

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

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

**104/12 Apologies for absence .** none

**105/12 Declarations of Interest** were made in accordance with the Code of Conduct para.5 by Cllrs Hayes & Allen in relation to item 107/12 due to the landowner and a neighbour being close associates and/or family members. Withdrawal from the meeting is not a requirement in this case.

**106/12 Public Open Forum .** not required.

**107/12 Planning**

**Consideration of new planning application (deferred from 12 November)**

**1201638FUL**, Development of solar farm to include photovoltaic panels, inverters and substation, access and associated infrastructure, Land West of Rookery Farm, Kimbolton Road, Stow Longa.

Following discussion it was resolved to advise HDC that the Parish Council supports this proposal and recommends approval.

**There were no LPA decisions of local interest to note**

**108/12 Minutes of Meeting held 12 November 2012** were approved and signed.

**109/12 Matters arising from minutes (not on the agenda) -** none

**110/12 Finance**

**The following payment was approved:**

100332 SLCC, half Clerk's membership fee, £43.00

**Precept for 2013/14**

The Clerk reported that, in view of the changes to the way that Council Tax will be calculated next year CAPALC has advised Parish Councils to delay making a final decision on the Precept until the likely effect on the Council Tax is known. The Clerk has therefore advised HDC that, for this reason, the figure of £3300 is provisional. The meeting agreed to review the position and make a final decision at the next meeting when further information from HDC should be available.

**111/12 Speed Limit Proposal**

A letter from the CCC Area Traffic Engineer dated 21 November stated that it may now be possible to proceed with the 2012/13 bid [due to reduced demands from projects higher up the list], but she pointed out that the proposal does not meet the CCC criteria and that the Police are concerned that simply posting a 30 mph limit will not gain compliance without further engineering measures. She said that if the Parish Council, as promoters of the change, wishes to pursue the project it will be responsible for managing residents' expectations if additional measures are not provided.

Following discussion, the text of a reply to the Traffic Engineer was agreed. This states that although it does not wish to introduce engineering measures and the consequential need for lighting, the Parish Council does wish to pursue the change to a 30 mph limit and accepts that it will be responsible for managing the residents' expectations

**112/12 Consultation on Local Plan to 2036**

The Clerk reported that the section entitled **Potential development sites: Key Service Centres and Small Settlements** states that no areas for significant development are proposed within small settlements other than at Wyton-on-the-Hill. On the last day for submission of comments an objection was submitted by H Bletsoe & Son who asked that some development should be considered on sites on the edge of small settlements and suggested that a small scale residential development at the old Rookery Farm site would enhance this area.

On the same day Seabrook Farms submitted an objection regarding the inadequate provision of employment sites in Kimbolton and proposed that an additional area at the south-east corner of the Harvard Industrial Estate should be allocated.

These proposals and the other comments received will be considered by HDC who will issue a response in May 2013 or thereabouts.

Council noted this information.

**113/12 Assets and infrastructure**

**Health and Safety** – it was agreed to place an order on Wicksteed to carry out an inspection of the play area in the near future.

**114/12 Progress of current projects** – it was agreed to defer a review until the next meeting.**115/12 Correspondence****Consultation on HDC Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

**Landscape Sensitivity to Wind Turbine Development** . circulated for comment to members by email 16/11.

Earlier today a letter was received from Richard Murphy enclosing a copy of what SWBF believe to be a carefully considered and constructive response to the consultation, and asking Parish Councillors to make their own views on this important document known to HDC and if possible write in support of their representation.

It was agreed to copy the SBWF response to members by email. If there are any comments they should be sent to the Clerk as soon as possible to enable a draft response from the Parish Council to be circulated and agreed prior to submission to HDC before the closing date, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**116/12 Any Other Business** - none**117/12 Meetings 2013****It was resolved to adopt the following calendar**

January 14, February 18 (Reserve), March 18, April 22, May 20 Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting, June17 (Reserve), July 15, September 9, October14 (Reserve), November 11, December 9 (Reserve)

The reserve dates will only be used in the case of urgent business which cannot wait until the next ordinary meeting.

**118/12 Date of next meeting**

Monday 14 January 2013 at St.Botolph's Parish Church at 8 pm

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm