

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 1st October 2007 at 7.30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s. R. Hulstrom, M. Reynolds, J. Butter, T. Pinner, R. Turpin, P. Hobson, C. Cowdery, D. Hossack, Mrs. S. Gifford..	
APOLOGIES	Received from M/s. M. Monk, D. Middleton, D. Adams, H. Raby, M. Monk, Mrs. S. Parkin, District Councillors K. Baker & T. Sanderson and County Councilors Sir Peter Brown and Laine Kadic. Mr. Turpin reported, that although delayed he had tried to attend the last meeting but was unaware of the venue change, he accepted the clerks apologies and understood the reasons.	
VENUE	Mr. Butter said that before the minutes were approved he wished it to be minuted that the fault for the venue change for the previous meeting was not that of two Councilors as stated but due entirely to an administrative error on the part of the school management, for which they had registered their profuse apologies. The Clerk reported that the school venue had been booked for the 4 th February 2008 meeting and that this had been confirmed by email.	
RESIGNATION	The clerk reported receiving a letter from Mr. Lloyd in which he said that on reflection his contribution would not be missed on the Council and therefore he was tendering his resignation. It was proposed by the chairman and supported by the meeting that the clerk write to thank him for his significant contribution to the function of the Council over the years of his service and to point out that he would be missed and that it was hoped that at some stage he may re consider his position. The Chairman said that he would speak personally with Mr. Lloyd on the matter.	
MINUTES	On a proposal by Mrs Gifford seconded by Mr. Butter the minutes of the September meeting were approved and signed by the chairman.	
QUALITY COUNCILS	It was agreed that this was an important issue and that the clerk should endeavour to re schedule the address by Mr. Dewar for the December meeting of the Council	The Clerk.
PLANNING	It was reported by the clerk that Mr. Sly's application at 11 Owl End had been recommended for refusal by the District Planning Authority so the matter was now to be decided by the District Council Development Control Panel later this month.	
PLAYING FIELD	Mr. Raby reported through the clerk that the shelter was now full of dead vegetation that needed clearing, it was agreed that Mr. Parris be asked to complete the work. The subject of fencing between the field and the pub car park was again discussed and it was agreed that when the clerk received detail of the fencing contractor who erected the fence for the church on Ermine Street, that a quotation be sought for a similar fence in the playing field.	The Chairman
BUS SHELTER	It was reported that at least three pains of glass had been smashed over the weekend by vandals, the clerk was authorised to get A.1 Glass to tidy the area and make it safe	The Clerk

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	and then supply a quotation to replace the broken units as soon as possible. The Police were to be informed and the clerk was to obtain a claim form from the Councils insurers.	
CODE OF CONDUCT	The clerk reported that he had informed the District Council and the Standards Board that the Council had adopted this and that he had also placed a public notice to that effect in the Hunts Post.	The Clerk
SPEEDING	The clerk reported that the new PCSO Gemma Clark was trying to secure the results of recent speed gun tests in the villages. She was to be asked to show a more high profile in the villages in the short term to try and deter the current spate of vandalism.	Police
FOOTPATH	The path between Moorfield Way and Ermine Street still needed attention, the clerk said he would write to the County Council to request that the vegetation either side is trimmed back.	The Clerk
PLANNING	Application 0703080FUL for a conservatory at the Glades at Hinchingbrooke was approved on a recommendation by Mr. Adams.	
PRECEPT	The Clerk who had supplied all Councilors with details of the Councils financial position as at 30 th September 2007. suggested that thought be given to the Council precept for 2008/9 which was due for submission in December, he again highlighted the extent of the Council balances and the fact that he considered that some of these funds should be 'earmarked' for projects as soon as is possible. The Lighting on the C.339 and Improvements to Great Stukeley village hall were highlighted as significant areas that needed attention. After a lengthy discussion the clerk was asked to produce a Precept budget for £17.000 ready for the next meeting	The Clerk.
ACCOUNTS	On a proposal by Mr. Reynolds seconded by Mrs. Gifford the following accounts were approved for settlement. Pioneer Landscapes for grass maintenance £601.50. EON Energy for electricity £59.16. Printing Matters for magazine £62. 00. AON Ltd for play equipment inspection £235.00. Clerks Salary £177.65. R. Hulstrom for ink cartridges £16.00. Shaw 7 Sons for accounts ledger £63.20. MHB Services for lighting repairs £105.75 and E.Crack(A1 Glass) for bus shelter repairs £1168.00. Income of £8500.00 for precept from District Council and £36 for magazine advert were advised. The Bank reconciliation figures for the period ended 30 th September 2007 were accepted by the members.	The Clerk
LIGHTING	It was reported the unit number 1 in Moorfield Way had been replaced by a new unit but that the original was still in situ, but that now neither unit was working. Mr. Butter reported that CCC 6 in Beech Avenue was still not working even though the clerk said that he had reported the fault. The Clerk was to contact the County Council to ask them to attend to both units as soon as possible.	
MAGAZINE	Mr.Turpin reported that there had been significant problems in recent months in ensuring that the print was delivered to	

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	<p>the person responsible for stapling it together, he said they were investigating the possibility of having the printers deliver directly to the assembler. He also said that not all the late delivery of the magazine was down to editorial problems although some had been, the editor had assured him that those problems were in the past. He also said that the content of the magazine some months tended to be very bland and it was hoped that parishioners could be encouraged to submit some more interesting material to the editor.</p>	
NORTHBRIDGE	<p>Mr. Butter, through the chair asked Mr. Turpin at what stage the development application was, Mr. Turpin said that he believed that the District Planning authority were still not prepared to approve the application as several infrastructure and environmental issues had not been settled.</p>	
OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Mr. Butter also enquired of Mr. Turpin, the validity of the District produced glossy magazine as he felt the cost must be quite high, he also was concerned about the political content. Mr. Turpin said he was unsure of costing's but he did appreciate some of the political content was encouraged and sometimes required by government.</p> <p>Mr. Pinner said that due to natural consolidation in some areas of St. Bartholomew's churchyard the contractor was obliged to leave a longer length of grass, the chairman said he had looked and agreed with this strategy.</p>	
NEXT MEETING	<p>Will be on Monday 5th November 2007 at Great Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm.</p>	