

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 8 PM**

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

080/12 Apologies for absence . An apology was received from Cllr Hayes

081/12 Declarations of Interest as to personal and prejudicial interest in relation to any agenda item . none declared.

082/12 Public Open Forum . not required.

083/12 Minutes of Meeting held 30 July 2012 were approved and signed.

084/12 Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda)

Declarations of Pecuniary Interests . The Clerk reported that he anticipates having all five available to send to the Monitoring Officer early next week.

085/12 Finance

Insurance of phone box

Taking into consideration the fact that the phone box, being on the Asset Schedule, has Public Liability cover under the standard policy conditions, it was resolved not to insure it against other risks.

The following payments were approved:

100322 F D Stowell, Salary & Expenses, Jul . Sept 2012, £272.21

100323 HMRC, PAYE, £62.60

100324 Suffolk ACRE, Insurance premium for year commencing 1 October, £193.78

086/12 Assets and infrastructure . no Health & Safety report due

087/12 Progress of current projects - the report was updated . see Appendix.

088/12 Planning - There were no new applications to consider or LPA decisions to note.

089/12 Correspondence

The **Audit Commission** has confirmed the appointment of Littlejohn LLP as External Auditor for five years from 2012/2013 with no basic audit fee payable for income / expenditure up to £10,000.

Complaint from residents regarding straw falling from vehicles and dog fouling

In discussing this matter Councillors agreed that these problems detract from the attractiveness of the area but that there are no obvious ways to eliminate them. Proposals to cover straw loads being taken to Ely power station with sheeting had to be abandoned due to the risk to personnel placing sheeting over the high loads. To help reduce the problem HDC will be asked to carry out additional street and footway sweeping. Regarding dog fouling, the Clerk will place a note in The Parish Magazine asking for the help of dog owners in reducing the problem.

090/12 Any Other Business - none

091/12 Next meeting - Monday 12 November 2012 at St.Botolph's Parish Church at 8 pm
N.B. Should business require an earlier meeting, Monday 15 October is reserved.

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Appendix

Progress report on current projects at 10 September 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. The work will be carried out this summer.	M. Hayes
Post box	No progress has been made recently re proposal to move the box to a site outside the Old Chapel. Repainting of the existing wall box will be carried out shortly.	Clerk D Baugh
Phone Box	Removal of the old paint is virtually complete. It is hoped to repaint during September / October. The kiosk will be Post Office red with the crown in gold.	S Butcher & others
Village Cross	Awaiting information where examples of Interpretation Boards may be viewed. Funding Application process to be started.	Clerk / QC Clerk
Church alterations to facilitate community use.	Awaiting PCC meeting to discuss possible options	S Humfryes
Grass on Village Green and verges in Spaldwick Road	It is considered that no further work need be done.	Action closed
Reinstatement of damage caused during water and electricity main installation	Morrison's were advised on 13 August that the reinstatement of the verge in Stow Longa has now been completed to the Parish Council's satisfaction. Planting of shrubs to screen the ties of the newly erected electricity pole on the Kimbolton Road verge . costed proposal to be produced. Approval for planting to be sought from CCC Highways Re-surfacing damaged highway surface . CCC to be asked how and when this can be carried out.	Action closed S Humfryes Clerk Clerk