC Highways for this work to be carried out following completion of installation of services.	Clerk