

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON MONDAY 19 MARCH 2012 AT 8 PM**

Present: Councillors Young (Vice - Chairman), Allen and Butcher, and the Clerk (Mr D Stowell).

012/12 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hayes and Humfries.

013/12 Declarations of Interest - as to personal and prejudicial interest in any agenda item . none.

014/12 Public Open Forum . not required.

015/12 Minutes of Meeting held 16 January 2012 were approved and signed.

016/12 Matters arising from minutes . The clerk reported on two meetings he had attended:
Localism Forum, 17 January, St Ives . The main effects of the Localism Act on parish councils were explained. The other matter discussed was a **Charter** which will be a statement of intent of County, District, Town and Parish Councils to co-operate in changing the methods of providing local services. Representatives of all bodies are to meet to produce a **Draft Charter** for consideration and comment.

Neighbourhood Forum, 25 January, Sawtry - As usual most matters raised concerned Yaxley and Farcet. The top priorities for the Neighbourhood Policing team were agreed to be dealing with anti social behaviour in those parishes.

017/12 Finance

The following payments were approved:

100313 F D Stowell, Salary & Expenses Jan-Mar, £283.00

100314 HMRC, PAYE, £62.80

100315 Stow Longa PCC . use of Church for meetings 2011/12, 1 x £20, 7 x £10 = £90

CCC grass cutting 2012 . it was agreed to confirm acceptance of the grant of £276.25

Grass cutting in Kimbolton Road . it was resolved to accept the following quotations and place orders accordingly:

K Royles for area adjacent Old Vicarage - £300 for cuts as in the past (approx bi-wkly)

A C Summerfield for verges not cut by owners of adjacent properties - £120 for 3 cuts complying with CCC agreement.

VAT refund from HMRC . It was noted that £27.95 (i.e. all, VAT paid in the year) has been refunded.

018/12 Progress of current projects – the report was updated . see Appendix.

019/12 Planning

New Application 1200218CLED, Certificate of lawful existing use of former agricultural buildings for ancillary residential use to Church Farm, Land at Church Farm, Church Lane. It was noted that following ex meeting discussions the Clerk responded %the statements made in these documents as to the use of the ancillary buildings is consistent with [Parish Councillors] understanding of its use over the period referred to in the application and there is nothing in those statements or the application that they consider to be factually incorrect. The Parish Council would also like to emphasise its support for the overall residential planning application 1101309OUT for Church Farm as this will provide an acceptable solution to a problemqsite in the village.%

LPA decision - Application 1101823FUL, Installation of solar panels on the roofs of three existing barns, Rookery Farm, Kimbolton Road, Stow Longa . it was noted that **permission has been granted**.

Planning Inspectorate Decision . It was noted that the appeal by Broadview against the LPA's refusal of planning application 1001201FUL has been **dismissed**.

020/12 Correspondence

Anglian Water . re drought situation and announcing hosepipe ban starting from 5 April.

021/12 Any Other Business - none

022/12 Date of next meeting

Monday 23 April, 8 pm at St Botolph's Church

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 8.26 pm

APPENDIX

Progress report on current projects at 19 March 2012

Project	Report	Action by
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. Chased 7/12, 10/1,18/3. Missing collection times plate to be reported.	Clerk
Phone Box	A working party to be arranged to repaint the box.	S Butcher
Village Cross	Meeting to be held 21 March with Quinton Carroll to receive feedback from English Heritage and discuss the way forward.	Clerk S Butcher Q Carroll
Church alterations to facilitate community use.	PCC is to have its first meeting with the new vicar shortly. This will include seeking his support for this project. Mrs Hayes will report the outcome to Cllr Humfryes and, if favourable, they will arrange a meeting to take the project forward.	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
Reinstatement of damage caused during water main installation	Cllr Humfryes has obtained a commitment from Balfour Beatty that they will repair the damaged verges and will repair the road surface where necessary. She will arrange a walk around the village with their Engineer to note the work required.	S Humfryes