

**Meeting of the Stukeleys' Parish Council held in the village hall at Great Stukeley on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
November 2006 at 7.30pm**

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| ATTENDANCE | M/s M. Reynolds, R.Turpin, M.Monk, C. Cowdery, D. Middleton, P. Ryan, D.Adams, J.Butter, R.Hulstrom, S.Lloyd, P.Hobson, T.Pinner, Mrs S. Parkin, County Councillors Mrs. L. Kadic and Sir Peter Brown, District Councillor Tom Sanderson and four members of the public. |  |
| APOLOGIES  | Were received from M/s H.Raby, D. Hossack, Mrs S. Gifford and District Councillor K.Baker.   |  |

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| OPEN MEETING | <p>Mr Sly asked if he could give a resume of his planning application in Owl End, as several councillors registered an interest it was agreed that there would be no discussion on the application at this stage. Mr Sly said that he had been born in the village and it had always been his intention to return at some stage. He felt that the application in no way restricted the view of College farm and that the development was sympathetic to that listed property, this was the main reason for situating the house on the left side of the plot. He said he had contacted all adjacent neighbouring residents to seek their reactions. He also said that there was enough parking for six vehicles on site. Mr Wright of College farm said that he objected to the application and copied to all councillors his objections. He said the property was a traditional listed farmhouse, one of a very few left in Cambridgeshire. He said he was concerned at this significant development and wished to protect the cartilage of his property, he also said that as Owl End progressed the adjacent property was the last of the more modern developments in the area and that after this, starting with College Farm the remaining properties were more consistent with a rural Country lane and he was concerned that this would set a precedent for more infill further down the lane. He then listed all the works he had put in hand on his property stating that these were all consistent with the buildings listed status, also he said that negotiations were ongoing about the proposed refurbishment of the old barn in front of his house. Mr Tom Sanderson requested that the Council give consideration to part funding the provision of a new footpath from Flamsteed Drive to the business park which would service the Learning Nursery in that area, this request had been made by many residents of the area because at present they had to drive to Brampton and then back on the A.14 to access the area, with this path they were enabled to walk. Mrs Kadic said that the County were to provide a large part of this path. It was agreed that this issue could be discussed when the council went into committee.</p> |        |

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| HGV MOVEMENTS | <b>The clerk reported that he had received a reply from the County Council and that the village through route was being considered for suitability to be included in the Lorry watch scheme.</b>  | Clerk.      |
| MINUTES       | The minutes of the October meeting were approved on a proposal by Mr Reynolds seconded by Mr Butter and then signed by the chairman.  |             |
| LAND REGISTRY | It was reported that a letter from Gt.Stukeley hall committee revealed that the land upon which the hall stood belongs to Mr Fenwick and that they pay him a 'peppercorn' rent for the site and that it was his responsibility as the owner, to register the land, he had been informed accordingly. The clerk reported receiving forms to register the playing field area.   | Clerk       |
| PARISH PLAN   | Mr Turpin requested that this item be retained on the agenda.   | Mr Turpin.  |
| WEB SITE      | Mr Cowdery reported that he had flagged the intention in the Parish magazine and that he had explained to the editor that in no way was this an effort to replace the magazine, he had invited copy for insertion in the site. He said that the cost of the site was £94 plus VAT for the first two years then £47 plus VAT for the following two years. On a proposal by Mr Turpin seconded by Mr Middleton he was given authority to proceed. | Mr Cowdery. |

