

**Meeting of the Stukeleys' Parish Council held in the village hall at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday
8th January 2007 at 7.30pm**

ATTENDANCE	M/s M. Reynolds, M.Monk, C. Cowdery, D. Middleton, P. Ryan, D.Adams, P.Hobson, T.Pinner, Mrs S. Parkin, D. Hossack, R. Hulstrom, J. Butter and four members of the public members of the public	
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mrs. S. Gifford, R. Turpin, S. Lloyd, H. Raby, District Councillor K. Baker and County Councillors Sir Peter Brown and Laine Kadic.	
OPEN MEETING	Mr. Wright asked whether his planning application was to be discussed and Mr Monk said it was on the agenda. Mr. Wright then explained to the Council that the application had been in negotiation with Listed building and the Planning Authority since 2001 and had no connection whatsoever with the recent application on the neighbouring parcel of land. He said that as a barn conversion all the negotiations had been imperative and that some part of the delay had been the fact that he had been refurbishing his own College Farm property.	
MINUTES	The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a proposal by Mr Reynolds seconded by Mr Butter and then signed by the chairman.	
LAND REGISTRY	The clerk reported that the authority had acknowledged the receipt of all the necessary documentation and that the registration was being processed.	Clerk
PARISH PLAN	The clerk reported that Mr Turpin had offered to initiate a meeting with a CALC representative to discuss the implementation of such a plan, the clerk was asked to advise Mr Turpin to proceed with the necessary arrangements.	Mr Turpin.
WEB SITE	Mr Cowdery reported that the web site was now up and running and that there were several items that he needed, one of which was a map of the Parish showing boundaries and paths. Advertisements in conjunction with the magazine were to be considered.	Mr Cowdery.
PRESTLEYS	It was considered that progress on the reinstatement was painfully slow in implementation and it was decided to contact the County Councillors again to urge action.	County Councillors

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FINANCE	The adoption of these regulations was coming closer, but although all Councillors had received copies of Mr Ryans proposals not all had had time to study them. Risk Assessment was a significant issue that required further study, it was agreed to defer the matter to next months agenda.	Mr Ryan
MEETINGS	Mr Butter reported through the clerk that the school at Cromwell Park had been booked for the February Council meeting as agreed at the last meeting. He also stated that the school had agreed to advertise the meeting on their internal notice board, the clerk was also asked to put a prominent notice in the Council notice board in the area.	Mr Butter
CORRESPONDENCE	Mr Monk and the clerk has, as agreed, displayed all non urgent correspondence for councillors to view.	Clerk and Mr Monk.
VILLAGE SIGN	It was notified that Mrs Kadic had ensured that the 'For Sale' sign had been removed from in front of the village sign. The meeting held on site to establish the new position for the village sign had been held and a position agreed, Mr Reynolds had informed the County Council and the clerk read a letter which indicated that they approved the positioning. The chairman said that he would try to establish whether Mr Mould (the sign designer) was available to re site the sign, if not it was agreed that Mr Parris be approached to undertake the work.	

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ELECTORAL REVIEW	<p>This had now been studied by all Councillors and Mr Monk had drafted a reply to the Review body as follows;</p> <p>The Parish Council has considered the draft Parish electoral review and would submit the following comments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.It accepts the logic of transferring the areas of Hinchingbrooke, the Ermine Street Business Park and the proposed Northbridge Housing development to the Huntingdon Town Council's area as these effectively form urban extensions to the town and should be considered in relationship to the rest of that town. The Council will, however, continue to monitor closely these developments because of their impacts on the adjoining countryside and the communities of Great and Little Stukeley. 2.It also accepts the logic of transferring that part of Alconbury Airfield currently in Alconbury Parish to the Stukeley's. Any development on the airfield impacts mainly on the Stukeley's and it will assist a cohesive approach to be taken in respect of any development proposals. However, there appears to be no logic in transferring part of Abbots Ripton Parish to Alconbury Parish (area marked 'A' on the plan) as it would be detached from Alconbury by the transfer of area 'B' to the Stukeley's; instead area 'A' should be transferred to the Stukeley's. 3. The Parish Council does not agree with the proposed reduction of Parish Councillors for the Stukeley's ward from 13 to 7. The proposed reduction is based upon a simple arithmetic approach dictated by the number of electors. In reality, the load placed upon a parish council is more complex and involves a number of factors such as pressures for development and the proximity of an urban area. For the Stukeley's, there will continue to be the need to consider the impacts of development on the edge of Huntingdon even after the boundary review referred to above, as well as any major development within its boundary such as on the airfield. 4. Additionally, it is the Parish Councils view that there is a need for a broader base of Councillor's with a range of skills to deal with the ever increasing work-load placed upon it by Government and by the higher tier local authorities at District and County level. 5. For these reasons, the Parish Council considers that it requires a minimum of 10 councillors in order to properly discharge its functions. <p>On a proposal by Mr. Monk seconded by Mr Butter it was agreed that this communication be sent to the Authority.</p>	

