

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICARAGE ROOM ON MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 8 PM**

Present: Councillors Hayes (Chairman), Humfryes, Millington and Young, and the Clerk (Mr D Stowell). There were no members of the public present.

106/09 Apologies for absence - Cllr Allen (working)

107/09 Declarations of Interest - as to personal and prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item - none.

108/09 Minutes of Meeting held 19 October 2009 were approved and signed.

109/09 Matters arising - none

110/09 Finance

2010/11 Budget and Precept

Council reviewed the estimate of the financial position at 31//3/10 and resolved to set an unchanged precept of £3000. The Clerk to produce a draft budget for approval at the next meeting.

The following payments were approved:

100271 K Royles - Grass cutting - £285.00 (it was noted that Mr Royles would charge the same amount next year)

100272 Green-Tech Ltd - Bench Seat - £339.25 (inc. £44.25 VAT)

100273 SLCC - half share of Clerk's annual subscription £41.00

111/09 Health and Safety / Risk Assessment - not required this month

112/09 Roads, footpaths, verges, trees (other than those covered by item 114/09)

Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Schemes - 2010/11 Bidding Round.

The bid for speed reduction measures was one of six to score 6 points. The successful bids scored between 7 and 11 points. 30 bids scored less than 6 points. 18 were not scored (8 exceeded budget, others rejected for varied reasons)

113/09 Repairs / replacements of village assets (other than those covered by item 114/09)

Village Cross - A report has been received from Max Turner detailing the negotiations which have taken place since a site meeting with experts on 28 May 2009 and which has led to funding of around £500 being obtained by the CCC Historic Environment Team Manager to commission a survey by Skillington Workshops aimed at producing a costed proposal to dismantle the cross and rebuild it properly, possibly using some of the stone fragments currently being stored by Martin Whitlock.

114/09 Outstanding Issues - to monitor progress

1. Installing picnic table on play area

2. Repairing seat near phone box

3. Tree for Peggy and Ray Convine

4. Sign to Church

5. Damage to Green and sign by plant hire company

Completed

New seat procured - Tony Wakefield will make fixing brackets. Working party will install.

Cllr Hayes to arrange planting in Feb. Probably flowering cherry at end of play area nearest the church.

Mr Griffiths will repaint

Completed

6. Damage to Green & verges by Anglian Water Working party to level sunken areas with soil & reseed in the spring. Should the WP consider turfing some areas the Clerk is to order the required amount.
7. Border to planted area around village sign Cllr Millington has arranged with Anne Beszant and Roger Millington to build a brick surround. Vivienne Schorer Nixon will provide bricks. Clerk to check with HDC that they have no objection.
8. Moving post box Royal Mail regret delay due to recent industrial relations problems, but will look at locating the box on verge outside the Old Chapel adjacent to telephone pole ASAP.
9. Kerbing on village green & drain Drain work completed by CCC. Ringway quote for kerbing the sides facing the Old Chapel and Stowe Inn is £3117.07 + VAT. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek another quote and apply to HDC for a grant towards the cost.
10. Townlands Charity Andrew Murdoch is liaising with Mrs Wakefield to hand over management to the new trustees.
11. Swing defects Following a report from Cllr Hayes, it was agreed that the risk from the link gap not meeting the current spec. is minimal and no action be taken. The frame will be painted by Working Party in the spring.
12. Seat on Green near Cross Needs treating with preservative.
13. Damaged Stow Longa sign in Kimbolton Road Agreed to leave in current position, but to ask CCC to repair or replace.

115/09 Planning

New planning application

0901383FUL, Extension to dwelling and erection of porch following demolition of lean-to.

1 Rookery Cottage, Kimbolton Road - No objection. Resolved to recommend approval.

0901481FUL, Erection of industrial units (revised scheme), Plot 6, Brook Road, Harvard Industrial Estate, Kimbolton - No objection. Resolved to recommend approval.

Proposed new windfarm - It was noted that the Clerk had passed to the Chairman a copy of HDC's response to the Environmental Assessment Scoping Report. It was agreed that it be circulated to all members of the council.

The following HDC Decision was noted:

0901156FUL, Conservatory, Station Masters House, Kimbolton Road - Permission Granted

The following Appeal result was noted:

0900226FUL, Dwelling, Land adjacent Manor Farm - Appeal against refusal dismissed.

116/09 Correspondence**Email to all councillors 6/11/09**

Invitation to visit CCC Huntingdon depot to see demonstration of recycling equipment, 10am to 2pm 3rd December

Circulated 11/11/09

Infrastructure Planning Leaflet

Extract from National Policy Statement re Wind Farms

Charity Commission News no 30

Hinchingbrooke Hospital proposals, feedback invited, forms enclosed

Circulated 12/11/09

Clerks & Councils Direct November 2009

The Clerk November 2009

NALC Policy & Parliamentary briefing P18-09 dated 30 October 2009

"Local Councils and Cheque Signatories"

Circulated 23/11/09

Parish Paths Partnership – invitations to apply by 26/2/10

Countywide Advisory Freight Map - comments by 29/1/10

Reply to query regarding Gypsy and Traveller sites - Lynette Hughes, Senior Planning Policy Officer states that the Development Plan Document identifying preferred permanent sites is not expected to be issued for consultation until sometime after February 2010.

Broadband Speeds - The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Jonathan Djanogly MP asking for data on broadband speeds in the village. Cllr Young agreed to put the request for data on the website and to reply to Mr Djanogly in due course.

117/09 Any Other Business - none**118/09 Dates of 2010 meetings**

Monday, 11 January

Monday, 22 February

Monday, 22 March

Monday, 19 April

Monday, 10 May - Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council

Monday, 14 June

Monday, 19 July

Monday, 6 September

Monday, 11 October

Monday, 15 November

Monday, 13 December

In the absence of any further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm