

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON MONDAY 14 JUNE 2010 AT 8 PM**

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

070/10 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Millington (sick).

071/10 Declarations of Interest - as to personal and prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item - none

072/10 Public Open Forum – none. No members of the public were present.

073/10 Minutes of Meeting held 10 May 2010 were approved and signed.

074/10 Matters arising from minutes – none

**075/10 Assets and infrastructure
Report on Village Cross**

The Chairman tabled a report he had received from Max Turner on the progress of this project since his last report to the Parish Council in November 2009. This referred to his frustration at lack of progress, and in summary, stated:

CCC Historic Environment Team Manager (HETM) reported on 22/12/09 that he had received a report from the conservators that to take down and rebuild “as is” would cost around £10,000 plus fees. He would ask them to look at fragments in barn to see what can be used. Max replied pointing out that to restore “as is” was not acceptable. Removal of the current ball-finial and incorporation of one more section of the shaft and the lantern was to have been considered.

Following repeated requests for a response, the HETM replied on 24/05/10 saying he was still awaiting details of what fragments could sensibly be reused; what the options are; and what English Heritage would agree to.

It was resolved that if no progress has been made by the time of the next Parish Council meeting, the matter be referred to the Ward Councillor.

Telephone Kiosk – Following discussion it was resolved to purchase the decommissioned K6 kiosk from BT for £1.00 (one pound) and to accept the terms of the draft agreement submitted by BT.

It was further agreed that an electricity supply to the kiosk is not required.

Dog waste – The Clerk suggested that HDC might be prepared to consider providing one or more dog/multipurpose waste bin(s) if sites adjacent to the highway could be found, in which event they would empty them on a regular basis. It was decided that before making any decisions, members would look at similar bins elsewhere and would consider possible sites.

076/10 Finance

The Internal Auditors Report dated 12 June 2010 was tabled and copies handed to members. It was resolved that this be accepted along with the recommendation that the asset register be expanded to include photographs and locations of assets.

The following payments were approved:

100279 F D Stowell, Clerk's salary & expenses, April – June, £371.33

100280 Cambs ACRE, Annual membership, £25.00

100281 J C Shears, Internal Audit 2009/10, £50.00

100282 BT Plc, purchase of telephone kiosk, £1.00

077/10 Progress of current projects – The report was updated (see appendix to Minutes)

**078/10 Potential ideas for Lottery funding
Possible improvements to Church**

Cllrs Hayes and Humfryes are to meet with the PCC to discuss possible ideas for making the Church more suitable for community use.

Upgrading play equipment

Suggestions from councillors and members of the public will be considered as and when received.

079/10 Planning

New Planning Application 1000662FUL

Extension to dwelling and erection of porch following demolition of lean-to, 1 Rookery Cottage, Kimbolton Road.

It was agreed to ratify the Clerk's response to the LPA following circulation for comment: "SLPC has no objection to this proposal and recommends approval".

Withdrawal of Planning Application 1000619FUL

Crossover, Hill View, Spaldwick Road – it was noted that this application had been withdrawn, as it was found to be permitted development

080/10 Correspondence circulated

The Clerk May 2010

Hinchingsbrooke Next Steps project update 12_05_10

Cambridgeshire Libraries Doorstep Service Information leaflet

Notes of NW Hunts Neighbourhood Forum 19 April 2010

Notice re Green Heart Environmental Exhibition Sat 5 June 12.00 to 16.00, Burgess Hall, St Ives

HDC consultation on Mayor or Leader

081/10 Any Other Business

Dead tree on verge in Kimbolton Road

The Clerk to report the dead tree outside Swifts House to CCC Highways.

Anglian Water sewerage charges

Cllr Humfryes warned that charges are in some cases turning out to be much higher than suggested by Anglian Water when the sewerage scheme was first introduced.

082/10 Next meeting

Monday 19 July 2010, St. Botolph's Parish Church at 8 pm

(Cllr Hayes advised that he would be away and asked that his apologies be accepted)

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

Appendix

Progress report on current projects at 14/6/10

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 carried out repairs on 14 May. Cllr Allen was thanked for making the arrangements.	Completed
Border to planted area around village Sign	R Johnson quoted £125 to build a wall assuming footings not required. However as existing concrete base is square some additional concrete will be required to complete a circular base of adequate size. Assuming additional cost seems reasonable Clerk was authorised to place order. Planting will be replaced when construction complete. Bricks will be supplied HDC conservation officer has no objection.	Clerk A Beszant V.Schorer- Nixon
Post box	Clerk obtained verbal agreement from James Baker for the post box to be relocated on the verge outside the Old Chapel adjacent to telephone pole. On 4 June Chris Bines of Royal Mail wrote to Mr Baker for his formal permission to site the box as requested.	Royal Mail
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. Mr Murdoch will advise Chairman when complete.	
Swing	Repaint to be carried out	J & D Hayes
Seat on Green near Cross	To be treated with preservative	J & D Hayes
Damaged Stow Longa sign, Kimbolton Road.	CCC Highways have agreed to repair or replace.	CCC Highways
Damaged milepost on Green	Broken parts have been recovered. Tony Wakefield has been invited to quote for repair – reply awaited.	Clerk
Phone Box	Adoption agreed with no electricity supply. Renovation and future use to be considered later	Council
Trees Kimbolton Road	Lower branches to be removed	Clerk
Trees Village Greens	Removal of shoots at foot of lime trees.	Clerk
Damaged street name sign, Church Walk	HDC stated on 20/5/10 that they would look at it with view to repair or replacement.	HDC