

The Annual General meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held in the village hall at Little Stukeley on Monday 14th May 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, Mrs S. Parkin, M/s T.Pinner, J. Butter, D. Hossack, District Councillor K.Baker and two members of the public.	
APOLOGIES	Received from M/s. R. Turpin, D. Adams, P.Hobson, County Councillors Laine Kadic and Sir P. Brown.	
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.	<p>Mr. Pinner was nominated by Mr. Monk and seconded by Mr. Reynolds for the position of chairman, as there were no other nominations he was elected unanimously.</p> <p>For the position of Vice chairman Mr. Monk was proposed by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mrs. Gifford and also elected unanimously.</p> <p>The Footpath committee, Mr. Monk said he wished to stand down, Mr. Ryan was proposed by Mr Butter and seconded by Mr. Monk as a replacement and together with M/s. Hulstrom, Butter and Middleton were duly elected to serve.</p> <p>Lighting committee, as standing members, M/s Hossack, Lloyd, Reynolds and Middleton were prepared to continue they were all re elected.</p> <p>Planning Group, as all serving members were willing to continue, M/s Monk, Reynolds, Middleton, Hulstrom, Butter and Adams were all re-elected.</p> <p>Playing Field committee, Mrs. Gifford expressed a wish to stand down and Mr. Cowdery was proposed by Mr Butter and seconded by Mr. Monk as a successor and together with M/s Raby, Middleton and Turpin were elected to serve.</p> <p>Tree Officer, Mrs Parkin was proposed by Mr. Monk and seconded by Mr. Hulstrom and duly elected.</p> <p>CALC representatives Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Turpin agreed to serve in this capacity.</p> <p>Police Liaison representatives re-elected were M/s Reynolds and Turpin.</p>	
OPEN MEETING	There were no questions from the floor.	

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POLICE LIAISON	<p>Janine Hagger the PCSO for the area attended and spoke of her role within our communities. She gave her contact number as 07801316995 or in emergencies the usual procedure, 999. She also said that she hoped to keep a high profile by being seen walking through the villages on a regular basis. PC Hagger was informed of a suspicious vehicle parked in Mill Road with a male occupant, Mr Hossack said he would be able to supply a registration number, parking problems outside the Stukeley's Hotel on occasions were also to be monitored. At the meeting several Councillors also expressed concerns about speeding through the villages and the problem that the County Council had been unable to fund appropriate maintenance, PCSO Hagger said she would investigate what could be done.</p>	
MINUTES	<p>On a proposal by Mrs. Gifford, seconded by Mr. Raby the minutes of the March meeting were approved and signed by the chairman.</p>	
PARISH PLAN	<p>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.</p>	The Clerk.
STANDING ORDERS	<p>As the adoption of these were a significant item it was agreed that a sub committee of M/s Ryan, Cowdery and Hulstrom would research all relevant matters and then produce a recommended draft for the Council at the July meeting. In particular Councillors agreed to consider carefully the issue of closed or open voting as this had been a contentious issue and it was appropriate that all Councillors come to the next meeting with a firm view.</p>	Mr. Ryan,Mr.Hulstrom and Mr Cowdery, NB July agenda.

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ACCOUNTS	<p>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. Mr. Bloomfield (chosen charity, Papworth Trust) internal Audit £70.00. Cornhill Insurance £1168.86. CALC. subs and electronic standing orders (£14.98) £268. 31. The clerk reported income of £8500.00 for precept and Magazine advert revenue of £936.00. The Internal audit had been completed and found to be in order, it was suggested that fidelity guarantee be increased to £35.000 and that the new computer be included in the insurance schedule, this the Council agreed with and the clerk was instructed to implement this advice. All Councillors had received a copy of the accounts for the period ended 31st March 2007 and unanimously agreed that these be adopted by the Council and then the Annual return and relevant documents were signed and ready to be dispatched to the external auditor prior to the 1st June deadline.</p>	Clerk.
FUNDING	<p>Mr. Ryan presented a draft of an item for the magazine that in essence, invited parishioners to nominate ideas for capital expenditure within the villages that would benefit the community as a whole, these schemes could be sent to either Mr. Ryan or the clerk and it was hoped that the Post Office would be prepared to receive items on the Councils behalf, then after a nominated period the Council in consultation with interested parties could evaluate and decide what could be afforded.</p>	
PRESTLEYS	<p>It was reported that the County Council had left some topsoil in the relevant area and that they expected the residents of the properties to make good the area, it was noted that one of the residents was the developer. White restriction bollards had also been positioned on the roadside to eliminate any possibility of vehicles parking on the area, these would be removed when the area had been successfully re-instated.</p>	County Councillors & Mr.Reynolds.

