

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at 41 Parkway, Hinchingsbrooke on Monday 3rd September 2007 at 7.35pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s. P. Ryan, R. Hulstrom, H. Raby, M. Reynolds, D. Adams, J. Butter, Mrs. S. Parkin , Mrs. S. Gifford, County Councillors Sir. P. Brown and Laine Kadic..	
APOLOGIES	Received from M/s. T. Pinner, M. Monk, C. Cowdery, S. Lloyd, R. Turpin, P. Hobson, D. Hossack, D. Middleton, District Councillors K. Baker & T. Sanderson. The clerk informed the meeting that he had omitted to give Mr Hobsons apologies for the previous meeting, he explained that Mr Hobson had had a hip operation and was totally incapacitated at present.	
VENUE	As there had been a complete misunderstanding between two members over the booking of the Cromwell Park School this facility was not available on the night. Mr Adams kindly volunteered his home for the evening so that the meeting could be held, this meeting was delayed so that visitors to the original venue could be informed of the circumstances, several members of the public who had turned up were informed of the position for which the clerk apologised, they accepted the situation enforced on the Council.	
CHAIRMAN	In the absence of both Mr. Pinner and Mr Monk the clerk asked for proposals for a chairman for the night. Mr Hulstrom proposed Mr Adams and this was supported by all members present.	
MINUTES	On a proposal by Mrs Parkin seconded by Mr. Butter the minutes of the July meeting were approved and signed by the acting chairman.	
PARISH PLAN	The clerk reported that due to many significant absentees including both chairman and vice-chairman, the chairman had asked that Mr. Dewar be asked to cancel this engagement until a future date to be arranged.	The Clerk.
PLANNING	The clerk reported receiving on Saturday morning(1 st September) a set of modified plans relating to Mr. Sly's application on a parcel of land in Owl End. Considering the lateness of receipt and the fact that this was the third application on this site in was agreed to defer a decision until such time as all planning group members and any other councillors had had sufficient time to inspect the site and the plans, then if needed a special meeting was possible.	

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MINOR IMPROVEMENT GRANT.	It was reported by Mr Hulstrom that both he and Mr. Middleton had attended a meeting at St. Ives that afternoon at which the County Council discussed the Councils application. It transpired that the committee viewed this as a second application for works that should have been carried out in the original scheme and required to know for what reason the gateway features were never put in place, as plans held by the Parish Council suggested that they should have been and the grant available should have been sufficient to cover their introduction. A copy of these plans were passed to Laine Kadic who said that she would investigate the matter further and would report her findings back to the Council	M/s R. Hulstrom and D. Middleton
PLAYING FIELD	The clerk reported to the Council that the chairman had obtained the services of a Mr. Richmond who was to ferret the rabbits in the area and that he had caught 14 on his first visit, it was agreed that this was only a stop gap measure but was possibly the only avenue for the Council to pursue, the clerk was to supply the person concerned with written authority to catch rabbits on Council owned property.	The clerk.
ST.MARTINS CLOCK	The clerk reported that the clock was now fully working and that the Church Council had asked the Parish to assist with the repayment of the loan for the repair. This amounted to three annual payments of £568.48. Mr Hulstrom proposed and Mr. Raby seconded that the Council agree to pay the first instalment, due in September 2007 as grant aid for this project, this was supported by all members present.	Mr. Pinner.
VILLAGE SIGN	The subject of the moving of the sign at Great Stukeley was deferred as the chairman was not present to comment. Mr. Hulstrom said that he considered that the newly varnished signs in both villages were a great improvement and said the clerk should be commended for his work. The clerk said that experience of the condition of the signs suggested that they would benefit from an annual treatment, this was agreed.	Clerk.

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CODE OF CONDUCT	<p>Mr. Ryan outlined the requirement for the Council to adopt the Model Code of Conduct, with optional paragraphs 7 and 12(2). Advice from CALC was that 7 should not be adopted but 12(2) allowing members to remain in discussions in which they have a prejudicial interest needs to be considered. Mr. Ryan related advice from the Standards Board that 12(2) does not confer a right to remain and speak, only that it allows them to do so, provided that members of the public are given the same right. To make proceedings manageable Mr. Ryan suggested that 12(2) be adopted, but the Councils Standing Orders define how this is managed, by the Council moving to invite a person(member or public) with an interest to speak. This together with the remainder of the Code of Conduct was proposed for adoption by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Butter and approved by the meeting, to come into force on Tuesday 4th September 2007. Mr. Ryan advised that this fact must be advertised in the local press, he said he would liaise with the clerk to insure this was done.</p>	