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PLANNING	<p>The development of 95 houses next to the Cromwell Park school and the association traffic management plan was again discussed, as it was still felt, despite a letter to the contrary from the Authority, that the management plan was unsatisfactory, after much discussion it was agreed that the clerk should reply to the Head of Planning Services to request a site meeting with two of his officers, two District Councillors from the area, County Councillor Laine Kadic and M/s J. Butter and D. Adams representing the Parish Council, to discuss what the Parish and District consider to be the inefficiencies of the proposals.</p> <p>The following planning applications were decided;</p> <p>Application 0603970 FUL for a Hotel at Kingfisher Way, the Council were reminded by the clerk that the original outline plans had been refused by the District Council but were the subject of an appeal. It was decided to approve the application, and as with the original, suggest a section 106 agreement for local access to both Huntingdon and the Hinchingsbrooke Country Park.</p> <p>Application 0604048FUL for offices, access road, parking and landscaping on a site East of the Just Leaning Nursery at Kingfisher Way was approved.</p> <p>Application 0603925FUL for a transmission cabin for Vodaphone was also approved.</p> <p>Application 0603952LBC and 0603951FUL both relating to the demolition and rebuilding of a barn to form a dwelling. Mr Ryan declared an interest and took no part in discussion. Approval was agreed after much debate with nine in favour and one abstention.</p>	
CPRE	<p>A planning workshop planned by this organisation was mentioned and it was agreed to defer a decision on attendee's until the next meeting.</p>	
ACCOUNTS	<p>The following accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mr Reynolds seconded by Mr Butter. Pioneer Landscapes for grass maintenance £583.98. EON Energy for supply £59.16. Printing Matters for magazine £62.00. Website Costs £110.45. Clerks Salary and expenditure £211.04. The clerk said that the budget update and bank reconciliation to 31.12.06 would be available next meeting. Recycling credits of £434.14 and magazine advert revenue of £80 were advised.</p>	
LIGHTING	<p>Several failed lights were to be reported to the County Council.</p>	

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FUNDING	<p>Mr Reynolds asked if flower boxes could be considered under the village signs this summer. Funding for the repair of St. Martins tower clock was raised and Mr Pinner reported that enquiries were ongoing and that grants were being sought, he thought the cost was in the region of £4000 a figure to which the Council were committed to contributing too.</p> <p>The Acoustics in Great Stukeley hall were also a priority and Mr Ryan was asked to continue with his enquiries as a matter of priority, the chairman expressed the Councils thanks for the work he had already done. Mr Ryan said the problem was a complex one by virtue of the badminton factor but that he would continue his research.</p>	Mr Ryan.
A.14 ROUTE	On a request by Mr Hobson this matter was to be put on next months agenda for the Council to debate which route was most acceptable.	
PLANNING	<p>Mr Hulstrom raised the matter of the Parish Councils approval last meeting of a development adjacent to College Farm Owl End and the District Councils subsequent refusal. He said that he felt that certain points had been ‘missed’ by the Parish which could have led to a decision also to refuse. It was agreed after discussion that because of the large instance of ‘declaration of interest’ this left a small group of councillors, some of which had little knowledge of the site, to make the ultimate decision. It was noted that Mr Monk said he stood by his decision of approval. The chairman then advised that Councillors must consider their positions carefully in this matter because the representation of such a small community would inevitably mean that some councillors knew the applicants. But at the end of the day we were elected to make these difficult decisions at times and that it was incumbent on elected officers to adjudicate where necessary.</p>	
OTHER BUSINESS	A broken guard rail opposite Denmark House was to be reported to the County Council.	
NEXT MEETING	Will be on Monday 5 th February 2007 at Cromwell Park Infants School, Parkway, Hinchingsbrooke at 7.30pm	All