

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 8 PM**

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

066/13 Apologies for absence - none

06713 Declarations of Interest in relation to any agenda item - none

068/13 Public Open Forum . not required

069/13 Minutes of Meeting held 15 July 2013 were approved and signed.

070/13 Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda) - none.

071/13 Finance

External Audit . The External Auditor's certificate and opinion for 2012/13 was noted. This pointed out that the Annual Report does not contain the minute reference or date of approval by the body in Sections 1 and 2. In addition the Body name was omitted from Section 4. These were omissions by the Clerk. The Internal auditor will be asked to check that there are no similar omissions in future.

Clerk's Salary - It was resolved to accept the joint recommendation of NALC and SLCC that the Clerk's salary be increased by 1% from 1st April 2013 thus increasing the current hourly rate of £10.198 as paid from 1st April 2009, to £10.300.

Insurance . It was agreed that as the current policy with Suffolk ACRE is satisfactory the policy with them would be continued. It was noted that this year's cost for a 3 year undertaking would be £187.61, and for a 5 year undertaking would be £177.73. It was resolved to adopt the 5 year term.

The following payments were approved

100341 F D Stowell, Salary & expenses July . Sept, £292.13 (inc. £3.04 VAT)

100342 HMRC, PAYE, £64.00

100343 Suffolk ACRE, Insurance premium, £177.73

072/13 Planning

To consider new planning applications (if any) - none

To note LPA decisions

1300644FUL, Installation of 30 kW of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels, The Old Wayre, Spaldwick Road . Permission granted.

1300512FUL, Bicton Wind Farm (3 turbines), **REFUSED**

073/13 Assets and infrastructure

Health and Safety – no report due

Playground Inspection - the Clerk reported that the Annual Inspection was carried out on 17 September

074/13 Bus Service changes . There being no councillor able to attend an initial meeting with local District and County Councillors when details of the consultation process will be discussed it was agreed to accept the Clerk's offer to represent the Council.

075/13 To review progress of current projects . see Appendix

076/13 Correspondence

Cambridgeshire ACRE, Annual General Meeting - 24 September, Cambridge Golf and Conference Centre, Hemingford Abbots. The Clerk advised that he would be attending this AGM and would represent SLPC as no member could attend.

Cambridgeshire County Council Briefings . August and September briefings received from County Cllr Bywater had been circulated by email

Huntingdonshire Local Compact . circulated for comment by e-mail 31 July. It was agreed not to submit any comments.

Huntingdonshire Town & Parish Charter . circulated by e-mail on 9 September together with the Clerk's comments. It was noted that in the absence of any observations from members, the Clerk had sent his comments to HDC on 20 September.

Huntingdonshire District Council Plans, Proposed Savings . a letter from the Council Leader was circulated by email on 23 July re proposal to discontinue the grant given this year (£89) to mitigate the impact of the central government changes to housing benefit. He has since written saying that due to further reductions in Government grants HDC will need to save an additional £3.2 million on top of the £2.6million referred to in that letter. As a result he will be recommending that the grant to parish councils cannot continue,

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme. This relates to a proposed new dual carriageway southern bypass around Huntingdon, extending from the A14 at Ellington to a new junction at Swavesey Tolls are being proposed for this section of road. Notification of a consultation and display of plans at Huntingdon Racecourse on 17 & 18 September was circulated to members

Openness and transparency on personal interests, A guide for councillors . A new guide dated September 2013 has been published by DCLG. Copies were handed to members.

077/13 Any Other Business - none**078/13 Future Meetings** (all at St. Botolph's Church commencing 8 pm)

It was resolved to change the date of the November meeting from the 11th to the 18th, hence the revised schedule for the remainder of 2013 is 14 October (Reserve); 18 November; 9 December (Reserve).

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 8.48 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 & 27/2/13 chasing a reply, but without result. To be followed up again. The existing wall box has been repainted, Thanks to Andy Griffiths for an excellent job.	Clerk
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.	R Whidborne will be invited to give a report to the next meeting.	M Hayes
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 at the end of August. 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 & 26 April. Further sessions will be planned when the equipment is next available. The Kart Club has informed its members of the new 30 mph speed limit.	Clerk