

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON MONDAY 25 MARCH 2013 AT 8 PM**

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

014/13 Apologies for absence . Cllrs Butcher and Hayes

015/13 Declarations of Interest - none

016/13 Public Open Forum . not required.

017/13 Planning

No new planning applications or LPA decisions had been received.

Proposed new planning application for Bicton Wind Farm – it was noted that Broadview is to hold an exhibition of a revised proposal for 3 turbines on a relocated site on Tuesday 26 March at Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.

018/13 Minutes of Meeting held 14 January 2013 were approved and signed

019/13 Matters arising from minutes (not on the agenda) - none

020/13 Finance - The following payments were approved

100333 F D Stowell, Salary & Expenses Jan-Mar, £312.10 (inc. £4.59 VAT)
100334 HMRC, PAYE, Jan- Mar £62.80

021/13 Assets and infrastructure

Health and Safety . nothing to report

Village Green, subsidence around the well . The Clerk reported that he had located a copy of the Decision of the Commons Commissioner dated 25 April 1983 confirming that the Parish Council is the owner of the Village Green. He had been in contact with Anglian Water, Cambridgeshire County Council, and the Environment Agency with a view to obtaining assistance in dealing with the problem, but without success except for some literature on wells from EA. He had also contacted the Council's insurers, who advised that as the well is not included on the Council's asset register the insurance policy does not cover material damage such as subsidence.

After discussion, during which it was questioned whether the subsidence is as serious as first considered, it was agreed that Cllr Young would seek advice from Richard Whidborne.

022/13 Progress of current projects . see Appendix

023/13 Correspondence - none

024/13 Any Other Business - none

025 /13 Next Meeting

Although originally scheduled for Monday 22 April, it was resolved to change the date to Wednesday 24 April subject to this being acceptable to the absentee councillors. N.B. The next meeting has subsequently been confirmed as Wednesday 24 April 2013

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

Appendix

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 remains to be carried out	M. Hayes
Post box	Royal Mail stated on 20/5/12 that they were still looking into the proposal to move the post box. Messages were sent to them on 21/9/12 & 7/1/13 chasing a reply, but without result. It is intended to repaint the existing wall box, whether or not it remains in use.	Clerk D Baugh
Phone Box	Repainting will continue when the weather is suitable.	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.	On hold . PCC to be asked for an update on the position	S Humfries
Repairs to village road surfaces	It was noted that most potholes in the village and the worst areas of broken edges to the carriageway between Stow Longa and Spaldwick had been repaired by County Highways recently. They will now be asked if the village roads can now be fully resurfaced as was done in Old Weston on completion of work on services there.	Clerk