

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.  
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON MONDAY 19 APRIL 2010 AT 8 PM**

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

**044/10 An apology for absence** was received from Cllr Allen.

**045/10 Declarations of Interest** as to personal and prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item – none.

**046/10 Public Open Forum**  
Not held; no members of the public present.

**047/10 Minutes of Meeting held 22 March 2010** were approved and signed.

**048/10 Matters arising from minutes**  
The Clerk is to convert the revised Standing Orders to pdf and provide members with copies.

**049/10 Finance**  
**The following payment was approved:**  
100278 CPALC, annual membership fee, £55.29

**Accounts for year ended 31 March 2010**

The Clerk presented the Receipts and Payments Accounts Summary to the meeting together with supporting cash book, bank statement, and proposed issue 5 of the Asset Register. Following detailed examination it was resolved that the accounts and issue 5 of the Asset Register be accepted. The Clerk is to include a complete review of the items insured on the agenda of the September meeting.

**Annual Return for 2009 / 2010**

**Section 1 – Accounting statement**

The Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, presented the certified accounting statement to the meeting. It was resolved that this be approved. The Chairman then signed the statement confirming the Council's approval.

**Section 2 - Annual governance statement.**

The Council considered the statements in this section and resolved that statements 1 - 8 each be agreed without reservation. Section 9 relating to trust funds was marked N/A. The overall statement was then signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

**050/10 Assets and infrastructure**  
No new matters were raised.

**051/10 Progress of current projects**  
The current projects were reviewed and the progress report updated (see Appendix)

**052/10 Planning**  
**Response to Bedford Borough Council's consultation on Planning Application 10/00484/MAF:** construction and use of 4 wind turbines and 1 anemometer at Chelveston Airfield.  
It was resolved to inform BBC that SLPC has no objection to the proposal so long as no construction traffic is routed through the village, as the site is too distant to have any visual impact.

East Northants District Council is considering Planning Application 10/00415/FUL for the other 5 turbines on this proposed wind farm, but has not consulted SLPC. In view of the absence of any impact on Stow Longa it was agreed to make no response to ENDC.

**Current enforcement cases**

It was noted that there had been no new cases in the last quarter and none remain outstanding.

**053/10 Correspondence**

CCC proposal to introduce electronic consultation for planning applications by 1 June was noted. As there are few (if any) planning applications received from CCC this proposal is unlikely to cause any problems. It was agreed not to object.

**054/10 Any Other Business**

None

**055/10 Next meetings**

Monday 10 May 2010 at St.Botolph's Parish Church

Annual Parish Meeting at 8 pm, followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting.

In a discussion on matters which might be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting, Cllr Humfryes agreed to speak about identifying a project for possible Lottery funding.

The Chairman said he would inform the meeting that if and when a planning application is received for the Bicton Wind Farm a special public meeting will be called to obtain the views of parishioners. Discussion at the APM would therefore be limited.

In the absence any other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.13 pm.

## Appendix

### Progress report on current projects

Project	Report	Action by
Tree for Peggy & Ray Convine	To be planted at church end of play area. Exact position to be chosen to avoid future root growth damaging any underlying structures.	M. Hayes
Damage to Green & verges by Anglian Water	Working party to carry out repairs on 1 May starting 10am. Produce notice to recruit working party volunteers & produce task risk assessment Top soil to be obtained and tipped as appropriate, men at work signs to be obtained & police informed	Cllr Hayes Cllr Allen
Border to planted area around village Sign	Quotation to construct the brick surround has been requested from local builder. Existing planting will be removed when daffodils die back. Bricks will be supplied HDC conservation officer has no objection.	Clerk A Beszant V.Schorer-Nixon
Post box	In response to request for the post 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 – reply awaited.	Clerk
Kerbing on village green	Ringway quoted £3117.07 + VAT for kerbing 2 sides. In response to the bid for a grant, HDC has advised that funding up to £3117 is available subject to the Parish Council contributing 25% of the cost. HDC are negotiating with their small works contractor to get the best deal. The outcome is awaited.	Clerk
Townlands Charity	Management being handed over to the new trustees. Report to be obtained from Mr Murdoch Mr Murdoch to be advised of details of appointment of existing trustees.	Cllr Hayes Clerk
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
Damaged sign on Green	Broken parts have been recovered. Tony Wakefield has been invited to quote for repair – reply awaited.	Clerk