

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT ST. BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON FRIDAY 1 AUGUST 2014 AT 8 PM**

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

097/14 Apologies for absence – Cllr Humfryes

098/14 Declarations of Interest in relation to any agenda item - none

099/14 Public Open Forum – not required, no public present.

100/14 Planning

The following new planning application was considered

1401191FUL, Erection of five industrial units (B2 with ancillary B1) with ancillary offices, parking and yard, Land East of 12 Harvard Way, Harvard Industrial Estate.

It was resolved to submit the following observations to the Local Planning Authority.

1. The LPA is reminded of the agreement that Stow Longa Parish Council (SLPC) would be consulted regarding developments at the Bicton / Harvard Industrial Estates which, although in the Kimbolton & Stonely Parish, have a huge impact on Stow Longa. In this instance SLPC was not formally consulted.
2. There are several sentences in the Design & Access Statement which are incorrect. For instance, "Given the site's central location in an urban conurbation, the area is well provided with suitable footways with good levels of illumination in darkness"; and "The roads surrounding the site are of significant width and alignment demonstrating good forward visibility and thus would be suitable for cyclists". Obviously these have been copied from elsewhere and are not applicable to this site, nor are the references to the "local village facilities in Barton-le-Clay and Silsoe" (more than 25 miles away). There are no local illuminated footways giving access to the site and the approach roads are unlit and not cyclist friendly.
3. Each additional development at the Bicton / Harvard Industrial Estate increases the traffic flow through Stow Longa which is on the designated route for commercial vehicles from the A14 to the site. This has adverse effects on noise, safety and wear and tear of the road surface and the adjacent verges. It is suggested that developers be required to contribute to road repairs and/or improvements such as footpaths, kerbing and relocation of highway surface water drains.
In this case the additional vehicle movements arising from the development are said to be 1 articulated lorry per week; 5 x 7.5 tonne wagons per week; internal vehicles – 5 cars per day, 3 vans per week; visitors – 1 per week. However the provision of 30 car parking spaces suggests a substantial increase in the number of vehicle movements in future. This requires an explanation.
4. It is requested that, should permission be granted, some of the Parish Council element of the Community Infrastructure Levy is allocated to Stow Longa.
5. The Parish Council has no objection to the principle of an application for the development of a vacant plot on this estate subject to measures being taken to mitigate the effects of increased traffic, but recommends that it be returned to the applicant for resubmission following clarification and correction of errors.

101/14 Dates of future meetings - It was resolved to hold the next meeting on Thursday 25 September at St. Botolph's Parish Church 8 pm. The following meetings are scheduled for 20 October 2014 (reserve) or 17 November (ordinary).

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm