

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2015 AT 8 PM**

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

093/15 Apologies for absence – County Cllr Bywater

094/15 Declarations of Interest in relation to any agenda item - none

095/15 Public Open Forum – not required (no public present)

096/15 Minutes of Meeting held 17 June 2015 were approved and signed.

097/15 Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda) - none

098/15 Finance

Quarterly budget review and bank reconciliation at 30 June 2015

The clerk presented a statement of receipts and payments and the bank reconciliation at 30th June. It was resolved that they be accepted as evidence that the accounts are being correctly maintained.

To approve any payments due - none

099/15 Planning

To consider new planning applications - none

The following decisions by the Local Planning Authority were noted

15/00919/HHFUL & 15/00920/LBC, side/rear extension and re-thatching, 2 Church Lane – planning permission and Listed Building Consent granted.

15/00456/HHFUL, Two storey rear extension, 6 Church Lane – permission granted

15/80099/COND, Condition information for 1400828FUL (15/00096NMA) C3, C4, C5, 3 Spaldwick Road – Permission Granted.

The Clerk's update on two applications undetermined by the LPA were noted

15/00057/OUT – there has been no change in the published documentation since the June meeting.

15/00245/FUL – the plans have been revised twice in recent weeks to incorporate amendments requested by the Planning Authority. Copies of the latest plans were presented to the meeting. Following examination which concluded that the proposed changes would not have affected Council's decision to recommend approval of the original application, it was agreed to take no further action in the matter.

100/15 Assets and infrastructure

Children's Play Area - The Chairman and the Clerk confirmed that the following tasks for which they had agreed to take responsibility at the June meeting were outstanding but would be carried out in due course.

Chairman – Swing: to monitor wear, clean the seats, and paint where necessary. Park Bench: to replace damaged slat(s) and repaint

Clerk – Sign: to provide sign giving information for use in an Emergency

The Clerk reported that that he will contact the HDC Green Spaces Officer regarding the request for the damaged kerb to be repaired.

Health and Safety – the quarterly inspection report is due at the next meeting.

101/15 Highways, byways, footpaths

Highway faults – The Clerk reported that, having received no response from CCC regarding the following matters reported to them on 23 May (other than that the reports were shown as closed on their website) he rang County Highways on 8 July for an

explanation. Tony King rang back saying that the matters had been investigated but no action had been considered necessary.

NM-92885, standing water in ditch, Church Lane

NM-92886, overhanging trees, Church Lane

NM-92887, trees on verge overhanging the carriageway, Kimbolton Road

NM-92888, trees on verge overhanging the carriageway, Spaldwick Road

102/15 Review of progress of current projects

Village Cross – Cllr Young reported that he is trying to set up a meeting with Max Turner

Re-siting of post box – Luminus have confirmed that the site on the verge at Church Walk/Church Lane is on land owned by Luminus, thus ruling it out as a possible site as Royal Mail is understood to require public ownership of the land. Confirmation is awaited from the County Council confirming that they own the proposed site outside The Old Chapel, and that it would be permissible for the post box to be erected there, subject to there being no underground services in the way.

Proposed kerb to the Green outside the Old Vicarage – the clerk is trying to obtain 3 quotes for single kerbing (conservation and standard), following which sources of funding will be investigated. CCC Highways have been asked to suggest suitable contractors.

Repairs to the Green – a working party will be arranged by members to undertake repairs when the weather is appropriate.

103/15 Correspondence

CCC Key Issues June 2015 - Circulated by email July 8

Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2016/17 – details circulated by email July 15; Workshop Tuesday Sept 1, bookable 2 hour slots from 2, 4 or 6 pm; closing date Nov 2.

Free Paint for Communities – details of scheme run by Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network – CCORRN circulated by email July 15

District Councillor Update - July 2015 circulated by email July 15

104/15 Any Other Business

Speedwatch – it was noted that Jim Humfryes had attended a training session at Spaldwick on 9 July run by the Cambs Police Speedwatch Coordinator, with a view to the local team becoming more active in the future

105/15 Future Meetings – Wednesdays, 23 September, 21 October (Reserve), 18 November, 16 December (Reserve).

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 8.41 pm