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| PLANNING | <p>Application 0603299 FUL for a new property on a site in Owl for Mr Sly. M/s Turpin, Reynolds, Middleton, Hulstrom, Lloyd and Ryan declared an interest and left the meeting. Mr Monk then read Mr Wrights letter of objection in full to remaining councillors, this contained all the points that Mr Wright had raised at the Open meeting. A letter was also read from Mrs McCracken who was suggesting that the site may be of archaeological importance and that it may be pertinent to have it investigated before any development. After discussion on the merits of the development in which several points were raised it was proposed by Mr Monk that the development should be approved subject to a requirement that an archaeological investigation be carried out ahead of development and that permitted development rights be withdrawn. This motion was seconded by Mr Butter and supported by the six councillor's present .</p> <p>Application 0603166 FUL by Huntingdon Steeplechases for demolition of some buildings, repositioning of the winners enclosure, new office and turnstile building was approved on a proposition by Mr Lloyd seconded by Mr Butter.</p> <p>Application 0603291FUL for a conservatory at 26 Church Way was approved on a proposition by Mr Middleton seconded by Mr Hulstrom.</p> <p>Application 0603192OUT for a new hotel at Kingfisher Way was discussed, it appeared to be a budget hotel situated next to the existing Marriott and to consist of 100 bedrooms. Concerns were expressed on traffic generation, especially as Huntingdon could only be accessed via the A.14 and Brampton village. On a proposition by Mr Monk, seconded by Mr Turpin it was agreed to recommend approval subject to the District Council looking carefully at a 'Green travel' plan and also to improving pedestrian links to both Huntingdon and the Country Park, it could possibly be the subject of a section 106 agreement.</p> <p>Application 0603030FUL for the erection of a transmission cabin and a generator at Washingley road for Vodaphone. This included increased landscaping and a smaller unit than originally applied for. On a proposal by Mr Monk, seconded by Mr Lloyd the application was approved.</p> <p>Application 0602945FUL by Harris Broadband for the retention of a chimney at Kingfisher Way was approved on the advice of the planning group</p> <p>Application 0603434FUL for a six foot high close boarded fence at the front of the property at 45 Park View Great Stukeley. Mrs Parkin declared an interest and took no part. It</p> |        |

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| GRANGE FARM       | The clerk reported receiving a letter from the Planning Authority which said that the new proposals at Grange farm were to be for residential and not business purposes. It also stated that the existing planning permission was not being exceeded. The clerk reminded the Council that they had refused the original application and that on appeal the inspector had recommended approval. |                    |
| POLICE            | The new police liaison officer was PC Williams and she was based at Huntingdon to where all queries should be directed. The clerk read the crime reports for the months of September and October which totalled 30 reported crimes varying from anti social behaviour to house breaking and criminal damage.   |                    |
| PRESTLEYS         | The County Councillors present were urged to pressure the County Council into forcing the developers to reinstate the verges outside this development in a sensitive position in the centre of the village, as the Council considered the area to be an 'eye sore'.  | County Councillors |
| INTERACTIVE SIGNS | A letter from the County Council suggested that there was insufficient monies available in the budget to undertake the necessary repairs to these signs, the County Councillors agreed to tell the County that this was a deplorable situation and urge them to take immediate action.   | County Councillors |
| GRASS CUTTING     | Mr Pinner reported that the contractor had cut the grass satisfactorily and that the account would follow in December. He also provided a written quotation from Mr Summerfield which said that next season he would charge £25 per hour to cut the grass and that it would take between four and five hours, the Council agreed this to be acceptable and asked Mr Pinner to inform him so.   |                    |
| NORTHBRIDGE       | Mr Monk reported that he and Mr Pinner had met with Green Issues representative and had enforced all the points that the Parish had raised with the District Planning Authority, he also stated that he did not believe there was any advantage to be gained by having a full meeting at present.  | Mr Monk.           |
| FINANCE           | The adoption of these regulations was imminent as all enquiries were complete stated Mr. Ryan.   | Mr Ryan            |
| INTERNAL AUDITOR  | A letter was read from Mr Sloman which said that he was giving up the service, the clerk said that it was necessary to have one and it was suggested that he contact Mr Bloomfield to see if he would undertake the work. A letter of thanks was to be sent to Mr Sloman for his very good service and advice.   | Clerk              |

