

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.  
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 8 PM**

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

**014/15 Apologies for absence** – Cllr Humfryes

**015/15 Registration of Members' Interests** – The Clerk asked that outstanding registration forms be submitted as soon as possible.

**016/15 Declarations of Interest in relation to any agenda item** - none

**017/15 Public Open Forum** – not required

**018/15 Minutes of Meeting held 14 January 2015** were approved and signed

**019/15 Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda)** - none

**020/15 Finance**

**Request from SBWF for a further donation.** It was resolved to make a further donation of £250.00 (i.a.w LGA1972 S.137) towards the cost of opposing Broadview's appeal against refusal of their second planning application for the Bicton Wind Farm, bringing the total donated to opposing both appeals to £1000.00.

**The following payments, were approved:**

100374, Stow Longa PCC, to replace lost cheque no 100359, £140.00

100375, A C Summerfield, Verge grass cutting 2014, £252.00 (inc £42.00 VAT)

100376, SBWF, Donation, £250.00

**Council Tax 2015/16** – It was noted that the Parish element remains at £52.38 as the tax base is unchanged at 63 Band D equivalent properties.

**021/15 Planning**

**The following new planning application was considered**

**15/00057/OUT**, Demolition of bungalow, erection of replacement cottage and one new 5 bed cottage, 5 The Lane. It was agreed to respond that the Parish Council has no objection to this application and recommends approval, but queries whether the surface of The Lane is capable of withstanding the increased traffic likely to result from the addition of two 5 bed dwellings.

**The following response delegated to the Clerk following consultation with members was noted**

**1401916FUL & 1401917LBC**, Conversion of store to ancillary accommodation and erection of new covered and enclosed store, 2 Church Lane: SLPC has no objection to these applications and recommends approval.

**The following LPA decisions were noted**

**1401646REM** Proposed changes to approved application 1302029REM in respect of the floor plans, and elevations of Plot 1, & minor external works, Land at Church Farm – treated as **withdrawn**

**1401916FUL & 1401917LBC** Conversion of store to ancillary accommodation and erection of new covered and enclosed store, 2 Church Lane:

1401916FUL – **Permission granted**; 1401917LBC – **Consent**

**15/00096/NMA** Amendment to planning permission 1400828FUL to change roof from hip to gable and addition of glazing to side elevation, 3 Spaldwick Road – **acceptable**.  
N.B. This type of application is not subject to parish council consultation.

**Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036** – It was noted that the Chairman and Clerk had attended a briefing on the consultation targeted at all three council tiers on the current status of the plan continues until 20 March. At this stage comments can only be made on behalf of the council, and must be submitted by the Chairman or Clerk.

**022/15 Assets and infrastructure**

**Health and Safety checklist** – Cllr Allen reported that everything was satisfactory except for:

Village Green adjacent to Old Vicarage – verge cut up by overrun

Post Box – the box in wall is still without a door: no news replacement on new site

Play area – muddy due to time of year

**Grass cutting** – It was agreed that, in view of the satisfactory work undertaken by AG Gardens last year, they should be asked to quote for the same work in the 2015 season and for the work on the verges in Kimbolton Road carried out last year by A C Summerfield

**023/15 Highways, byways, footpaths**

**Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2015/16** – It was noted that the application for 30 mph roundels on the 2 main entries to the village has been approved.

**Proposed kerb to green outside the Old Vicarage** – It was noted that, without a site visit to assess any problems, Tony King had estimated the cost (based on 70 metres single height) as £8500 for conservation kerbing and £6100 for standard kerbing. This does not include any drainage works which might need to be installed but does include traffic management and carriageway reinstatement. The Clerk was asked to enquire how much a higher kerb would cost.

**024/15 Bus Service changes** – An update from CCC was noted: The final timetables are dependent on the bids received. Further information will be available around April 2015. All existing services will remain in place until a new service commences.

**025/15 Progress of current projects**

**Replacement of post box** – Cllr Young is in close contact with Royal Mail who hopefully will install a new box shortly, in which event the question of what action to take in respect of the old box will be considered.

**026/15 Correspondence**

**The following were noted:**

**CCC Key Issues for January 2015** – circulated by email 22 January

**HDC Decision Digest January 2015** – circulated by email 30 January

**027/15 Any Other Business** - none

**028/15 Next Meeting** – 25 March 2015

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm