

**Meeting of the Stukeleys' Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
at 7.30pm**

ATTENDANCE	M/s M.Reynolds, M.Monk, C.Cowdery, D.Middleton, P.Ryan, D.Adams, T.Pinner, H.Raby, D.Hossack, S.Lloyd, P.Hobson, R.Turpin, J.Butter, R.Hulstrom, Mrs. S.Parkin & S.Gifford, Dist; Councillor K.Baker & two members of the public.	
APOLOGIES	Received from County Cnclrs: Sir P.Brown and L.Kadic.	
OPEN MEETING	Mrs Payne of the Old Rectory at Little Stukeley said that she had some comments to make on a planning application in Church Way Little Stukeley. She said that she objected to the development because of Dormer windows that were not in keeping and a chimney that was of low construction and may pollute her property with smoke, it was detrimental to her visual amenity. She said that the access over the driveway to the Rectory would be challenged strongly because of the likelihood of noise and pollution because of the close proximity to her entrance door. She also said that the building, designed as a workshop, store and garage was appropriate and changes, if needed were possibly for financial gain.	
MINUTES	The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a proposal by Mr Reynolds seconded by Mr Butter and then signed by the chairman.	

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PLANNING	<p>Application 0700635FUL to convert a barn to form a dwelling at 38 Church Way, Lt. Stukeley. It was agreed that because of the fact that the application had only been received this morning, that an extension to the consultation date be sought to allow all councillors to view the site before a decision is made. It was also suggested that Mr. Monk seek the District Councils view on a possible ‘back development’</p> <p>Application 0604123FUL for the retention of a fence and gate at 2 Church Way Lt. Stukeley. On a proposal by Mr. Monk seconded by Mr Butter it was agreed by 15 votes to 1 to approve the application as it was good for security and had no adverse effect on the listed property which it surrounded.</p> <p>Application 0604048FUL amendments to design of offices, landscape proposals access and car parking for land adjacent to the Early Leaning centre. Approval was proposed by Mr Monk, seconded by Mr Adams as compatible to surrounding developments in the area, then agreed by the whole council.</p> <p>Application 0500528OUT additional information for the Northbridge site. Mr Raby declared an interest and took no part. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no further comment on these documents save that it was hoped that the landscaping and infrastructure would be in place well before the development commenced. The Council was also to emphasise that there is still disbelief in the statement that the development will have nil impact on the local road network, it was also to be pointed out that Ermine Street was the C.339 and not the B.1043 as stated.</p> <p>Application 0700446FUL for landscaping for the 129 houses on the site behind the Forensic laboratory, on a proposal by Mr Monk, seconded by Mr. Turpin it was agreed that this was acceptable but make the point that high density development left little green space within the development.</p>	Planning Group
PARISH PLAN	Mr Turpin said that he had contacted CALC and offered May or June meetings as possible openings for this talk and that he was awaiting their reply.	Mr Turpin.
WEB SITE	Mr Cowdery reported that the web site was now up and running and that he was still conversing with the magazine editors with reference to duplicate entries. Mr. Monk’s input for village information had now been amended following discussions with other councillors and he was advised to place this information with Mr. Cowdery for inclusion on the Parish Website.	Mr. Cowdery

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PRESTLEYS	As the weather had been very wet and no remedial work undertaken it was agreed to keep the matter on the agenda.	
FINANCE	The adoption of these regulations was now imminent as it was considered that Mr. Ryan had addressed all necessary matters, on a proposal by Mr Turpin seconded by Mr. Adams adoption was agreed. Mr Ryan said that some changes to the Standing Orders may be needed to allow for this adoption.	Mr Ryan
MEETINGS	Mr Butter informed the Council that the school at Parkway had been booked for the Council meeting scheduled for 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2007.	Mr Butter
PLANNING	Mr Adams reported that contact with the relevant authorities had still not produced the requested site meeting but that now he was back from business trip and holidays he would press again for satisfaction.	Mr.Adams
ACCOUNTS	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. Great Stukeley village Hall for hire for Youth Club £270.00. Hall hire £34.00, total £304.00. Clerks Salary and expenses £199.54 and holiday pay £213.83.. Printing Matters for magazine £62.00. Lt.Stukeley village hall for hire £51.00. Grant aid for St. Martins electrical work £300.00.Ringway for lighting repairs £242. 93. this cheque replaces the one issued last month which was for an incorrect amount.	
LIGHTING	Several failed lights were again to be reported to the County Council. Also the clerk reported a letter from a new company fronted by a former employee of Alfred McAlpine who wished to quote for the Councils electrical repair work, the clerk was asked to make the necessary enquiries.	Clerk.
FUNDING	<p>The clerk informed the Council that the cost of flower boxes complete with compost, water retaining fibre and plants was £80 per unit (including planting costs of £20) These troughs contained a water holding reservoir. It was agreed that the clerk go ahead and order the troughs. Mrs. Parkin, Mrs. Gifford, Mr. Monk and Mr. Adams agreed to finance the planting costs at £20 per unit.</p> <p>The Chairman reported the matter of St. Martins Church clock was ongoing and that the clock had now been removed to implement the needed repairs.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan reported that the investigations into works at Great Stukeley village hall was ongoing and that he hoped to meet with their committee next week.</p>	Mr Ryan. Mr. Pinner, Mr. Reynolds and the clerk.

