

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

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

120/15 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Butcher and Humfryes and County Cllr Bywater

121/15 Declarations of Interest in relation to any agenda item - none

122/15 Public Open Forum – not required

123/15 The Minutes of the Meeting held 16 September 2015 were approved and signed

124/15 Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda) - none

125/15 Finance

External Audit – It was noted that the report from the auditors, Littlejohn LLP stated “on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met”.

Q2 Quarterly Budget Review

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 2016/17– it was resolved to adopt the draft budget prepared by the Clerk and to set the precept at £3300

The following payment was approved

100391 A G Gardens, 12 x grass cutting £240 & 3 x verge strimming £180, total £420.00

126/15 Planning

The following new planning applications were considered

15/01983/HHFUL, Proposed outbuilding/garage and study, The Old Chapel, 2 Spaldwick Road.

It was resolved to recommend approval as it will have no adverse impact on the conservation area in which it is situated, other than two impacts on the adjacent property (Foxearth) which it is recommended are covered by conditions. The suggested conditions are: - If the study is to be used as a sound studio (the occupier's occupation) the dormer window and roof light overlooking Foxearth be of non-opening construction to prevent noise pollution, and the dormer window be of obscured glass to maintain the neighbour's privacy.

15/01824/FUL, Three new gas compressors and enclosures, a new vent stack, site office, administration and welfare buildings and associated infrastructure, Huntingdon Compressor Station, Bigrams Lane, Stonely

It was resolved to respond: The effect on views of the landscape is minimal; the noise mitigation measures proposed appear to deal with this issue satisfactorily; the Protected Species Survey Report appears very thorough and no concerns have been brought to our attention.

Our main concern is that transport during the construction phase should not pass through Stow Longa village. This is dealt with in the Transport Plan which states that construction traffic will access the site from the B645 at Kimbolton. We suggest that adherence to this Transport Plan should be a condition if the application is approved, and that consideration be given to prohibiting construction workers' vehicles from passing through the village. The Parish Council recommends approval subject to these concerns being addressed.

Changes to planning applications in progress – the following were noted.

15/00057/OUT, 2 dwellings etc., 5 The Lane

Very minor changes to the ecology report made no attempt to answer the following observations made by the Parish Council on 18/06/2015: "Insufficient attention is shown in the proposal to disruption to the habitat of birds, hedgehogs, deer and great crested newts which are known to exist on and around the site. In connection with paragraph 4 above, the Parish Council draws your attention to the sections of Mr E C Doughty's letter of 3 June 2015 regarding this matter and wishes to be assured that the question of protecting Great Crested Newts will be resolved to the satisfaction of the experts in this field before the application is determined."

The Clerk responded to the planning officer: In the circumstances the Parish Council will not be changing its view regarding this application.

The officer's report issued 5 November recommended approval, hence the application was referred to the Development Management Panel on 16 November **who resolved to approve the application.**

15/01441/FUL, Demolition of existing dwelling and proposed replacement dwelling with a two storey bedroom annex and accommodation for the elderly persons.

The application was approved by the Development Management Panel on 19 October subject to conditions to be determined by officers and DMP Chair. **Decision notice published 17 November.**

To note decision(s) by the Local Planning Authority

15/01360/HHFUL, Demolition of existing garage, and construction of new garage, together with extensions and alterations to dwelling to include new link between dwelling and proposed garage, Hill View, Spaldwick Road – permission granted.

127/15 Assets and infrastructure

Health and Safety – no new problems were reported.

UK Power Networks, Spaldwick Road – It was noted that that following a discussion with parish councillors and a UKPN representative Mr & Mrs Turner had agreed to the new transformer being installed outside 11 Spaldwick Road.

128/15 Highways, byways, footpaths

CCC Local Highway Improvement initiative 2016-17 – It was noted that an application has been submitted for kerbing the portion of the Village Green adjoining the Old Vicarage. The Panel will be assessing the applications on Monday 11th (10:00 to 17:30) and Wednesday 13th January (10:00 to 12:30). The panel meeting will be held at Huntingdon Highways Depot, Stanton Way, Huntingdon, PE29 6PY. A representative is invited to attend to represent the submitted application. Applicants will be allowed 3 minutes to highlight to the panel the benefits of their application and then answer any questions from the panel members. Alternatively, if no one is able to attend a written representation (limited to one side of A4) may be sent by email. We are asked to confirm by Wednesday 6 January if a representative will attend and which 30 minute time slot preferred. The Chairman agreed to go if he is free.

Drainage work Kimbolton Road – notice of closure near Rookery Farm 16-20 November was received 30 October. The Clerk queried the proposed diversion through Old Weston, Leighton Bromswold and Barham. The District Highway Manager replied saying it will probably only be closed for one day during which time they will endeavour to avoid the morning/evening peaks.

129/15 Review of current projects – see appendix

130/15 HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

HDC has requested the Council's views on whether it should change to whole council elections every four years starting in May 2018 or retain the existing system of 'elections by thirds'. The change would see the whole Council elected at the same time. Although

not mentioned in the consultation it would also affect parish and town council elections. In the case of Stow Longa, the next election would be brought forward from 2019 to 2018. It was resolved to advise HDC that the Parish Council accepted the proposal.

131/15 Correspondence

Briefing regarding Cambridgeshire County Council budget proposal circulated by email 26 October - noted

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE: FURTHER LIMITED CONSULTATION FOR CAMBRIDGE – The final recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission will now be published on 9 February 2016 rather than 17 November 2015 as originally planned, as further consultation regarding the City of Cambridge area is being undertaken – noted

Planning forum invitation - Pathfinder House 2 December (alternative 30 November)
Cllr Humfryes will attend.

CAPALC AGM, 10 December 2015, 7 pm Histon & Impington Village Hall – the Clerk and all Councillors are invited to attend (only one councillor may vote). Confirmation of attendees is requested by 1 December

132/15 Any Other Business

Leaves in Church Lane – the Clerk will ask HDC to sweep.

133/15 Future Meetings – 16 December (Reserve). In the event that the only business would be to pay the Clerk and make other urgent budgeted payments, cheques may be issued when required and payments ratified at the next meeting.

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Appendix

Review of current projects – the current positions were reported as follows

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.	M Hayes in February
Village Cross	Meeting to be set up with Max Turner	J Young
Re-siting of post box	Royal Mail require written confirmation from CCC that it may be located on the site outside Old Chapel.	Clerk to inform Royal Mail
Kerb to the Green outside the Old Vicarage	A proposal for funding as a Highway Improvement has been submitted	CCC decision awaited
Repairs to the Green		Action deferred until work to install new electricity cable is complete
Children's play area	Swing: monitor wear, clean seats, and paint where necessary Park Bench: replace damaged slat(s) and repaint Sign with emergency info Repair to damaged kerb	M Hayes at Christmas Clerk HDC response awaited
Speedwatch	Advertise on website for more volunteers	S Humfryes to draft advert