

**Meeting of the Stukeleys' Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 2nd April 2007
at 7.30pm**

ATTENDANCE	M/s M.Reynolds, M.Monk, C.Cowdery, D.Middleton, P.Ryan, H. Raby, S. Lloyd, R. Hulstrom, Mrs. S.Gifford, Dist; Cncllr. K. Baker, County Cncllrs: Sir. P. Brown, Laine Kadic and five members of the public.	
APOLOGIES	Received from Mrs. S. Parkin and M/s. R. Turpin, J. Butter, D. Adams, T. Pinner and D. Hossack.	
OPEN MEETING	Four members of the Youth Club were present and gave an account of the clubs progress and plans as follows. It was reported that some fifteen members attended on a regular basis but that recently because of damage caused by ball games, the hall committee had banned the club from this activity in the main hall, with meetings now being restricted to the kitchen and committee room. It was however reported that due to lighter nights football and other games were now taking place in the playing field. Grants had been obtained for the provision of new equipment and the group regularly visited Huntingdon to use their facilities. Grant aid of £200 was being sought to purchase food materials for cooking classes to learn the production of healthy food diet. On the want list, they felt that a specialist notice board within the hall would assist support, Mr Ryan said he would speak to the hall committee and the Council agreed that financial support would be likely. Mr. Cowdery advised the group of the availability of the Council Web site on to which he said he would attach information about the club when he received it	
CHAIRMAN	In the absence of Mr. Pinner Mr. Monk took the chair for the meeting.	
MINUTES	On a proposal by Mrs. Gifford, seconded by Mr. Raby the minutes of the March meeting were approved and signed by the chairman.	
PARISH PLAN	The clerk reported that Mr.Dewar from CALC could attend the June meeting of the Council, this was agreed for the first item on the agenda involving a thirty minute presentation.The clerk was to confirm arrangements.	The Clerk.

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WEB SITE	Mr Cowdery reported that the web site was now getting more information but that he still required more input from local societies and clubs, it was agreed that this information should be again stressed in the pages of the magazine.	Mr. Cowdery
FINANCE	The adoption of these regulations which were considered 'Fit for purpose' was proposed by Mr. Raby and seconded by Mr. Lloyd and supported by the entire Council, copies were to be circulated and one copy filed by the clerk in the Accounts file.	Mr Ryan
STANDING ORDERS	As the financial regulations had now been adopted, there were some items in Standing Orders that had to be amended as they were now duplicated, these items were to now be removed. Several other alterations were discussed including the time and place of meetings and the removal of the 'no smoking' description, as it was felt that this was national law come July. Mr. Hulstrom said that he felt that all voting should be open in the future but not all agreed with this in its entirety, it was agreed that Mr. Ryan would investigate further into the integrity of this issue and report back to the next meeting . It was also agreed that in future the clerk should keep a record of all planning applications received and of the decisions thereon, this was to be in a separate file, some, including the clerk did not agree, but as the majority were in favour the clerk said he would attend to the matter. All these matters, Mr. Ryan said he would draft for the next meeting when it was hope that they could be adopted. Mr. Monk once again thanked Mr. Ryan for the considerable and difficult work that he had undertaken on the Councils behalf, this was supported by all.	Mr. Ryan.
PLANNING	Mr Adams was not present so the issues at Hinchingbrooke could not be addressed.	Mr.Adams
PLANNING	Application 0603942FUL for security fencing at 10 Spitfire Close was approved as it was felt that replacement trees and climbers on the mesh were consistent with the Councils initial recommendation, it was also felt that a maintenance schedule should be implemented. It was stressed by Mrs. Gifford that screening always 'softened' the impact of new buildings and that this was very noticeable with existing screening now coming into fruition at the Ermine Street Business Park, Mr. Monk agreed that it was essential, especially in areas on the boundaries of Huntingdon on the Great Stukeley boundary.	
ACCOUNTS	On a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Gifford the following accounts were approved for payment. Pioneer Landscapes for grass maintenance £601.50. Clerks Salary £177.65. Printing Matters for magazine £62.00. EON Energy for supply £59.16. The clerk reported receiving magazine advert revenue of £228.00. and £20.00. from Mrs. Gifford for flowers. The clerk also reported the Audit for 1 st June 2007, he said that he would produce accounts for the financial year ended 31 st March 2007 for the next meeting and explained that new legislation determined that Councillors are responsible for examining these thoroughly prior to the internal auditor and that to this end all councillors would be emailed copy prior to the Annual General Meeting in May, he urged enquiry if in doubt.	Clerk.

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LIGHTING	The clerk reported that all failed lights had been repaired by MHB Services at a cost that was substantially below that of Ringway services, namely £123.38 for the successful repair of four units, their call out charge being £40 compared with £125. A failed light in Low Road was to be reported.	Clerk.
FUNDING	The clerk reported that the flower troughs had been ordered but would not be supplied until June. Mr. Ryan reported meeting with the hall committee at Great Stukeley and that several issues had been raised including curtains to reduce noise and improve acoustics, replacement lighting. It was agreed that the committee produce a list of possible improvements that could lead to the hall becoming more user friendly and therefore increase letting opportunities, this could then be a basis of a funding discussion with the Parish Council.	
PRESTLEYS	As nothing had been done to tidy the area and the grass contractor was refusing to cross the area because of damage to his machines, the County Councillors were urged to insist the developer be made to reinstate the area, by the County Council, Mr. Reynolds also agreed to meet with the Local highways engineer.	County Councillors & Mr.Reynolds.
PLANNING	On a proposal by Mr. Cowdery seconded by Mr Raby the minutes of the Special Planning meeting held on 21 st March 2007 were approved. Mr. Monk reported that subsequent investigations had revealed that the application had since been withdrawn.	
COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS.	County Councillors reported that the County had urged the District not to proceed with the Northbridge development until the A.14 improvements were in place. On a question from Mr.Cowdery about the status of the new path at Hinchingsbrooke that finished abruptly and was followed by a muddy track, they said the County had fulfilled their promises but until the District established ownership of the other area no further work could be implemented.	
OTHER BUSINESS	Mr. Middleton reported that land had been acquired for the provision of a new access to RAF Alconbury to the north of Little Stukeley and that works, dependant on planning approvals, should be complete by 2009, in that event the base main entrance would be closed and only used for emergency purposes. He also said that in connection with base celebrations for 4 th July and Halloween, the second mentioned was not as well supported, was Parish Magazine advert appropriate, he was asked to bring the matter up closer to the time. A magazine item was to be drafted by Mr. Ryan to invite parishioners to attend Council meetings with ideas for improvements within the villages that may be appropriately financed by the Parish Council from Precept funds. It was also reported that shortly, due to change in working, that there would be only a single editor of the magazine in future.	
NEXT MEETING	Will be on Monday 14 th May 2007 at 7.30pm at Little Stukeley village hall and will be the Annual General Meeting.	All

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