

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICARAGE ROOM ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2009 AT 8 PM**

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

61/09 Apologies for absence - none

62/09 Declarations of Interest - as to personal and prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item - none

63/09 Minutes of Annual Meeting held 11 May 2009 were approved and signed

64/09 Matters arising - none

65/09 Co-option of councillor

It was resolved to defer the co-option of a Parish Councillor to fill the current vacancy to a later meeting, there being only one applicant. Members agreed to speak to other electors and invite them to put their names forward.

66/09 Finance

The following payments were approved:

100261 Green-Tech Limited, Picnic Table - £346.00 + £51.90 VAT = £397.90

100262 F D Stowell, Salary and expenses, April - June £399.74

100263 J C Shears, Internal Audit fee - £50.00

Internal Auditor's Report for 2008/09

The following recommendations were noted and actions agreed in response

(1) Reviews of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations undertaken by the Council should be minuted.

Action: These documents will be presented annually to the January meeting for review. The review will be minuted.

(2) Consideration to be given to including photographs and locations of assets.

Action: It was resolved to produce a map showing location of assets including the community land, and to take photos from time to time to record their condition.

67/09 Roads, footpaths, verges, trees

Restoration of verges following completion of sewerage scheme - response awaited from Ian Boon, AW.

Relocation of Post Box - Response to new proposal awaited from Royal Mail. Chris Bines paid visit on 11 June to view the proposed site. Immediately prior to the meeting the Chairman and Clerk spoke to Andy Griffiths, who said that he did not want the post box located on the verge in front of his wall as it would damage the roots of the shrubs recently planted there. It was agreed that the Clerk should inform Royal Mail of this development and suggest that the box should preferably be fixed to the existing telephone pole or, if this is not possible, for it to be located to the left hand side of the post when viewed from the street. This is in front of the oil tank belonging to the newly rebuilt Old Chapel.

68/09 Health and Safety / Risk Assessment - not required this month.

69/09 Repairs / replacements of village assets**Outstanding Issues**

It was resolved that responsibility for taking action be allocated as follows:

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| 1. Installing picnic table on play area | Cllr Allen |
| 2. Repairing seat near phone box | Cllr Young |
| 3. Tree for Peggy and Ray Convine | Cllr Hayes |
| 4. Sign to Church | Mr Griffiths |
| 5. Damage to Green and sign by plant hire company | Clerk (green), Cllr Hayes (sign) |
| 6. Damage to Green & verges by Anglian Water | Cllr Hayes |
| 7. Border to planted area around village sign | Cllr Millington |
| 8. Moving post box | Clerk |
| 9. Kerbing on village green & drain. | Clerk to arrange mtg with CCC |

70/09 Planning**The following HDC decisions were noted**

0900346FUL, Extensions and alterations, 7 Spaldwick Road - Permission granted

0900432FUL, Single storey front extension, 11 Spaldwick Road - Permission granted.

Proposed new wind farm

Following the letter to parishioners from the Parish Council dated 31 May 2009, three councillors and the Clerk, together with several members of Kimbolton Parish Council, visited Burton Wold Wind Farm on 9 June to see a typical wind farm in operation. No information was given as to the proposals for the Kimbolton Airfield which remained to be settled.

Subsequently, Broadview, the developers of the proposed wind farm on the airfield, have arranged an open evening in the Church on Tuesday 14 July from 4 pm to 8 pm to enable people to learn more about wind energy, the proposal and the planning process. A similar event will be held the previous day in Kimbolton.

The Chairman tabled a draft letter to parishioners advising them of the current position, and encouraging them to attend the open evening. This was approved for distribution to all households in the village.

71/09 Correspondence**The following items were circulated to members**

(a) Details of allowances received by HDC councillors in 2008/09

(b) Cambs Together, Draft Local Area Agreement monitoring indicators.

(c) Local Development Framework - information regarding assessment of new housing and employment sites in Huntingdonshire.

Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme 2010/11 Bidding Round.

It was agreed to re-submit last year's bid for road markings to emphasize that a 40 mph zone is being entered and interactive speed signs within the village to help maintain a maximum of 40 mph.

Andrew Murdoch, letter of 11 May 2009- The Chairman passed copies to all members. It was agreed that any matters not already being dealt with by the Council should be considered at the next meeting.

72/09 Any Other Business

Bulge in road surface outside "Stowe Inn" - Cllr Allen to report to CCC Highways.

Low flying microlights - Cllr Young reported that these were taking off from the airstrip and buzzing low over houses in the village causing annoyance to the occupants. The Chairman agreed to speak to Mr Convine about the problem.

One way system around the Green - the possibility was briefly discussed, but no decision was made to take the matter further.

73/09 Forthcoming meetings

Wednesday, July 15 2009 (replacing meeting originally planned for 20 July)
Monday, September 7 2009

In the absence of any other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm