

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 5th November 2007 at 7.30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s. R. Hulstrom, M. Reynolds, J. Butter, T. Pinner, R. Turpin, P. Hobson, C. Cowdery, D. Hossack, H. Raby, P. Ryan, D. Middleton, Mrs. S. Parkin, County Councillor Laine Kadic, District Councillor K. Baker and one member of the public.	
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mrs. S. Gifford, D. Adams, County Councillor Sir. P. Brown and District Councillor T. Sanderson.	
OPEN MEETING	There were no questions from the floor.	
RESIGNATION	The chairman read a letter from Mr. Michael Monk in which he said that he had become aware that some councillors may be uneasy about his work with the District Council Planning department although he had checked the legitimacy of this work with the legal team at the District who had assured him that it would not compromise his position as a Parish Councillor. As it was assumed a conflict of interests was feared he felt that his integrity was questioned by the Councillors with whom he had served and worked for many years and also felt that these concerns give a great propensity for those less knowledgeable to see collusion and conflict of interest. As, he stated, he had no wish to bring the Parish Council into disrepute he had decided to resign with immediate effect. The Chairman said that he had spoken with Mr. Monk to try and persuade him to rethink, but without success. Mr. Hobson said he felt that there was not 'several' councillors showing concern, this was supported by Mr. Butter. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Monks expertise, especially on planning issues would be greatly missed as would his great efforts to improve the environment for his fellow parishioners. Mr. Turpin said he felt that it was a very regrettable situation, but in view of the facts the Council had no option but to regretfully accept the resignation, this was seconded by Mr. Raby and supported by the Council. The Clerk was then instructed to write to Mr. Monk to thank him for his service and to say that some time in the future he would hopefully reconsider his position.	
VICE CHAIRMAN	Due to the resignation the chairman asked for nominations for this position, Mr. Reynolds was proposed by Mr. Butter and seconded by R.Hulstrom and as there were no other nominations, duly appointed. On accepting the position Mr. Reynolds also agreed to chair the planning group. As no replacement for Mr. Lloyd had been found, Mr. Cowdery agreed to become the Parish Councils CALC representative.	
MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Turpin seconded by Mr. Butter the minutes of the October meeting were approved and signed by the chairman.	
QUALITY COUNCILS	It was confirmed that Mr. Dewar of CALC would be attending the December meeting of the Council	The Clerk.
PLANNING	It was reported by the clerk that Mr. Sly's application at 11	

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	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 , who at there recent meeting had decided to approve the application.	
PLAYING FIELD	Mr. Raby reported that Mr. Parris had been exceptionally busy lately, but that he would attend to the clearance work in the area shortly, also re position the village sign. The clerk reported that he still had no information on the fencing detail.	
BUS SHELTER	The clerk reported that the work had been done and that the insurance company had reimbursed the costs, less £150 excess. As the inscription was now missing, Mr. Reynolds agreed to get a new screw on plate depicting the donors name etc.	
SPEEDING	The clerk reported that he had been in contact with Cambs police on this matter and spoken to PC Groom. The problem with initiating speed checks was that the vehicle has to be at least 0.2 miles inside the restricted area and given this distance, there was then, no position at which ‘would be’ speeding motorists can be stopped, this situation was relevant in both villages. PC Groom said that speeding was not widespread, although it was occurring. He said he would support the extension of the restricted zones in both villages, too, Green End junction at Great Stukeley and too the Nursery/Garage complex in Little Stukeley. Also the garage to the next roundabout reduced to 40mph. He said these measures would allow speed monitoring to take place and therefore reduce speeds. Mrs. Kadic was asked to take these proposals to the County Council on the Parishes behalf.	Police
FOOTPATH	The overgrown hedges on the path between Moorfield Way and Ermine Street were to be attended too by the County Council according to a letter read by the clerk	The Clerk
PRECEPT	As requested, the clerk produced for all councillors a precept figure of £17.000 for the fiscal period ending 31 st March 2009. After much discussion on the merits of this figure it was proposed by Mr. Turpin and seconded by Mr Hulstrom and supported by the Council that this figure be submitted to the District Council	
ACCOUNTS	On a proposal by Mr. Reynolds seconded by Mr. Butter 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. Clerks Salary and Expenses £237. 39. and The Three Horse Shoes £62.02. this being 10% of the recent re cycling credit received amounting to £620. 20.	The Clerk
LIGHTING	It was reported the unit number 1 in Moorfield Way had now been repaired. Mr. Butter reported that CCC 6 in Beech Avenue was still not working even though the clerk said that he had reported the fault, he reported that light CCC 4 was also not working. The Clerk was to contact the County Council to ask them to attend to both units as soon as possible.	The Clerk

