

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VICARAGE ROOM ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 8 PM**

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

015/10 Apologies for absence – none, all members being present.

016/10 Declarations of Interest as to personal and prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item – none.

017/10 Public Open Forum – not held; no members of the public present.

018/10 Minutes of Meeting held 11 January 2010 were approved and signed.

019/10 Matters arising from minutes

Broadband Speeds – The original e-mail not having been passed to the Clerk, Cllr Young agreed to provide him with sufficient information to enable a reply to be sent to Jonathan Djanogly MP.

020/10 Finance

The following payments were approved:

100275 CPALC, one copy of Standing Orders for Local Councils, £25.00

100276 W Gaiser, rent of meeting room 2009/10, 9 meetings at £8.00 each, £72.00

021/10 Health and Safety / Risk Assessment – report deferred to next meeting.

022/10 Roads, footpaths, verges, trees (other than those in item 024/10)

Direction Sign at corner of Village Green – It was noted that the post had been pushed over and 2 of the arms and the top circular section had been broken off as a result of a car skidding on the snow/ice this morning and colliding with it. Cllr Allen agreed to get details of the driver and to report the incident to Cambridgeshire Highways. This item will be added to outstanding issues in the appendix.

Dog fouling on public footpaths – as there have been a number of complaints, the Chairman agreed to produce a leaflet for distribution to all households reminding dog owners of their responsibilities in this respect.

023/10 Repairs/replacements of village assets (other than those in item 0234/10)

No matters were raised.

024/10 Outstanding Issues

The progress report was updated – see Appendix to the minutes.

025/10 Planning

The following HDC decisions were noted:

0901412FUL, Retention of existing temporary storage container, Unit 5, Nene Road, Kimbolton – Permission granted to 31 January 2012, on or before which the container shall be removed and the land returned to its former purpose.

0901481FUL, Erection of industrial units (revised scheme), Plot 6, Brook Road, Kimbolton – Permission granted.

Proposed new windfarm – It was resolved to arrange a public meeting when a planning application is received and to ask the planning authority for a 2 months extension to the date required for submission of the Parish Council's observations

026/10 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**Standing Orders**

The Clerk reported that, earlier in the day, he had obtained a copy of the new Model issued by NALC. Whilst the layout had not followed that of the 2003 Model and hence changes made are not readily apparent, the most significant change relates to participation in meetings by members of the public and councillors with prejudicial interests.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk should prepare a proposal for suitable amendments to reflect this change, and circulate it to members prior to the next meeting

Financial Regulations

The Clerk reported that the Model Financial Regulations issued by NALC in 2004 remain as the current recommended model. These were adopted by the Parish Council on 19 January with a few amendments to suit local requirements. It was, therefore, **resolved** that no changes be made at this time.

027/10 Report on North West Huntingdonshire Neighbourhood Forum

The Clerk gave a brief report on the first quarterly forum held at Sawtry on 20 January. Official notes of the meeting will be circulated to members in due course.

028/10 Correspondence**Circulated 16/0209**

Hinchingbrooke Hospital Next Step News, January 2010

Policing Pledge

Kerbside Recycling – HDC advise that they are introducing kerbside collection of glass, and removing existing bottle banks in the near future.

Predisposition, predetermination or bias, and the Code of Conduct – The Standards Board for England guidance issued December 2009.

Rural Strategy for Cambridgeshire 2010 – 2015 – Consultation until 23 April 2010.

Cambridgeshire's Third Local Transport Plan – Consultation until 9 April 2010.

(Exhibitions at Libraries – Huntingdon 3 March; St. Neots 19 February)

Big Lottery Fund, Reaching Communities is open to applications from parish councils.

Press Release re Community Infrastructure Levy – this levy is being introduced from April, to obtain contributions for community infrastructure from all housing developments. From 2014 the present S.106 agreements will be scaled back, only being used for site specific contributions

029/10 Any Other Business - none**030/10 Next meeting**

Monday, 22 March 2010

In the absence of any other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Appendix

Outstanding issues – progress report

Issue	Current position	Action by
Repairing seat near phone box	New seat installed. Tony Wakefield has moved plaque from old seat. Clerk to write letter of thanks to Mr Wakefield.	Complete
Tree for Peggy & Ray Convine	Arrange planting in Feb. Probably flowering cherry at end of play area nearest the church.	M. Hayes
Damage to Green & verges by Anglian Water	Sunken areas to be levelled with soil & reseeded in the spring. Should members consider turfing some areas the required amount will be ordered.	Members to tour village on 27 Feb to assess work required.
Border to planted area around village sign	Brick surround to be built. Bricks will be supplied Check with HDC that they have no objection.	A. Beszant & R. Millington V.Schorer-Nixon Clerk
Moving post box	In response to request for the box to be relocated on the verge outside the Old Chapel adjacent to telephone pole, Royal Mail say they will require written permission from the house owner before they could proceed. Clerk has written to James Baker regarding this.	Clerk
Kerbing on village green	Ringway quoted £3117.07 + VAT for kerbing 2 sides. Other quotes to be sought. Names of CCC approved contractors to be provided. HDC grant applied for - response awaited.	M Allen Clerk
Townlands Charity	Andrew Murdoch is liaising with Mrs Wakefield to hand over management to the new trustees.	M Hayes to check current position.
Swing	Repaint to be carried out in the spring	Working party
Seat on Green near Cross	To be treated with preservative	Working party
Damaged Stow Longa sign, Kimbolton Road.	CCC to be asked to repair or replace.	Clerk (o/s action)
Damaged sign on Green	Broken parts to be recovered and details of driver causing damage to be obtained	M Allen