

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 10th May 2010 at 7. 30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s C. Cowdery, J. Butter, R. Hulstrom, P. Ryan, H. Raby, D. Middleton, R. Turpin, P. Vincent, Mrs. S. Parkin and Mrs S. Gifford, District Councillor K. Baker together with two members of the public.
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mr. D. Bartlett away on business, D. Hossack away on holiday, Mr. P. Hobson away on holiday, Mr. T. Pinner away on holiday, Mr. M. Reynolds recovering after an operation. County Councillor. Sir Peter Brown at a previous engagement, Laine Kadic recovering from illness.
OPEN FORUM	Mr. Saulsbery from Great Stukeley enquired what the Councils grass cutting strategy involved as the south side of Ermine Street was being cut but not the north, specifically in the area leaving the village toward Huntingdon, he asked that the County Council requirements be investigated, the clerk said that all designated areas were being cut but that enquiries would be made of the County and of the chairman when he returned from holiday. Mr. Evans of Great Stukeley complained of the use of the path from Ermine Street to Moorfield Way being used by horses with the resultant mess at times, he was informed that an alternative registered route through Hill Close was being ratified and Mr. Cowdery notified that as the route in question was a footpath, horses were precluded from using it, he would enquire from the County whether prohibition notices were available for display at the path, on his return the chairman was to be advised of the situation.
CHAIRMAN	In the absence of Mr. Pinner, Mrs Parkin took the chair for the meeting, in this position she read a letter from the chairman in which he apologised for his absence due to postponed holiday arrangements due to the 'volcanic ash'. He registered his thanks to all members that had served the Council over a number of years and specifically wished well to those members who were retiring from the Council, he also thanked the clerk for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the financial and day to day running of the Council.
14. MINUTES	The minutes of the meeting held on 1 st April 2010 were signed by the chairman with the approval of a proposition by Mr. Turpin seconded by Mr. Cowdery.
16. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	There were no such declarations from members attending.
17. ACCOUNTS	On a proposal by Mr. Turpin seconded by Mr. Butter it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment. EON Electric for May supply £59.16. Printing Matters for May magazine £100. 80. M. J. Newman, clerks May salary £199. 46. T & S Gardening for maintenance £70.00. K. Fergusons Ltd for hedge maintenance £493. 50. Three Horse Shoes for % of recycling receipts £54. 41. Mr. Hulstrom who had reviewed the Came & Co insurance schedule said that he had found this to be adequate for the Councils needs even though, in common with all companies 'playing field surface cover' had been removed, he suggested that the discount structure offered but not guaranteed was really not an option as a 5% discount was to be offered in future in the event of 'no claims', he therefore proposed the full premium of £1219. 91 to be settled, this was seconded by Mr. Ryan and approved by members. The Clerk reported monthly income being of Hunts DC for precept £6000.00 Magazine advertising revenue £612. 50. and an Inland Revenue VAT refund amounting to £1236. 46 for the yearly period ended 31 st March 2010.

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18. FOOTPATHS	<p>Mr. Cowdery said that his recent move had signified his retirement from the Council, he thanked all members for their assistance in the footpath work he had been able to implement, he said that when a successor was elected he would pass on all relevant documentation and equipment that he had collected. The Members thanked him sincerely for all his efforts, with Mr. Butter remarking that more progress had been made in the past four years than the previous twenty. Mr. Hulstrom reported that the Bridleway between Waterloo roadway and Low Road was very 'rutted' in places, as this was the responsibility of the County Council Mr. Cowdery said he would report the issue to the relevant officer.</p>	
19. PLAY EQUIPMENT	<p>Mr. Vincent said that the application for grant aid had met some difficulties but that it was being adjudicated upon on 15th May, he said changes had to be made to format with village children being consulted on their requirements, he said that the quotation would have to be rephrased so as to avoid him as an individual being 'compromised'. He intimated that a public meeting would have to be advertised and that he would continue his work in this area. The Clerk said that he had continued investigation into costings involved in replacing worn out equipment at Little Stukeley village hall, this with Andrew Budd of Woodford Community and Environmental Fund which is associated with the Warboys 'Tip', this revealed the availability of grant aid but only on projects exceeding £5000. The Clerk said that Wicksteed had provided figures for some equipment including a proper safety surface and installation amounting to approx; £8000 including VAT and that if grant was achieved the Council input would amount to £1200, he said that he had enlisted the help of 'young mothers' in Little Stukeley to establish need in relation to affordability to come up with a list of requirements. He said that if scheme did not achieve grant aid it would have to be discounted and the original basis replacements reviewed, he sought Council permission to continue enquiries, on a proposition by Mr. Turpin seconded by Mr. Butter the members approved this approach on the understanding that there would be no commitment without grant aid.</p>	
20. PLANNING	<p>The Clerk reported that for the first time in his time as clerk there were no applications on which to adjudicate.</p>	
21. TREE PLANTING	<p>Mrs. Parkin informed members that she had with Bridget Halford of the District Council had a preliminary meeting with Mr. Barwell Field to discuss the proposed tree planting scheme. The provisional agreement achieved was set out as follows. Mr. Field would clean out ditches adjacent to sites and check with his ELS advisor that the arisings can be placed on the adjacent grass verge, after this operation the location of trees to be agreed with Mr. Field, provisionally three meters back from the top edge of the ditch, Ms Parkin and Halford to mark out sites in July, when these have been approved by Mr. Field he will spray a one meter circle around each site. The chosen species are Oak every twenty meters interspersed at twenty meter intervals by Bird Cherry and at ten meter intervals by Crab Apple, these trees would afford cover to the Oaks as they got established and after approximately twenty years these would be getting toward their life expectancy and could be removed to hopefully leave an avenue of Oak trees, the requirement for the site would be 37 Oak trees, 74 Crab Apple trees and 37 Bird Cherry. The responsibility for planting and maintenance would be the responsibility of the community. A planting day was to be agreed in October in order that planting could commence in January 2011. Mr. Field required a written undertaking from the Council to maintain the trees for a period of 30years and it was</p>	

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	<p>always to be understood that the land was only lent for the benefit of the community and those travelling the road. M/s Vincent and Ryan said they would assist with the planting, Mrs Parkin thanked members and said she would keep them informed of progress.</p>	
22. DISTRICT ISSUES	<p>Mr. Baker said that he had no issues to report. Mr. Butter asked what the latest position was with the regard to toilet provision in Huntingdon, Mr. Baker replied that in Huntingdon they would be maintained for an unspecified period but that the facilities in Godmanchester were to be closed. Mrs. Gifford made complaint about the uneven surface of the ring road in Huntingdon, specifically a sunken drain cover in the region of Priory Fields Surgery entrance, Mr. Baker said he would bring the matter to the attention of County Council officials.</p>	
23. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>As neither County Councillor was present at the meeting there was no report.</p>	
25. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that the Councils response to the Development Management DPD which had been circulated among members prior to the meeting had been submitted and accepted, this did not mean approved, by the District Council, a copy of the response was to be kept on file by the clerk. He was thanked by all members for the considerable amount of work he had undertaken on the Councils behalf.</p> <p>The Clerk enquired whether the members required him to plant flowers around the village signs again this year, on a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Butter members agreed a cost of up to £100 for the purchase of the necessary geraniums etc;</p> <p>Both Mr. Turpin and Mr. Butter who were retiring from the Council expressed the fact that they had both thoroughly enjoyed their years on the Council and wished their successors every success in the future.</p>	
26. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 14th June 2010 at Little Stukeley village hall, The Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm</p> <p>On Monday 5th July 2010 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 6th September 2010 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 4th October 2010 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 1st November 2010 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	