

STOW PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
14th May 2018 STOW MINSTER CHURCH

Present: Cllr P Justham, Cllr T Waudby, Cllr J Martinson, Cllr Vickers, Cllr Hewitt
Clerk to the Council Mrs L Gibbs

Two members of the public in attendance who wished to bring to the attention of the Council the condition of the property on South Drive, to see if the Council could contact Acis housing.

1. Apologies for Absence
Cllr Turner, Cllr Taylor
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 15th May 2017
It was proposed by Cllr Waudby and seconded by Mr Martinson to accept the minutes as a true copy of the meeting.
3. Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
4. Annual report from the Council
Received from Cllr Justham attached report **A**
5. Parish Council Accounts for the Financial Year 2017/2018

Balance B/F	£8876.10
Income	£5350.41
Expenditure	£9222.63
Closing Balance	£5003.88
Village Hall Account £32,895.41	Closed and transferred to the new Stow recreation fund.
6. Stow Neighbourhood Watch Report Margaret Vickers
Crime has reduced in Stow
There are currently no Gainsborough Neighbourhood Watch Meetings due to lack of Co-Ordinators, there has been no meetings this year.
Please be aware of door stop callers.
7. Update on Stow Recreation Fund
The funds have been transferred to the new account and with the hard work of Clare Ella a new committee has been set up to oversee the spending of the monies. A public meeting will be held in the future to gauge the ideas of the Parish.
8. Report on joint Neighbourhood Plan with Sturton By Stow Following a successful public meeting Sturton Parish council has decided to develop a plan in partnership with Stow to create a single plan that covers both communities.
Neighbourhood plans are a key component of the planning process under the Localism Act which allows communities to express their preferences which are given equal weight with that of other statutory authorities.
A small working group has been formed which will develop the Plan on behalf of both parish councils and should take about a year to develop before it is placed before the two communities for referendum.
The group meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Old Schoolroom Sturton by Stow. There are all sorts of tasks that we need to complete and if you have a skill in: website design, on-line research, statistics or report writing to name but a few then please do join in, there is no need to commit for the whole year.
9. Update on Stow Fun Raisers
Report was received Report **B** attached
10. Report on Sturton School
Received from Mrs Alison Simmons and attached report **C**
11. Report on Sturton Village Hall
Received report D attached
12. Report on Youth Club
Received from Paula Justham and attached **E**
13. AOB
A report on Stow Minster was received and attached report **F**

Meeting closed at 7.22pm