

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.  
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 8 PM**

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

- 123/10 An apology for absence** was received from Cllr Allen (gritting).
- 124/10 Declarations of Interest** as to personal and prejudicial interest of councillors in relation to any agenda item – none.
- 125/10 Public Open Forum** – not required.
- 126/10 Minutes of meeting held 11 October 2010** were approved and signed.
- 127/10 Matters arising from minutes** – none.
- 128/10 Finance**  
**The following payment was approved:**  
 100290 K Royles, grass cutting 2010, £285.00  
**Budget and precept for 2011/12**  
 The Clerk tabled a report of the current financial position and the estimated position at 31 March 2011, together with a draft budget for 2011/12. It was resolved that this be accepted and that the precept for 2011/12 should again be set at £3000. The adopted budget is attached at Appendix 2 to the minutes.
- 129/10 Assets and infrastructure**  
**Village Cross** – The Clerk reported that County Councillor Viv McGuire is sending him a copy of Skillington's survey report dated December 2009. She has asked that it be circulated to interested parties in the village. She has informed Quinton Carroll that, on receipt of confirmation from Stow Longa Parish Council of its proposal for the survey to be extended to include the parts held in the barn at Rookery Farm, he should authorise Skillington Workshop to produce a further report. It was resolved that the Clerk should produce a proposal and forward it to Mr Carroll.
- 130/10 Progress of current projects** – The report was updated – see Appendix 1 to minutes.
- 131/10 Potential ideas for Lottery funding** – The Chairman reported that the proposal to consider the idea of making modifications to the Church to facilitate community use had been received favourably at the PCC meeting held on 18 November. The proposal will be discussed further with Parish Councillors in the New Year.
- 132/10 Planning**  
 Nothing to report.
- 133/10 Correspondence**  
 Nothing to report
- 134/10 Any Other Business**  
**Dead tree outside Swift's House** – Clerk to follow up removal with CCC.

**135/10 Dates of future meetings  
Programme for 2011**

To facilitate forward planning the Clerk was requested to issue a programme for the year based on the pattern for 2010. In the event of there being insufficient business to warrant a meeting on any of those dates it would be cancelled.

**Next Meeting**

17 January 2011 (or 13 December in the event of urgent business)

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

**Appendix 1**

**Progress report on current projects at 15/11/10**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Action by</b>
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 spoke to Mr Baker who agreed to confirm acceptance – to date not received by Royal Mail. If necessary, Parish Council will restore any damage to verge.	Clerk or councillor
Townlands Charity	Andrew Murdoch has requested the help of the Parish Council in authorising him to seek confirmation from Barclays Bank of what documentation is lodged with them on the charity's behalf.	Clerk
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. Notice of ownership to be posted on box. Renovation and future use to be considered later.	M Hayes Council

## Appendix 2

<b>Stow Longa Parish Council Budget 2011/2012</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>
Insurance	240
Subscriptions CPALC Cambs ACRE	85
Play equipment inspection	50
Audit fees	100
Clerk – Expenses inc SLCC subscription	300
Clerk - Salary	1300
Training	150
Rent of meeting room	100
Maintenance of cemetery	335
Grass Cutting	285
Maintenance of assets	200
Cont to minor improvement scheme	122
Contingencies	500
Election if contested (otherwise £75)	500
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4267</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>
Precept	3000
CCC for Grass Cutting	368
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3368</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance brought forward	3100
Includes £450 Election Reserve	
Plus income	3368
Minus expenditure	4267
Balance to carry forward	2201