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| HINCHINGBROOKE       | Letters of acknowledgement were received from two MP's but not from our local MP, a letter was also received from the Strategic Health Authority in which they said no decision had been made on closure but the main criteria must be the provision of affordable health care for the area.   |             |
| PRECEPT              | The clerk provided figures for the financial year to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2008 in which he suggested a precept figure of £16000 which was a reduction of £1000 on this current financial period, this the Council did not agree to as they felt that expenditure could increase again next year so it was agreed on a proposition by Mr Turpin, seconded by Mr Lloyd that the precept figure should be £17000 for the period too 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2008.  | Clerk       |
| MINERAL & WASTE PLAN | As this document was available on the Web site it was suggested that councillors view it before the next meeting.  | All         |
| HUNTINGDON           | A document on the area entitled a Design Guide and Landscape and Townscape Assessment was also available on the Web to be studied.   | All         |
| CLERKS SALARY        | On a proposition by Mr Monk seconded by Mr Butter it was agreed to increase the clerks salary in line with national recommendations from the 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2006 to £9.35 per hour this meads an increase in salary too £177.65 per month from that date.   |             |
| MAGAZINE             | Mr Turpin reported that the editors believed they required an extra four pages as there was a significant increase in input and also a further need for advertising space.They also sought to alter the cover regularly to depict seasonal or village scenes. They also reported a good understanding with Mr Cowdery over the provision of a Parish Web site.They also wished to reconstruct editorial policy. Mr Turpin was advised to say the Council were happy to concur with the changes suggested. It was agreed that the advertising structure would have to be looked at as it would appear that the charges are on the low side. On a question from Mr Hulstrom the clerk advised that all adverts charges were based on inclusion for the entire twelve month period from 1 <sup>st</sup> April to 31 <sup>st</sup> March. A guide price was £48 for a half page advert for the period. | Mr Turpin   |
| CALC                 | Mr Turpin reported a complete revamp to this service, now run by an assembly with a board that were in contact with all special interest groups, it was also advised that Mr Reynolds remained our CALC representative.  | Mr Reynolds |

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| ACCOUNTS       | On a proposition by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mr Butter the following accounts were passed for settlement. Pioneer Landscapes for grass cutting £583.98. EON Energy for supply £59.16. Printing Matters for magazine £62.00. Ringway for lighting repairs £304.50 plus VAT. Clerks Salary £213.56.   | Clerk                          |
| FOOTPATH       | Mr Adams proposed that the footpath proposal at Flamstead Drive be supported by grant aid to a maximum of £2500, this was seconded by Mr Monk and approved by the Council.   |                                |
| MEETINGS       | Mr Butter referred to his suggestion of meetings to be held in the Hinchingbrooke area and the availability of the school for this purpose. It was agreed, that if convenient the Council February meeting should be held in the school facility and that Mr Butter would arrange this and keep the clerk informed.  | Mr Butter                      |
| OTHER BUSINESS | Mr Ryan said that there was no timetable in the bus shelter at Great Stukeley, he was advised that these are available at the County Council, he said he would action the matter.<br>Mr Cowdery said there was still a problem with chippings on the path in Park View, Mr Reynolds said he would contact the relevant authority.<br>Mrs Parkin said the Church road footpath close to the junction with West View was in need of repair work, Mr Reynolds said he would action that as well.<br>Lights were reported for repair in Low road and Owl End, the clerk said he would contact Ringway. | Mr Ryan, Mr Reynolds and Clerk |
| CORRESPONDENCE | It was agreed that in an effort to save time, non essential correspondence would be placed on a table 15 minutes before a meeting for councillors to peruse. It was also agreed that any planning applications should be treated in a similar fashion.   | Clerk and Mr Monk.             |
| CONSERVATION   | The chairman requested that all councillors give consideration before the next meeting to see if there were any avenues through which the Council could act which might contribute to a reduction in Green House gas emissions.  |                                |
| NEXT MEETING   | Will be on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 7.30pm at LITTLE STUKELEY village hall.   | All                            |