

Draft Minutes of Meeting of Parish of Stow Community Council Held on Monday 4th February
2019 at 7.30pm in Stow Town Hall

Those present: C.Hendry (chair), I. Peacock, S. Jeffrey, J. MacKenzie, A .Riddell, J. Mushlin,
N.Hodgson, T. Millar, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Scott.

Apologies : A.McNeilly, Cllr Aitchison, R. Murphy,

Amendment: on the action tracker it should read Cllr Aitchison regarding gravestone against wall of
church, not Cllr Scott.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Proposed J. MacKenzie, seconded S.Jeffrey.

The system of lights in Stow is old and there is no upgrade. Hence the continually flashing twenties
sign. The council are trying to find a solution and have been given software to correct the signs.
Unfortunately power surges can affect the lights . If they are not working again either Cllr Scott or
SBC should be contacted.

There is a review of community funded speed signs. Cllr Scott will ask for an update on the policy. It
might be possible for the community to buy some and be responsible for maintenance. However the
Council would have to check that they were being placed in the correct location.

Police Report – The police report was noted. Whilst there need to be two witnesses for police to
take action regarding driving offences, a dashcam can be used as corroborative evidence.

General Matters

The yellow line at Hill Terrace is still unfinished. Cllr Aitchison is looking into this.

S.Jeffrey is meeting Viv Wood, who has a Leader funded project, to discuss the walks around Stow
booklet. Evelyn McCue , Stow Community Trust, is looking at cycling around Stow. However walks
around Stow are remaining with S. Jeffrey and there will be a meeting at the end of February
between them to discuss this .

The website is down again and it has not been possible to update minutes on the website. It was
agreed that C. McVie will take on the running of the website at the end of the current contract. The
Secretary will write to M. Naylor to inform him after she has received details from N.Hodgson
regarding what C.McVie needs to know in order to migrate the website.

The Crash barrier at the Bow Corner has been repaired. 2 crash barriers at Torquahan have been hit
and need repaired. Cllr Anderson will follow this up.

The wall at the Layby by Stow needs inspected. It may become dangerous. If this happens, it will get
closed . Cllr Anderson will discuss this with Cllr Aitchison.

The meeting with Lauren Anderson, SBC took place. She will produce a report, which the community
council are awaiting. She suggested the possibility of getting a survey done by a Consultant of the
exterior of the roofs.

It was commented that 2 applications to the windfarm for relatively small amounts involved lengthy
conversations with the organisation which handles the applications. This was felt to be unnecessary,
making requesting grants more difficult. The system is meant to have been simplified.

The Community Council were informed that the 2017 planters grant needs to be signed off, with the appropriate closure form completed. It would be helpful if the report for the end of the grant was emailed .

Community Foundation have noted that in the accounts a grant which EDF made was attributed to SSE and have requested amendment of this.

Cllr Anderson stated that, after the trees have been felled, the trunks shall be used for benches in the park . Steven Baker, the woodcarver, will work on 4 trunks for under £300. The community council approved this .

A hedge will be provided by the Forest Trust.

Cllr Scott

Cllr Scott warned community councillors that vulnerable people get targeted by organised crime gangs, sending young people to move in on vulnerable people to sell drugs. This goes under the name of The Cuckoo.

Cannabis cultivation happens in remote rural areas. Information is available on cannabis cultivation and what to look out for.

Cllr Anderson left the meeting

Planning

Erection of two dwellinghouses. Land North of Braedale Lauder Road Stow

The next meeting is on Monday 4th March at 7.30pm in Stow Town Hall.

AGENDA

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2 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

3 POLICE REPORT

4 GENERAL MATTERS

5 TREASURERS REPORT

6 COUNCILLORS REPORT

7 CORRESPONDENCE

8 PLANNING

9 AOCB

ALL WELCOME