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STANDING ORDERS	<p>Mr. Ryan had circulated what he proposed as the final draft 1ssD of the Standing Orders(including modifications in accordance with 12(2) discussed previously. The adoption of the optional clause 12.2 of the Code of Conduct which allows for ‘The Council to move to invite any person to speak on a matter in which they have an interest, whether they are member or public, they be allowed to speak. This gives the Council the option to hear what they say, but does not open us to uncontrollable interruption. It was proposed that this is allowed in our standing orders, with reference to Sections 26 and 8s.</p> <p>It was agreed on a proposal by Mr. Ryan seconded by Mr. Reynolds that the decision on section 4.1 at the July meeting be rescinded in line with the committee recommendation, this was supported by all present.</p> <p>It was then resolved on a proposal by Mr. Ryan seconded by Mr. Butter that section 4.1 should read ‘in which members record their vote in writing, appended with their signature. The votes are counted immediately and recorded in the minutes. The signed papers are to be retained for a minimum of three years and shall be made available for inspection on reasonable demand by any member. This was approved.</p> <p>Section 8s was accepted as listed, namely to invite a person in accordance with Order 26.6. on a proposal by Mr. Ryan seconded by Mrs Gifford.</p> <p>Section 10.12 a member may speak on a point of order or a personal explanation. A member speaking for these purposes shall be heard forthwith. A personal explanation shall be confined to some material part of a former speech by him/her which may have been misunderstood. This addition was approved on a proposal by Mr. Ryan seconded by Mr. Hulstrom.</p> <p>Section 26.6 was adopted by referral to 8s.</p> <p>Section 10.18. note to be included, reference adjourned meetings.</p> <p>Section 11.1 All members must observe the code of conduct which was adopted by the Council on 4th September 2007.Copy annexed to Standing Orders.</p> <p>Section 11.4. If a member reasonably believes that another member is in breach of the code of conduct , that member is under duty to report to the Standards Board (England) or the Local commissioner(Wales). This addition was agreed on a proposition by Mr. Ryan seconded by Mrs Parkin.</p> <p>Section 18 Orders for the payment of money shall be</p>	M/s Cowdery, Hulstrom and Ryan.

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ACCOUNTS	<p>On a proposal by Mr. Butter seconded by Mrs Gifford the following accounts were passed for payment. Pioneer Landscapes for grass maintenance £601.50. Printing Matters for magazine £62.00. EON Energy for electricity £59.16. St Martins Church grant aid for clock repair £568.48. Clerks salary £177.65. Huntingdonshire District Council for wasp nest clearance £60.60.</p> <p>The clerk said that he had received an account from Ringway for lighting repairs, enquiries revealed that a member of the public had reported a faulty light to the County Council and they had presumably instructed Ringway to repair. The clerk said he had contacted Ringway and said he had no intention of settling the account until documentary evidence was produced to show instructions came from a Parish Council source. The meeting endorsed this action.</p>	The Clerk.
PROJECTS	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that his article in the magazine had only produced a few suggestions and these he would circulate among fellow councillors. He said the main theme appeared to be based around function and usage of the Playing field at Great Stukeley. When everyone had seen the suggestions decisions could be made.</p>	Mr. Ryan.
VILLAGE HALL	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that further meetings with the hall committee had established that there was a requirement for two tier drapes to cover the walls with pelmets half way that could accommodate soft lighting for social events. New ceiling lighting and also an acoustic ceiling to improve the ambience of the hall. He advised that they should get the services of a professional so that prices could be established and then the Council possibly be in the position to consider some form of grant aid.</p>	Mr. Ryan.
SPEEDING	<p>Through Mr. Hulstrom, Mr. Middleton enquired whether the Council might consider the purchase of a speed gun so that traffic speeds could be verified. This was not thought to be a good idea and the clerk was instructed to contact the PSCO to see if she was able to arrange for some type of speed monitoring to be undertaken.</p> <p>Mr. Butter once again said that he considered that the measures already in place had slowed traffic movements through the villages but agreed that the entrance to Little Stukeley from the north, down hill out of 50mph zone into 30mph zone was probably the difficult area and perhaps more uniform limits along the entire stretch of the C.339 was the way forward.</p>	

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FENCING	It was raised that the Council had adequate funds and whether it might be pertinent to consider erecting a fence similar to the one on the Church of Latter Day Saints boundary, on the boundary between the Three Horse Shoes and the Playing Field, the clerk was to consult to establish the name of the fencing contractor with a view to obtaining a quotation for the works.	Clerk
OTHER BUSINESS	The overgrown state of the hedges either side of the pathway between Ermine Street and Moorfield Way was to be reported to the County Council for action. A failed light in Beech Avenue was to be reported to the same authority.	
NEXT MEETING	Will be on Monday 1 st October 2007 at Little Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm.	All