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MINOR IMPROVEMENTS	<p>A letter was received from the County Council in which they invited bids for schemes of £30,000 maximum to improve local safety on the roads. There was much discussion on the failures of the existing traffic management scheme through the villages, the main problem was the ineffectiveness of the gateway features, it was decided that the way forward was for Mr. Monk to evaluate all the suggestions and formulate a draft proposal for discussion at the July meeting.</p>	Mr. Monk, July agenda.
MOTORBIKE GATHERING	<p>An event was organised by the British Motorcyclists Federation in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance was held at the Three Horse Shoes Public House from April 27th to 30th and the group had sought permission from the Parish Council to use the adjacent playing field for camping associated to the event. This event had initiated a severe complaint from a resident of Owl End especially with regard to the noise generated. Subsequent enquiries in the immediate area had revealed that there was significant noise but not so much as to cause intolerable nuisance. Both Mr. Butter and Mr. Lloyd said that the noise levels were high but tolerable. The complainant was to be informed that the Council gave specific permission for camping on the field but that the event was staged within the grounds of the public house, over which the Parish council had no jurisdiction. Noise levels are under the control of the District Council to whom any observations should be directed. It was also revealed that on leaving the playing field, as requested, all rubbish had been cleared, even some that was not their responsibility.</p>	

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PLANNING	<p>As an applicant was present the chairman declared this section of the meeting open so that he may address the Council on his application. Mr. Smith of 3 Low Road said that they had lived in the village for five years and intended to stay as they loved village life. He said the purpose of the application was to redress the impression of two houses converted into one, which was the position, he said he had spoken with his neighbours who had no objections to the plans. At this point the Council returned to committee.</p> <p>Application 0701403FUL for extensions to 3 Low Road, Little Stukeley, Mr Middleton had spent time to evaluate the site and said that although the proposals utilised in full the site, it would clearly significantly improve the property, with associated benefits to neighbouring properties and would appreciably enhance the street scene in the area. On this proposal for approval seconded by Mr Monk the Council recommended approval.</p> <p>Application 0701354FUL for an extension to 28 Park View. It was agreed that the extension would not have an adverse impact and that it was in keeping with existing, to that end on a proposal by Mr Monk seconded by Mr. Hulstrom the Council decided to approve the application.</p> <p>Application 0700446FUL for landscaping on the site behind the Forensic Laboratory at Hinchingsbrooke. This application was returned for re-consideration in light of new information, originally the Council took the view there was insufficient evidence for refusal although they mentioned the severe lack of green space. After discussion it was agreed to support the District Officers in refusal until such time as the green space provision was reviewed.</p>	

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OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Mr. Butter voiced his concern of an article in the local press which inferred that the District Council had identified land adjoining Ermine Street for future development, not something that was mentioned at a recent planning seminar that he and Mr. Lloyd attended. At this stage Mr Raby declared an interest and although remaining in the hall took no part in the discussion of this matter. Mr. Monk suggested that this might be premature as he was in the belief that the District were continuing to evaluate areas within their review of their Core Strategy, which still had to be adopted, at the end of the process, findings would be published and then become the subject of consultation. Councillor Baker was asked to make some enquiries.</p> <p>Traffic issues in relation to new access to RAF Alconbury were also voiced but Mr Baker advised no contact had been made with the District planning authority on the matter.</p> <p>Large series of rabbit holes in the playing field was to be investigated by the committee.</p> <p>It was noted that the church authorities next to the village hall on Ermine Street had erected a new high metal fence, an enquiry was to be made of the enforcement officer as to whether a planning application was needed or had in fact been made for this structure.</p> <p>Mr. Lloyd said he wished that the Council would note that 2012 was the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, would the Council consider a significant environmentally friendly project to commemorate the occasion. He suggested that one scheme might be to provide renewable energy schemes for the two village halls.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that St. Martins clock had been repaired and replaced but that it was losing time, he had to climb the tower to make the needed adjustments. He also reported that a lime tree required pollarding next autumn as it was now obscuring the clock face.</p> <p>Mr Cowdery and Mrs Gifford reported attending a green energy forum. They both said there were no answers to how long some projects would need to work to reclaim the original investment.</p> <p>The clerk reported that a significant mistake had been made in the figures he acquired for the provision of plant boxes under the village signs, to ensure theft proofing the cost would be closer to £200 per unit, it was agreed that this matter be deferred until further notice.</p>	

ITEM	DETAIL	ACTION
NEXT MEETING	Will be on Monday 4 th June 2007 at 7.30pm at Great Stukeley village hall.	All