

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

Present: Councillors Hayes (Chairman), Allen, Butcher, Humfryes and Young, the Clerk (Mr. D Stowell) and 13 members of the public

116/14 Apologies for absence – none, all present.

117/14 Declarations of Interest in relation to any agenda item – none which would restrict any member's right to participate fully in the meeting.

118/14 Public Open Forum

Much concern was expressed regarding the proposed replacement cottage and two new cottages at 5 The Lane and the effect it would have on the character of the area; the inevitable increase in traffic in The Lane due to their large size (4 bedrooms); drainage of the area; and the adverse effect on trees and wildlife.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their comments which would be taken into account when the planning application was discussed by the Council. In order to allow the public to leave early if they so wished it was resolved to rearrange the order of the agenda so that Planning was the next item.

At that point Jo Philpott spoke about HACT Ring & Ride which provides a door to door pre-bookable service to Peterborough (Mondays and Tuesdays), Huntingdon (Wednesdays), St Neots (Thursdays) and Cambourne (Fridays). There is a membership fee of £15 per annum. Fares are payable but are free to those holding a CCC bus pass. There are also monthly Ring and Ride services to St Ives, Bar Hill, Cambridge and Stamford and in addition there are day trips throughout the year to other destinations in East Anglia and the surrounding area. The Chairman thanked the HACT representative and said that copies of the information provided would be placed in the Church or otherwise made available to the public.

119 /14 Planning

The following new planning applications were considered

1401603OUT, Replacement cottage and 2 new cottages, 5 The Lane Stow Longa

It was resolved to recommend **refusal** because:

- The proposed 4 bedroomed cottages are not in keeping with the existing dwellings in The Lane which are predominantly bungalows
- Three 4 bedroomed dwellings on this site would result in an unacceptable increase in the volume of traffic using The Lane which is less than 3.5 m wide. It is considered that one or two smaller bungalows at The Lane end of the site would be more appropriate development as there is a perceived need for smaller, more affordable, houses in the village.
- The proposed dwelling furthest from The Lane is probably outside the built-up area, and therefore unacceptable.

It was also resolved to request that, in the event that the Local Planning Authority (LPA) is minded to grant permission for development, consideration be given to imposing a condition that the woodland areas (which consisted of healthy, mature trees and orchard), having been removed by the new owner prior to the TPO being placed, should be replanted at a suitable location within the overall site.

1401824FUL & 1401825LBC, two storey side extension single storey rear extension, re-thatch roof, 2 Church Lane Stow Longa. – There being no objections it was resolved to recommend **approval**.

The following responses delegated to the Clerk were noted

1401453FUL, Single storey rear extension and internal alterations, 1 Rookery Cottage

1401646REM, Amendments to approved application 1302029REM in respect of the floor plans, and elevations of Plot 1, and minor external works, Land at Church Farm. These applications, having been circulated to members, none of whom had any objection, the Clerk responded in each case that the Parish Council had no objection and recommended **approval**.

The following LPA decisions were noted

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 – **Permission granted**.

1401453FUL, Single storey rear extension and internal alterations, 1 Rookery Cottage – **Permission granted**.

It was noted that the LPA decision on the following is still pending

1401646REM, Amendments to approved application 1302029REM in respect of the floor plans, and elevations of Plot 1, and minor external works, Land at Church Far

120/14 The Minutes of the Meeting held 25 September 2014 were approved and signed.

121/14 Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda) - none

122/14 Finance

The following payments due before the next meeting were approved:

100368 A G Gardens, Grass Cutting, 12 cuts, £180.00

100369 F D Stowell, Salary & excs Oct-Dec, £264.36 (inc £0.34 VAT)

100370 HMRC, PAYE, £63.40

Quarterly Budget Review and bank reconciliation at 30 September 2014

The Clerk presented statements of receipts and payments to 30 September and the bank reconciliations at that date. It was resolved that they be accepted as evidence that the accounts are being correctly maintained.

Budget and precept 2015/16 – it was resolved to adopt the draft budget prepared by the Clerk and to set the precept at £3300

123/14 Assets and infrastructure

Review of actions agreed at the July meeting

A) Growth around base of lime trees on Green - cut back completed

B) Picnic table to be washed – Cllr Allen reported that is reasonably clean for the time of year and will be washed again in the spring.

C) Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2015/16 – the application for 30 mph roundels on the 2 main entries to the village has been referred to the CCC review panel. A decision is awaited.

E) Car parking around the Green – It was noted that an area of the footway in Church Lane damaged by vehicles had recently been repaired. Action – situation will continue to be monitored.

F) Damaged kerb at children's play area – CCC have advised that as Church Way is un-adopted they are not responsible for repairing the kerb.

G) Damage to Green near Village sign. It was decided to form a working party in gthe spring to remove the surface stones and re-seed where necessary

H) Dog fouling – Clerk to discuss provision of bins with HDC, ongoing.

J) Tree at 2 Church Lane – Cllr Allen reported that this has been cut back as requested.

124/14 Highways / Byways / Footpaths

Parish Planting Scheme – details were circulated by email 22 October – orders to be placed by 10 December for collection mid-January. It was agreed not to take part,

125/14 Bus Service changes – Changes to the services currently operated by Whippet are still under review by CCC.

126/14 To review progress of current projects

A) Village Cross – The Clerk will convene a meeting of interested parties **early next year**.

B) Re-location of Post Box – The Clerk will re-open this matter with Royal Mail.

127/14 Correspondence

CCC Key Issues Briefing - October 2014 circulated by email 3 November

HDC Decision Digest - October 2014 circulated by email 3 November

Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire – Local Government Boundary Commission letter was also circulated to members. Meetings to explain the review process to parish councils are being held at Fenland Hall, March, and at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne. It was decided not to participate in the discussions at this stage but to wait until draft proposals for changes to the areas covered by County Councillors are available.

128/14 AOB - none

129/14 Scheduled date of next meeting - December 15 (Reserve)

2015 Meeting schedule – It was resolved to adopt the following programme.

Wednesdays at St. Botolph's Church commencing 8 pm

January 14, February 11 (Reserve), March 25, April 15, May 13 (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting), June 24, July 22, September 23, October 21 (Reserve), November 18, December 16 (Reserve).

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm