

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.  
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 8 PM**

**Present:** Councillors Hayes (Chairman), Allen, Butcher, Humfryes and Young, the Clerk (Mr D Stowell) and one member of the public (part time).

**100/11 Apologies for absence** . none.

**101/11 Declarations of Interest** - as to personal and prejudicial interest in any agenda item . none.

**102/11 Public Open Forum** . not required.

**103/11 Minutes of Meeting held 10 October 2011** were approved and signed.

**104/11 Matters arising from minutes** - none

**105/11 Stow Longa Cross** – to receive report of meeting held 31 October and consider any action required . see progress report in Appendix.

**106/11 Progress of current projects** – the report was updated . see Appendix

**107/11 Plans for 2011/12 and allocation of tasks**

In addition to the projects reported in the appended progress report the Clerk is to produce a costed proposal for reducing the village speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph and to submit a bid for a contribution from the CCC Local Minor Highway Improvements budget.

Responsibility for the projects on behalf of the Council was agreed as follows:

Phone Box use and renovation . J Young & S Butcher

Church alterations to facilitate community use . S Humfryes

Repairs to grassed areas . M Allen

Village Cross rebuild . J Young & S Butcher

**108/11 Finance**

**Letters inviting financial support** . It was resolved not to make donations to Citizens Advice Bureau or to HDC re CCTV in market towns.

**Village grass cutting 2012** . Two quotations in the region of £1000 based on 12 cuts of the wide verge west of the Old Vicarage and 4 cuts of verges in Kimbolton Road which are not part of domestic or farm frontages were presented to the meeting. Following discussion it was resolved to seek a quotation from the County Council contractor to cut the village verges at the same time as he cuts the outlying verges (3 times per year). As 12 cuts was considered excessive for the wide verge, the Clerk will ascertain how many Mr. Royles has been doing.

**Budget and precept for 2012/13** . It was resolved to set the budget as appended to these minutes and to set the precept at £3300.00 (the first increase for 7 years)

**The following payments were approved:**

100306 K Royles, Grass cutting 2011, £285.00

100307 PCC, churchyard maintenance, £335.00

100308 Clerks salary and expenses, Oct . Dec, £283.50

100309 HMRC, PAYE, £62.60

100310 Stop Bicton Group, donation re Inquiry costs, £250.00 (LGA 1972 S.137)

100311 J Young, annual website cost, £30.00

**109/11 Planning**

**New planning application 1101823FUL**, Rookery Farm, Kimbolton Road, Stow Longa; Installation of solar panels on the roofs of three existing barns.

Following discussion, which identified no adverse effect on the surrounding area, it was resolved to recommend approval.

**LPA decisions** . none have been notified since the last meeting.

**Appeal to Planning Inspectorate** . It was noted that a public inquiry will be held at East Northants Council Offices, Thrapston, 6 -16 March re Chelveston Airfield Wind Farm. It was resolved to make no input.

**110/11 Correspondence**

**HDC re Textile Recycling Banks** . it was resolved not to take up the offer of a bank in the village.

**111/11 Any Other Business**

**Notice board refurbishment** . a letter of thanks is to be sent to David Baugh for the splendid job he had done in cleaning and repainting the board.

**Member's contact details** . an updated list is to be circulated to members.

**112/11 Date of next meeting**

Monday, 16 January 2012

**APPENDIX****Progress report on current projects at 14/11/11**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Action by</b>
Tree for Peggy & Ray Convine	2/3 trees are to be planted to replace a dead tree on the northern boundary of the churchyard.	M. Hayes
Post box	Royal Mail has been asked to advise whether they may be able to fund the proposed move . response awaited from new contact.	Clerk
Phone Box	A working party to be arranged to repaint the box.	S Butcher
Village Cross	The report of the meeting on 31 October with Quinton Carroll was noted. Another meeting will be held when feedback received from English Heritage. Meanwhile enquiries will be made regarding the need for a planning application and the possibility of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.	Q Carroll  Clerk
Church alterations to facilitate community use.	Liaison with PCC to continue	S Humfryes
Grass on Village Green and verges in Spaldwick Road	Top soil to be obtained Weeds to be removed, hollows filled and areas re-seeded.	M Allen Wkg/Party

**Stow Longa Parish Council  
Budget 2012/2013**

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>
Election cost reserve	150.00
Insurance	240.00
Subscriptions CPALC, Cambs ACRE	100.00
Play equipment inspection	50.00
Audit fees	120.00
Clerk - admin expenses, travel..SLCC Sub	300.00
Clerk - Salary	1340.00
Training - Councillors	150.00
Rent of meeting room	120.00
Maintenance of churchyard	335.00
Grass cutting	500.00
Maintenance of assets	200.00
Contingencies	200.00
Maintenance of website	30.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>3685.00</b>

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>
Precept	3300.00
CCC Grass cutting	276.25
From reserves	108.75
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3685.00</b>

Estimated funds brought forward at 1 April 2012	
Community fund (ex Roche)	500.00
Reserved for future projects to 2012/13 budget	1900.00
unallocated operating reserve	108.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>1296.25</b>
	<b>3805.00</b>