

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

Present: Councillors Young (in the Chair), Allen, Humfryes and Millington, and the Clerk (Mr D Stowell)

- 083/10 An apology for absence** was received from Cllr Hayes (holiday).
- 084/10 Declarations of Interest** - as to personal and prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item - none
- 085/10 Public Open Forum** – none. No members of the public were present.
- 086/10 Minutes of Meeting held 14 June 2010** were approved and signed.
- 087/10 Matters arising from minutes**
Village Cross – Cllr Millington reported that there had been no progress since Quinton Carroll's e-mail of 24 May 2010. It was, therefore, resolved that County Councillor Viv McGuire be asked to see what she can do to help the project along.
Dead tree on verge in Kimbolton Road – Wayne Stewart, CCC tree officer, has advised that he will look at this when next in the area but, due to a significant backlog, this may take a while.
- 088/10 Finance**
To approve payments due – none due.
Quarterly budget review - The Clerk presented a statement of receipts and payments to 30 June 2010 which was in line with the budget. He also tabled the bank statement and copies of the cash book and bank reconciliation at 30 June which were examined and accepted as evidence that the accounts are being correctly maintained.
- 089/10 Assets and infrastructure**
Telephone Kiosk – To note that BT is arranging for the telephony to be removed. When this has been done a completion notice and information pack will be sent to the PC.
Dog waste – The consensus being that the large multi-purpose bins are inappropriate in a small village, it was agreed not to pursue this solution further. Instead it was decided to consider procuring two dog waste bins mounted on posts. The Clerk to obtain costs and to enquire how other parish councils emptied them. It was also agreed to carry out a further leaflet drop regarding the problem.
- 090/10 Progress of current projects** - The report was updated (see appendix to Minutes)
- 091/10 Potential ideas for Lottery funding**
Cllr Humfryes reported that she and Cllr Hayes had not yet been able to discuss with the PCC possible ideas for making the Church more suitable for community use as the PCC had not met recently.
- 092/10 Planning**
To note HDC decision
Planning Application 1000485FUL
Extension to dwelling and erection of porch following demolition of lean-to, 1 Rookery Cottage, Kimbolton Road. – Permission granted.

093/10 Correspondence

NW Hunts Neighbourhood Forum – the next meeting is on Wednesday 28 July at Folksworth Village Hall at 7 pm – 9 pm

Town/Parish Council Planning Forum – 2 councillors are invited to attend this forum on Monday 26 July at Pathfinder House 5.30pm – 7.30 pm.

094/10 Any Other Business - none

095/10 Next meeting

Monday 6 September 2010, St. Botolph's Parish Church at 8 pm

In the absence of any other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.08 pm

Appendix

Progress report on current projects at 19/7/10

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
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	Pete Lummis reported latest position at 19/7/10:- he has a meeting with the contractor's agent tomorrow to determine ascertain final costs for conservation & granite kerbing of all three sides. Assuming that SLPC will contribute £1500 and is happy to have the kerbing in either material he anticipates authorising the contractor to proceed within a few weeks.	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 replaced the damaged sign and also the sign on the approach from Spaldwick	Completed
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. Handover date to be advised by BT. Renovation and future use to be considered later.	Council
Trees Kimbolton Road	Lower branches to be removed	completed
Trees Village Greens	Removal of shoots at foot of lime trees.	completed
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