

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2013 AT 8 PM**

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

026/13 Apologies for absence - none

027/13 Declarations of Interest in relation to any agenda item - none

028/13 Public Open Forum . not required

029/13 The Minutes of Meeting held 25 March 2013 were approved and signed

030/13 Matters arising from minutes (not on the agenda) - none

031/13 Planning

Consultation on draft Local Plan (Stage 3)

It was noted that this is due to start on 31 May 2013 for 8 weeks

Introduction of Electronic Consultation by CCC . It was noted that from 1 May 2013 all planning related correspondence will be sent by email which will give a link to the application on the CCC website. As such applications are very rare this change to procedure was considered acceptable.

New planning application

1300512FUL, 3 turbines on relocated site

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Geoff Beszant of SWBF stating that this new application ~~was~~ registered by HDC on 12 April with a target date for decision of 2 Aug+ and asking whether SLPC will hold a public meeting to discuss the issue.

As the Annual Parish Meeting was due to be held on Monday 20 May, it was considered sensible to allow public discussion of the application at that meeting, and to take the views of the public into consideration in determining the Parish Council's response at the Annual Parish Council Meeting (APCM). It had been planned to hold the APCM immediately following the Parish Meeting but in order to allow more time it was agreed to arrange another date for the APCM.

The Chairman agreed to write to all parishioners inviting them to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and take part in the discussion. The Clerk will negotiate a revised date for the APCM and will try to make the plans available for public viewing at and before the Parish Meeting.

The following LPA decision was noted:

1300175FUL, Erection of two modular steel frame buildings, Huntingdon Compressor Station, Bigrams Lane, Stonely . Permission Granted

032/13 Finance

The following payments were approved:

100335 CAPALC, Annual membership fee, £65.16

100336 Stow Longa PCC, use of Church for meetings 2012/13, 1 x £20, 8 x £10 = £100.00

The following receipts were noted:

HMRC, VAT repayment 2012/13, £77.71

HDC, Parish grant, £89.00

A C Summerfield grass cutting prices for the Season 2013.

It was agreed to accept the quoted price (unchanged from last year) of £ 70.00 for each of 3 cuts of the verges in Kimbolton Road which are not cut by Mr Royles.

Annual accounts for year ended 31 March 2013 . the Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer presented the summary Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2013 together with supporting bank statements and the annual cash book. Following examination which included confirmation of the Bank Reconciliation, it was resolved that the accounts be approved.

Audit Commission Annual Return for 2012/13

Section 1 . Accounting statements. The Clerk / RFO presented the certified accounting statements, which Council resolved to approve.

Section 2 . Annual governance statement. The Chairman read out statements 1 to 8 in turn, to each of which Council responded ~~Yes~~ . agreed Statement 9 relating to sole managing trustee of a local was answered ~~NA~~(not applicable).

The Clerk / RFO and the Chairman signed both sections as required.

033/13 Assets and infrastructure

Health and Safety – no report

Village Green . The Clerk reported that he had discussed the question of subsidence around the old well with County Highways, Anglian Water, Environment Agency and Suffolk ACRE (our insurance agent). Lots of information was supplied but no specific advice as to how the risk could be assessed at reasonable cost. It was agreed to continue to monitor the surface and only take the matter further if it became noticeably worse.

034/13 Progress of current projects . see Appendix

035/13 Correspondence

HDC consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation List . 2 April to 4.30 pm 24 May 2013. (circulated by email 28 Mar)

RTPI Conference for Councillors, Thursday 4 July 09.30 – 16.00, Pathfinder House, cost £105

036/13 Any Other Business - none

037/13 Future Meetings

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 20 May 8 pm at St. Botolph's Church,
Annual Parish Council Meeting date to be confirmed

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 8.55 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.	It is expected that the PCC will be able to report the current position shortly	R. Whidborne
Repairs to village road surfaces	Following repair of potholes and the worst areas of broken edges to the carriageway between Stow Longa and Spaldwick, County Highways plan to apply a surface dressing shortly. They will now be asked if the village roads can be fully resurfaced as was done in Old Weston on completion of work on services there.	Clerk
Speedwatch	There are 6 volunteers on the team. Sessions were carried out on 14 & 17 April and another is planned for 26 April. Further sessions will be planned when the equipment is next available. The Kart Club will be asked to inform attendees of the new speed limit.	Clerk