

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH ON MONDAY 11 MAY 2009 AT 9 PM**

Present : Councillors Hayes (Chairman), Allen, Millington, Young and the Clerk (Mr D Stowell).

46/09 Apologies for absence - none received.

47/09 Election of Chairman
Cllr M G Hayes was elected unanimously.

48/09 Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Chairman was made by Cllr Hayes and witnessed by the Clerk

49/09 Election of Vice-Chairman
Cllr J Young was elected unanimously.

50/09 Declarations of Interest as to personal and prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item
None declared.

51/09 Minutes of Meetings held 30 March and 20 April 2009 - were approved and signed.

52/09 Matters arising from minutes
Compost Giveaway - compost scheduled for delivery Monday 18 May.

53/09 Membership
It was noted that the resignation of Cllr Dickins took effect from 23 April 2009. The vacancy was advertised on 30 April. If no request for an election is received by the Returning Officer within 14 days, the Clerk will post a further notice stating: Any elector wishing to be considered by the Council to fill this vacancy is invited to inform the Clerk in writing before 4.30 pm on Monday 15 June 2009, unless in the meantime a member of the Council has informed you of his/her intention to nominate you as a candidate.

54/09 Finance
Amendment to bank mandate
It was resolved that Jonathan Young should replace John Dickins as a signatory on the Barclays Bank current account.
The following payment was approved:
Ref 100260 **CPALC** Annual membership fee £53.94

55/09 Planning
Application 0900432FUL - Single storey front extension to dwelling, 11 Spaldwick Road.
It was resolved to respond that "Stow Longa Parish Council has no objections to this proposal and recommends approval."
Current Enforcement Cases - report from HDC dated 27 April 2009 states no current cases.

An application determined by HDC was noted- 0900226FUL, Erection of dwelling, Land at Manor Farm, Spaldwick Road - **Refused** for the following reasons: (1) The proposed dwelling is located outside of the built-up framework of the village and would therefore be sited in the countryside. No information advanced to justify erection in countryside.; (2) The proposed dwelling, by reason of its siting, design, scale, and overall footprint would introduce a built form harmful to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and the wider character of the village: (3) The new dwelling would be remote from services and as a result the occupiers would be car dependant, having to visit other settlements for all their daily needs. This will result in additional car journeys and as such the proposed development is considered to be unsustainable.

56/09 Roads, footpaths, verges, trees**Restoration of verges following completion of sewerage scheme**

The response from Ian Boon, Anglian Water was discussed.

It was agreed to reply pointing out that the Council does not accept the conclusions reached and stressing that the verges are now much softer than they were before the scheme started. The Chairman agreed to draft a letter and circulate it for comment before passing it to the Clerk to send to AW with copies to CCC Highways.

It was agreed that the Council should ask to be represented when CCC carries out its inspection to accept the restoration works.

The Clerk was asked to contact Tilbrook Parish Council to ascertain what action it has taken to resolve any problems.

Damage to Green next to the Old Chapel - The Chairman agreed to speak to the builder to enquire whether he would be prepared to install kerb stones along that side of the Green if CCC Highways would allow it.

Repairs to damaged sign, kerb and verge on Village Green

The Chairman agreed to discuss the repair of the sign with Tony Wakefield.

The Clerk to ask Rose Plant Hire to proceed with repair of the verge and kerb

Sign to Church - Andy Griffiths is currently looking at its restoration

Willow tree on Green - Brian Ogden agreed to trimming.

Trees on verge, Kimbolton Road - awaiting comments from Brian Ogden.

Damaged planting container around village sign - Mrs Beszant has reported that the situation is deteriorating and repair / replacement is now urgently required.

57/09 Health and Safety / Risk Assessment

Replacement of Picnic Table - delivery of the new table is expected on 13 May

Bench adjacent to phone box - it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting, under an agenda item considering all repairs required to village assets.

58/09 Correspondence

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mr Murdoch this evening. It was agreed to deal with this at the next meeting

59/09 Any Other Business

Stow Longa sign in Kimbolton Road - this has been damaged. The Clerk will report to CCC.

60/09 Dates of forthcoming meetings

15 June 2009

20 July 2009

In the absence of any other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm