

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 7th January at 7.30pm.

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| ATTENDANCE | M/s J. Butter, T. Pinner, R. Turpin, P. Hobson, C. Cowdery, D. Hossack, H. Raby, P. Ryan, D. Adams, Mrs. S. Parkin, County Councillors Sir. Peter Brown and Laine Kadic and District Councillor K. Baker. | |
| APOLOGIES | Were received from Mrs S. Gifford, M/s D. Middleton, R. Hulstrom, M.Reynolds and District Councillor T. Sanderson. | |
| OPEN MEETING | There were no members of the public present. | |
| MINUTES | On a proposal by Mr. Butter seconded by Mr. Turpin the minutes of the December meeting were approved and signed by the chairman. | |
| VACANCIES | The Council received two applications from residents to join the Parish Council to fill the existing vacancies. These were from Mr. Paul Vincent of Park View Great Stukeley and Mr David Bartlett of Corner Cottage, Church Way Little Stukeley. It was resolved by the Council to invite both gentlemen to join the Council with immediate effect. The Clerk agreed to write to them both to formally invite them and to furnish them with the necessary documentation to fill in and sign to confirm their acceptance of Office. | |
| FOOTPATHS | The clerk reported that he had spoken to both the District and County Councils on the matter of the rights of Way adjacent to the racecourse and that they were reticent to commit to signage as there was still issues in the region of the Hotel development, but they had however promised to resolve these as quickly as possible. The clerk reported that Mrs Helme had also contacted him with reference to these issues as well and that he had advised her to contact the two authorities as well. | County Council |
| WAR MEMORIALS | Mr. Reynolds reported through the clerk that he was still awaiting a reply from M/s Bowmans and that until this was received he was unable to collate the two quotations, he reported he would keep the Council informed. As there was no extreme urgency this matter was delayed to the February agenda. | Mr. Reynolds |
| PROJECTS | Mr. Ryan reported that there were no significant matters to report, he was still investigating the possibility of recycling grants for the work at Great Stukeley hall and that initial enquiries had seemed quite positive. Mr. Raby reported that with regard to the playing field, District Council grants were only available for Capital projects and not for refurbishments, he was also enquiring into the availability of recycling grant aid. | M/s Raby & Ryan |
| ROAD SAFETY | Nothing had been heard from the County Council with regard to the recent award of funding to improve the safety of Ermine Street through the villages. Mrs. Kadic was to enquire what the latest situation was. | Laine Kadic |
| QUALITY COUNCILS | Following last months talk it was agreed that to attain this status the clerk would have to undertake some training to attain a formal qualification, it was unanimously agreed that | The Clerk |

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| | <p>he should endeavour to obtain a place on the CALC training scheme at a cost of £420. This he agreed to do. It was also notified that this course would qualify for government grant aid of up to 75%.</p> | |
| CORE STRATEGY | <p>Mr. Raby declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussions that followed. Mr. Ryan reported that together with Michael Monk they had produced a response to the document on the subject This response document had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. He said that the prime purpose of the consultation was to assess the preferred options for provision of Housing and employment development land for the next twenty years. The main issues raised in the response were the Councils strong objections to any extension of development towards Great Stukeley of the Ermine Street Business Park especially in terms of B1 B2 and B8 type development, it was considered it imperative to maintain the green space between the settlement of Great Stukeley and Huntingdon, the adverse effect of extra traffic generation, visual impact on higher ground and more warehousing were additions to the response.</p> <p>It was considered that the employment potential of the RAF Alconbury site had not been taken into account. It was suggested that development of this nature would be better sited on land adjacent to the Tesco site where the availability of a nearby labour source would assist greatly in that areas regeneration, it could also assist greatly with the demand for a bridge over the A.141 in that area. The Council strongly supported the approach that 40% of new housing should be 'affordable'. After a lengthy discussion and on a proposal by Mr. Butter seconded by Mr. Cowdery and supported by the entire council this response was approved and Mr. Ryan was asked to forward it to the District Council.</p> | Mr. Ryan |
| ACCOUNTS | <p>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. Gt. Stukeley village hall MC for hall hire for the Youth Club. £264.50. Clerks salary £192.09.</p> | The Clerk |
| PLAYING FIELD | <p>The Clerk advised that the District Council would not supply specific 'dog waste bins' and neither would their staff empty them. As dual use bins are supplied elsewhere in the District, the clerk was asked to enquire whether this was possible on the side of the C.339 and if so would these be emptied ? Mr. Raby reported receiving the insurance companies report on the Little Stukeley equipment, he said minor works were needed and he was authorised to approach Mr. Parris to undertake the work. The report also identified that a litter bin was needed in the area, enquiries were to be made on price and availability, from Glasdons.</p> | The Clerk |
| PARKWAY | <p>Mr. Adams reported the difficulties that residents were experiencing due to thoughtless parking on the roadside in</p> | Mr.Adams |

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| | <p>this area, he said it was particularly dangerous in the area of the public notice board and the controlled access to the business park. The Clerk was asked to write to complain to the chief constable and to ask if his officers could take measures to improve the situation, a copy of this letter was to be sent to County Councillor Sir Peter Brown.</p> | |
| LIME TREE | <p>The Council received two quotations for the pollarding work required on this tree in St. Martins churchyard, both were from qualified tree surgeons and the competitive quote of £400 from Jonathon Steel of Hammerton was the one accepted by the Council on a proposition by Mr. Turpin seconded by Mr. Raby, the clerk was to ask him to complete the necessary works.</p> | Mr.Pinner |
| AUTHORITY | <p>On a proposal by Mr. Ryan seconded by Mr. Raby it was agreed that Mr. Turpin become an authorised cheque signatory in place of Mr. Monk, the necessary documentation was signed and handed to Mr. Turpin so that he may return them to the bank, in the process identifying himself to them.</p> | Mr.Turpin. |
| TRUCK STOP | <p>Mr. Baker reported that he had been informed by the Highways Agency, that they believed the closure of the facility had had no major impact locally, the clerk was asked to write to inform them that this Council did not consider that to be the case.</p> | The Clerk |
| OTHER BUSINESS | <p>It was reported that there were instances of rubbish being disposed of in the Council salt bins, this practice was to be discouraged by a note in the magazine.</p> <p>Similarly it was becoming even more prevalent that some residents were not removing their 'wheelie bins' from the roadside, even after collections had been completed, this habit was to also be discouraged as not only was it unsightly, it caused inconvenience when these are left on footpaths.</p> <p>As the phone box at Great Stukeley was continually being vandalised, BT were to be asked if it could be refurbished but not replaced.</p> <p>As there had recently been some accidents outside the Ermine Street Nursery the clerk was to ask the County Council to consider again their request to have the speed limit in the area reduced on road safety grounds. Fly tipping in Owl End was to be reported to the District Council.</p> <p>Brampton PC campaign to keep the Buckden Road recycling plant open was to be supported by the Parish Council.</p> | |
| NEXT MEETING | <p>Will be on Monday 4th February 2008 at Cromwell Park Primary School, Parkway, Hinchingsbrooke at 7.30pm.</p> | |