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EVENT	<p>Mr Raby reported that he had had no further contact, but had advised contact with the clerk, the clerk said no one had contacted him, Mr. Raby agreed to endeavour to get some clarification on the matter.</p>	Mr. Raby.
LAND AVAILABILITY	<p>M/s J. Butter and S. Lloyd reported attending this seminar and recommended the following response to the District Council.</p> <p>Site 5. On the edge of Brookfield Farm (Mr. Raby declared an interest), no impact on village, but it represents a significant egress/ingress challenge in an area of already witnessing dense traffic congestion at peak and other times.</p> <p>Site 6. Is the open space between Ermine Street Business Park and Green End. This site similarly represents a major transport challenge on Ermine Street and other local roads in the light of the Northbridge development. Furthermore, any development in this area, either residential or commercial/employment, is strongly opposed as it directly threatens the rural buffer between the Market Town and the village setting of Great Stukeley defined by the extant built boundary of Green End.</p> <p>Site 7. which is northeast of the Ermine Street Business Park. This site does not impact upon either the existing or burgeoning traffic or rural issues and as presented is the less challenging of the three sites. However, there is a distinct risk that this site would be at a future date become the springboard for further development of the Market town boundary to the north east. Hence the Parish Council has considerable reservations as to it's long term viability as a development site sympathetic to the rural nature of the buffer between Huntingdon and the future unspecified development of the RAF Alconbury site.</p> <p>Site19 Adjacent to the Police and Fire Services at Hinchingbrooke. The development of this site is not supported in the face of extant and serious traffic congestion issues opposite the entrance to Hinchingbrooke school. Concern also exists over the loss of urban green space and recreational areas. In conclusion, The Parish Council supports the recommendations of the District and in doing so strongly oppose any development in the rural buffer between Great Stukeley and Huntingdon.</p> <p>The Dispatch of this statement to the District Council was supported by the entire Council.</p>	J. Butter and S. Lloyd.
GRASS CUTTING	<p>The clerk reported that the County Council grant aid for grass cutting this season would amount to £1143.33.</p>	

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SAFE CUSTODY	As the bank had now increased its charges for this facility, and no longer held the deeds for the playing field, the clerk was asked to store remaining Consul certificate at his home.	
CODE OF CONDUCT	Mr Hulstrom said that on reading the latest advice on this he considered that Councillors would have to be extremely careful from now on with regard to friendship issues when determining planning applications, citing the Owl End application as a case in question. Mr. Monk said that he was quite happy with his position on that application and that it was necessary for decisions to be made. Mr. Turpin emphasised that extreme care was needed and that if circumstances required the District Council should be informed that no decision was prudent. The chairman said that experiences had shown that the regulations were far reaching, but that decisions were the subject of individual priorities of each councillor.	
HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL	District Councillor Mr. Baker informed the Council that the Authority had a meeting arranged with the Hospital to establish the latest position in regard to service reductions or closures and that this was to take place within the next week, he said he would report to the next meeting.	
A.14	Mr Reynolds asked if it were possible to write to the Highways Agency to request that consideration be given to overhead gantry signs at the Spittals Interchange as it was felt that the existing signage was not sufficient to give appropriate early warning, especially as to lane selection.	

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OTHER BUSINESS	<p>The untidy state of the Tumuli was raised by Mr. Butter and it was agreed that Mr. Parris be asked to tidy the area as soon as practicable.</p> <p>The question of the footpath at Hinchingsbrooke was raised and it appeared that the section of path the Council agreed to grant aid was the subject of ownership problems together with the fact that there was no right of way existing at present and it was also agreed that the clerk had been instructed to assist the application but not to lead it.</p> <p>It was reported that an indicative sign on the dual use path between Gt. Stukeley and Huntingdon had been pushed into the adjacent ditch, the County Council was to be informed.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom reported that HGV accessing Grange Farm along Green End, were destroying the grass verge, he was authorised to approach the planning authority to see if action could be implemented.</p> <p>The untidy state of the grass verge on the site in Owl End which had been refused planning permission was to be reported to the County Council. In the same area, the placing of a caravan on the site was to be questioned with the enforcement officer at the planning department.</p> <p>It was also said that in the light of what had happened in the past, particular attention should be paid in future to roofing materials proposed in future applications on business parks.</p> <p>Mr. Raby reported that all required remedial works had been completed at the play area at Little Stukeley village hall.</p> <p>The chairman said he thought it was time that the Council had an update from the Youth club as to their progress, the clerk said that he would try to contact Steff Webb to arrange a meeting.</p>	
NEXT MEETING	Will be on Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2007 at 7.30pm at Great Stukeley village hall.	All