

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2010 AT 8 PM**

Present: Councillors Hayes (in the Chair), Allen, Humfryes, Millington, Young, the Clerk (Mr D Stowell). County Councillor Mrs McGuire and Mr Max Turner also attended for item 111/10 only, this item having been brought forward to allow them to leave early.

109/10 Apologies for absence – none, all members were present.

110/10 Declarations of Interest as to personal and prejudicial interest of councillors in relation to any agenda item - none

111/10 Village Cross

Max Turner gave a summary of the events leading up to the following exchange of emails on 21 December 2009 between himself and Quinton Carroll (Historic Environment Team Manager, CCC).

Quinton Carroll said that he had received a report from Skillington Workshops that to take down and rebuild the cross as is (which, he said, is the recommended course of action) will cost around £10,000 plus fees. They did not view the fragments in the barn so using them was not considered. He said that he would get them to go back and have a look at the fragments to see what can be done.

In replying the same day Max Turner said he would be very disappointed if the cross were rebuilt "as is" (i.e. without improving the present truncated and unfortunate appearance). He queried who had recommended this course of action since he understood that the consensus of opinion was that it might be possible and, indeed, desirable to remove the current ball-finial and incorporate one more section of the shaft and the lantern in a rebuilt cross. He also said that if there is any proposal to re-site the cross on a different part of the Green the Parish Council would need to be consulted before any decision is taken.

Having had no report of progress by July he asked the Parish Council to intervene. Arising from this, the Clerk emailed Cllr McGuire on 5 August asking if she could help get the project moving on lines acceptable to the Stow Longa electorate.

Cllr Mrs McGuire reported that she had spoken to Mark Kemp, Director, Highways & Access who had suggested that CCC could relinquish ownership of the cross so that the Parish Council could do what it wants. Cllr Hayes said that he thought that the PC would not be keen to take responsibility for the project as it does not have the expertise which is available to CCC from within its own organisation and its established external contacts.

Cllr McGuire agreed to take up the matter within CCC, the first step being to get Skillington Workshops to complete the survey of the cross including the parts held in Martin Whitlock's barn at Rookery Farm, Kimbolton Road.

112/10 Public Open Forum – not required.

113/10 Minutes of Meeting held 6 September 2010 were approved and signed.

114/10 Matters arising from minutes

The Clerk reported that he had attended the AGM of Cambs ACRE at St. Ives on 28 September. A summary of the proceedings will be circulated.

- 115/10 Finance**
Quarterly budget review and bank reconciliation - The Clerk presented a statement of receipts and payments to 30 September 2010 and a review of the current position in relation to the budget, with estimates for the remaining two quarters. He also tabled the bank statement at 30 September which confirmed the balance in hand as £6131.83. These documents were examined and accepted.
The following payments were approved:
 100288 HDC, Contribution to kerbing of Village Green, £1500.00
 100289 F D Stowell, Salary & expenses, July-Sept, £373.57 (including £3.42 VAT)
- 116/10 Assets and infrastructure**
Telephone Kiosk – The telephony has been removed, and legal ownership of the kiosk is vested in the Parish Council with effect from today, 11 October 2010. A notice is now required to be posted on the kiosk stating that BT is no longer responsible for it. The Chairman agreed to produce a copy of the notice received with the information pack, which also includes maintenance advice.
- 117/10 Progress of current projects** The report was updated (see appendix to Minutes)
- 118/10 Potential ideas for Lottery funding**
Modifications to Church to facilitate community use – Cllrs Hayes and Humfryes plan to meet with the PCC to discuss this suggestion when a suitable date can be arranged.
- 119/10 Planning**
The following HDC decision was noted:
 Application 1001340FUL, 10 The Lane, Single storey extension to rear, under existing overhanging roof and erection of open framed / glazed pergola – permission granted.
- 120/10 Correspondence**
A. Already circulated
Community Action (Cams ACRE magazine) Autumn 2010
Press releases from Andrew Stunell, Communities Minister 20/9/10:
 (1) Principal Councils may return to Committee system from Leader / Mayor & Cabinet.
 (2) Standards Board regime to end – serious misconduct for personal gain will be a criminal act and dealt with by the courts.
NALC media release – Localism in action
NALC Chief Executive's Report 7/9/10
Cams Together - Changing Political Landscape & role of Local Public Services.
Hinchingsbrooke Hospital News - update.
B. New Correspondence
NW Hunts Neighbourhood Forum – Wednesday 27 October, 7 pm Fourfields CP School, Bentley Avenue, Yaxley – includes short presentation by Local Planning Officer regarding Wind Farm developments in NW Hunts.
CPALC AGM – Saturday 13 November 10:00 to 12:30, Bluntisham Village Hall.
- 121/10 Any Other Business** - None
- 122/10 Future meetings**
 Monday 15 November 2010, St. Botolph's Parish Church at 8 pm.
 The meeting due on 16 December will be cancelled unless business is urgent.

In the absence of any other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

Appendix

Progress report on current projects at 11/10/10

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
Post box	Royal Mail awaiting confirmation from J Baker that he has no objection to the box being sited on the verge outside the Old Chapel. Clerk has spoken to Mr Baker who has agreed to confirm acceptance. If necessary, Parish Council will restore any damage to verge.	Clerk to speak to Royal Mail to progress the project
Townlands Charity	Management being handed over to the new trustees. Mr Murdoch will advise Chairman when complete.	M Hayes & A Murdoch
Seat on play area	Rub down & treat wood with preservative	Completed
Damaged milepost on Green	Broken parts have been recovered. Tony Wakefield has been invited to quote for repair – reply awaited.	M Hayes to progress
Phone Box	Ownership vested in Parish Council with effect from 11 October 2010. Renovation and future use to be considered later.	Council