

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.  
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON MONDAY 17 MARCH 2014 AT 8 PM**

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

- 035/14 An apology for absence** was received from Cllr Young
- 036/14 Declarations of Interest in relation to any agenda item** - none
- 037/14 Public Open Forum** – not required, no public present
- 038/14 Minutes of Meeting held 17 February** were approved
- 039/14 Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda)** - none
- 040/14 Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2014/15** – it was noted that our application for 30 mph roundels at the main entrances to the village had scored insufficient points for it to be considered for funding this year.
- 041/14 Finance**  
**The following payments were approved**  
 100356 F D Stowell, Salary & expenses Jan– Mar, £298.65 (inc.£3.58 VAT)  
 100357 HMRC, PAYE, £63.20
- 042/14 Planning**  
**To consider any new planning applications** - none  
**To note LPA decisions (if any)** - none
- 043/14 Grass Cutting** – There being no proposal that volunteers should take over the maintenance of the verge in Kimbolton Road alongside the Old Vicarage grounds, the quotations already received for the work were reconsidered. It was agreed however to await the outcome of a further quotation which would be sought by Cllr Humfryes. It was resolved that If this contractor was also shown to have adequate insurance, then the order would be placed with the contractor offering the lowest price.
- 044/14 Assets and infrastructure**  
**Health and Safety** – no report due.
- 045/14 Highways / Byways / Footpaths**  
**Flooding in Spaldwick Road near the Village Green** – CCC Highways have investigated this problem and ascertained that roots from the Willow Tree are obstructing the drain – action continues.  
**Flooding in Spaldwick Road o/s Yendis** – this has been reported to CCC Highways from whom comments are awaited.  
**FP4 at 19 Spaldwick Road** – a proposal by the owner of 19 Stow Road for the closure FP4 which passes through his land was discussed. It was noted that this footpath is used regularly and hence it was considered that it would be unwise to support the proposal without gauging the views of the public. It was resolved to defer any action at this time.
- 046/14 Bus Service changes** - The Clerk reported that proposals for making the services more efficient were discussed at the working party meeting held 12 March – such as cutting underused services, removing unused stops from other services, making

connections to the Busway to improve access to Cambridge and Peterborough. The CCC team will prepare detailed plans, including possible pre-booking from some underused stops, for consideration by the group within the next 2 months.

**047/14 Progress of current projects** – see Appendix

**048/14 Correspondence**

**Better Care Fund – integrating health and social care authorities** - views of individuals using services, carers and other interested persons are being sought at events including Monday 24 March 5-7 pm, at The Maple Centre, Huntingdon.

**Parish Council Representation on Local Strategic Partnership Growth & Infrastructure Group** – CAPALC is seeking nominations by 26 March for this vacancy.

**049/14 AOB** - none

**050/14 Date of next meeting**

14 April 2014 at 8 pm at St. Botolph's Parish Church

## Appendix

### Progress of current projects

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	Despite any recent response from Royal Mail, it was agreed that moving the box is still regarded as worthwhile. A new approach is to be made to Royal Mail to try to get some early progress.	Clerk
Village Cross	A meeting of interested parties to be convened ASAP to revitalise the project.	Clerk
Church alterations to facilitate community use.	Due to the small number of active worshippers, the PCC is unlikely to take this proposal forward in the near future	
Repairs to village road surfaces	No funding has been allocated to date from the County Highways maintenance budget. The Department is to be lobbied for a resurfacing scheme to be included in the forward planning as soon as possible.	Clerk
Speedwatch	Further sessions will be planned in March	J Humfryes
Parking near the Village Green	Residents in the area have been made aware of the inconvenience caused and their co-operation in removing the problem ASAP has been requested.	M Hayes