

After the public meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019, when all Stow Parish residents were invited to attend and discuss possible projects for the benefit of the village that could be funded by the Stow Recreation Fund, the trustees (Andrew Fenn, Doug Garner, Nigel Gray, Charles Hewitt, John Martinson and Clare Ella) have been working hard to progress the approved projects.

- 1. Defibrillator** – a community defibrillator will be installed on the rear wall of the Cross Keys by early March. Everyone in the village is encouraged to make themselves familiar with its location once installed. Training will be held early in March – if you would like to attend a session, please email or phone the contact details below, by Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> March.
- 2. Flashing Speed signs on entering the village on Ingham Road and Sturton Road** - discussions are still taking place with Lincolnshire Highways and the Lincoln Road Safety Partnership, as to the possible locations and specifications of the signs themselves.
- 3. Electronic winding system for the village clock in the Church tower** – the diocese has approved the granting of a faculty to allow the work to take place, and at the end of the consultation period – hopefully early March – the preferred suppliers, Time Assured, will start the preliminary work and the mechanical winding system will be replaced by an accurate electronic system by the summer.
- 4. New signs at the entrance to the village on Ingham Road, Normanby Road, Stow Park Road and Sturton Road** - having considered all the feedback received on the proposed designs that were on display in the church throughout December into January, it is planned to commission colour powder coated galvanised steel signs, which will show a more detailed and accurate silhouette of the church, with larger lettering for STOW than the previous design, and with a wheat sheaf and horse and plough in relief either side of the church, to reflect the agricultural history of the village. The trustees wish to have signs that are unique, a reflection of the village, support a local craftsman, and come within our budget. We hope that the residents will support this decision.
- 5. New bench seats at the Fleets/Ingham Road junction and on Stow Park Road going out of the village past the cemetery and a wheelchair-friendly picnic bench in the playpark**- we are awaiting a meeting with LCC highways and the Parish Council to confirm the exact location of the benches and to gain the necessary permissions. They will be made of recycled plastic which is more vandal-proof, and more comfortable, than more traditional materials, and they are also sourced from a local supplier.
- 6. Play park equipment** - a donation is to be made to the Parish Council towards an inclusive piece of play equipment.