

**A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on
Monday 3rd December 2007 at 7.00pm.**

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, Mrs. S. Gifford, County Councillors Sir. Peter Brown and Laine Kadic together with one member of the public.	
APOLOGIES	Were received from D. Adams and District Councillor T. Sanderson.	
OPEN MEETING	The one person present said that he was very disappointed that the District Council no longer advised residents, individually of the new refuse collection days, but advised that this information was available on the internet, when challenged on availability, the reply was, those without computers are welcome to copy from the District facility. It was agreed that this was unsatisfactory and that the clerk should contact the District to register the Councils concerns and to suggest that the collection dates are advertised in 'District Wide', as they were initially.	
MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Butter seconded by Mr. Turpin the minutes of the November meeting were approved and signed by the chairman.	
SPEEDING	Mrs. Kadic reported that due to the enormous amount of legislation involved, and the fact that the police were consulted before the scheme was initiated, it was very unlikely that the speed restriction zone could be extended in the manner which had been suggested.	
FOOTPATHS	The clerk reported that his letter of request that the footpaths and bridleways adjacent to the racecourse now be signed properly now the diversions had been agreed, had been acknowledged but no action promised, County Councillors were to investigate and report.	
NOISE	The complaints about disturbance emanating from activities at RAF Alconbury had not been heard any more of.	

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WAR MEMORIALS	<p>Due to confusion about the quotations, which had detailed differing work schedules, Mr. Reynolds said he would contact both companies again to ensure that they both quoted for similar works, he would then advise the Council of the new figures. The Clerk reported that the War Graves Commission had notified that they were prepared to consider grant aid of up to 50% of the total cost, up to a maximum of £2500 on any free standing memorial and that he had acquired all the necessary claim forms.</p>	
BASE	<p>It was reported by Mr. Middleton that the base had acknowledged that some residents of the Stukeleys had not received their passes for the events, for this they had apologised, he also said that they had agreed to investigate the possibility of inviting residents of the Alconbury village as well. It was agreed that a letter should be written to Penny Ash who was retiring early in the new year after many years service in the base liaison offices.</p>	
PROJECTS	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that the hall committee at Great Stukeley had agreed a policy for improving the acoustics of the building and that project design and prices were to be sought. He also said he had investigated grant availability and had found that District money was only available for outside projects and that along those lines he suggested that the playing field would apply, after much discussion on football and the requirements by the Football Association, which for youth football, neither changing rooms or toilets were needed, Mr. Raby agreed that he would further investigate the matter in relation to improving the field surface. Returning to the hall Mr. Ryan said that his investigations had revealed that ‘Recycling Grants’ were an obvious target for the hall improvements, he was thanked for his efforts and asked to continue along those lines.</p>	
ROAD SAFETY	<p>It was reported that through the Minor Improvement Grant Scheme the parish had been awarded £25.000 to enhance the existing measures through the villages, the clerk suggested that this was in no small way due to the efforts of both District Councillor Tom Sanderson and County Councillor Laine Kadic, who both sat on the adjudicating committee. They were both praised by the Council for their efforts.</p>	

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QUALITY COUNCILS	<p>The Chairman at this stage closed the business meeting and introduced Mr. Ian Dewar of CALC who he invited to address the members on the criteria involved to attain the quality status. Mr. Dewar initially handed round an 'Evidence File' in which a checklist was included for meeting the quality status criteria, then proceeded to work through this with members. Details on the electoral mandate, the number of seats, how many elected and how many co-opted, to give the percentage of elected representatives. The Clerks qualifications, needs to hold an AQA certificate in Local Council administration, long service will not apply! The Councils Meeting criteria, as it was at present, qualified. Communication with electors was satisfactory, but a list of the members and contact detail must be published regularly. Also a synopsis of the Annual Report published. This could be achieved through the Parish Magazine.</p> <p>As for discretionary communication it was agreed that the Council did meets in excess of the nine out of seventeen listed criteria.</p> <p>Accounts, most criteria were met, but it was necessary for the chairman to give an overview of the Councils achievements on an annual basis. An Annual report including the names of Council members and Contact details was also required. All Audit and Credit Control criteria were already being observed. The Parish Council had already adopted the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>There were many questions on the necessity for all these measures but it was generally agreed, that although the move was not mandatory it would be advantageous, although there were some negatives, for the Parish to adopt the necessary measures and the clerk agreed that if it were the Councils wish, he would undergo the necessary training for his part, to ensure the success in these measures. It was agreed that there was no immediate rush and that Councillors should study the supplied documentation with a view to making a decision early in the new year, some issues were easy to introduce and could be initiated without any dramatic changes. Mr. Dewar was thanked for his advice and he then left and the Council returned to committee business.</p>	
GRASS	Mr. Butter reported that the requests of the previous meeting had been completed by the contractor.	

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CORE STRATEGY	It was reported that a meeting on this very important issue was to held on 5 th December 2007, it was notified that Mr. Monk, as he had produced the original response, had been consulted on this matter and had agreed to assist Mr Ryan prior to a representation on the subject at that meeting. It was agreed that this was a nice gesture by Mr. Monk and Mr. Ryan agreed to represent the Council and make a report.	
PLANNING	Application 0703828OUT for a Hotel on plot 4003 at Kingfisher way was approved on a recommendation by the planning group.	
FOOTPATH	A notification was received from Councillor Sanderson that the funding for the footway surface at Flamsteed Drive was no longer required as the County Council had sufficient funds in that budget, but would the Council consider grant aiding the provision of lighting system of four units and the maintenance thereon. It was agreed that the Council would grant aid the capital cost of the lighting installation to a maximum of £2500 but that they would not enter into any agreement regarding the maintenance of the named lights.	
CLERKS SALARY	Mr. Turpin advised that subject to CALC regulatory advice the clerks salary should be increased to £10.11 per hour with a monthly salary now of £192.09. effective from 1 st April 2007, this was seconded by Mr. Butter and was approved.	
ACCOUNTS	On a proposition by Mr. Turpin seconded by Mr. Butter the following accounts were agreed for payment. Pioneer Landscapes for grass maintenance £601.50. EON Energy for electric £59.16. Printing Matters for magazine £62.00. Summerfield for grass cutting £440.63. Pink Lady Window Cleaning for cleaning bus shelters £50.00. Clerks Salary, using above criteria to include back pay from 1 st April 2007. £305.61. Coleman’s for stationary £7.98.	
PLAYING FIELD	Mr Raby advised that dog owners were depositing dog faeces in the general bin in the playing field and that he had had to empty this bin, it was agreed to request the District to place a specific bin on the roadside adjacent to the playing field, when this was done a sign would be placed in the field requesting the use of this facility. A note was to be added in the magazine, that it is now an offence to have a dog ‘off’ a lead in the playing field and to request that owners adhere to this new regulation.	

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RESIGNATION	Mrs. Gifford handed the chairman a letter in which she said that now she did not live in the village she thought that she should resign, it was impressed on her by all present that her concern for village affairs was still much appreciated by everyone and that she should reconsider, this she agreed under pressure to do.	
NEXT MEETING	Will be on Monday 7th January 2008 at Great Stukeley village hall at <u>7.30pm.</u>	