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BRIDLEWAYS	It was reported that the Bridleway through the racecourse, Number 26 and part of Number 17 had now been officially diverted. The Clerk was to write to the Authority to urge them to mark these paths as soon as was possible, to save much confusion.	
NOISE	A copy letter was received from a resident of Pringles Court was read, in which they said that they were not satisfied with the District assessment of the noise nuisance. Mr Baker said it was hoped to stage a meeting with all interested parties. Mr. Pinner said that it had been inferred that ADL activities were responsible, but his investigations had revealed that the implied noise problem was being caused by the American Authorities, Mr. Middleton said he would bring the matter to the attention of the base liaison group.	
VACANCIES	The clerk said he would post notices advertising the vacancy caused by Mr. Monks resignation, he also said there had been no response to the advert after Mr. Lloyd's resignation. He further suggested that if there was no response, that the Council inform the District, that in view of the proposed reduction in Councillor numbers proposed for the future, that the Parish continue to function with fourteen members, the members supported this idea.	
WAR MEMORIALS	Quotations were received for the refurbishment of the memorials in both churchyards these were as follows, Anglia; £1468.80 for St. Martins and £1314.00 for St. Bartholomew's and M/s Bowman's £2400.00 for St. Martin's and £1080.00 for St. Bartholomew's. Much discussion took place on the merits of these figures. Finally Mr. Hulstrom proposed and Mr Reynolds seconded that Bowman's quote be accepted, the ensuing vote recorded four in favour with four against and three abstentions. Mr. Turpin then proposed, seconded by Mr. Cowdery that the Anglia quote be accepted, voting revealed six in favour with three against and two abstentions. Therefore the clerk was asked to inform Anglia of their acceptance, Bowman's were to be thanked for their quotation. The clerk was to consult the War Graves Commission to see if any grants were available.	
BASE	It was reported that the local attendance at the Halloween celebrations, was small compared with previous years, it was suggested that as Alconbury village had registered an interest, that they might be invited next year instead of the Stukeley's, Mr. Middleton said he would pass this information to the liaison committee.	
WASTE	Mr. Cowdery reported reading a leaflet on the subject and that he felt some of the conclusions were not believable, but having said that he felt that other Councillors should read the document. One point of interest was, the lighting units throughout the villages were of the most energy efficient type. He said he felt the major issue for all was CO2 emissions and their control.	
PROJECTS	Mr. Ryan gave the members a list of the proposals received,	

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	<p>most of which related to the Playing Field, as well as Great Stukeley Hall. He said he felt (that with money put on one side, through Sport for All) the members should consider the refurbishment of the surface, especially now the rabbit problem was being dealt with. The playing field committee was charged with putting this idea into motion by obtaining quotations. As there appeared to be a significant interest in junior football, both Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Middleton said they would endeavour to find out the regulations concerning changing facilities for these type of activities.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan said that investigation work on acoustic issues affecting Great Stukeley hall were ongoing and that they had a meeting in the near future, at which he would learn more.</p>	
SERVICES	<p>Mr. Turpin informed the Council of Act of Remembrance service times, Mrs Parkin informed the Council that the British Legion were not prepared to finance the wreaths this year, the cost of which was £18 each, the Council unanimously agreed to pay for these.</p>	
GRASS	<p>Mr. Butter complained that the grass at St. Bartholomew's needed cutting again, the chairman said this was the case throughout the Parishes and that he would instruct the contractor to make another cut throughout, he to be asked to 'box off' at St. Bartholomew's.</p>	
TRUCK STOP	<p>Mr. Baker informed the Council that negotiations were in progress to try to get the owners to reopen the facility at Alconbury.</p>	
NEXT MEETING	<p>Will be on Monday 3rd December 2007 at Little Stukeley village hall at 7.00pm.</p>	