

] A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Cromwell Park Primary School, Parkway Hinchingsbrooke on Monday 4th February 2008 at 7.30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s J. Butter, T. Pinner, R. Turpin, P. Hobson, C. Cowdery, P. Ryan, D. Adams, M.Reynolds, D. Middleton, R. Hulstrom, D. Bartlett, P. Vincent, Mrs. S. Parkin, District Councillor K. Baker and one member of the public.	
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mrs S. Gifford, H. Raby, D. Hossack, County Councillors Laine Kadic, Sir. Peter Brown and District Councillor T. Sanderson.	
OPEN MEETING	Mr. Evans of Great Stukeley, the person who staples, folds and distributes all the Parish Magazines to the delivery agents said that he was getting most concerned at the continual late arrival of the copy from the printers, in actual fact it was disrupting his time so much he was finding it difficult to make future arrangements. The members then explored the production and delivery cycle of the magazine to see where and if the process could be speeded up. After much discussion it was agreed that the chairman visit Mr. Cox(who received initial delivery) to see if he minded if it were delivered direct to Mr. Evans, the clerk was to enquire from the printers as to costs for stapling and folding and Mr. Turpin was to see the editor to establish whether the copy date could be brought forward to the 15 th of the month preceding publication to assist her with earlier supply to the printers.	
MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Butter seconded by Mr. Turpin the minutes of the January meeting were approved and signed by the chairman.	
VACANCIES	The chairman welcomed the two new members to the Council and formal introductions were made and Council functions and budget availability were explained to them.	
FOOTPATHS	The clerk reported receiving complaints about footpath 7 at the racecourse being blocked by refuse and Bridleway 26 not being adequately signed, he reported also having met the management at the racecourse and also speaking to Steve Oudett of the County Council on the matter. The racecourse have agreed to clear footpath 7 as soon as the weather dries up and also informed of a meeting with the County authorities next week to make final checks on the new route for bridleway 26. Mr. Oudett assured that as soon as the line and condition were approved adequate signage would be put in place. Mr. Butter said he had been approached on the subject by Mrs. Helme and had assured her that the Council would instigate the appropriate action, he asked the clerk to keep him informed.	Clerk and County Council
WAR MEMORIALS	Mr. Reynolds reported that all prices had now been received and collated, he the asked the clerk to relay the figures and there implications to the Council. M/s Bowman now quoted for similar spec; as Anglia and these were, Lt. Stukeley £1950 plus VAT and Great Stukeley £830 plus VAT this compared with Anglia figures of £2773.20 for Little Stukeley and £1314 for Great Stukeley plus VAT. The clerk	Mr. Reynolds

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	pointed out that M/s Bowman did actually recommend extra works which were in their original quote totalling £3480 plus VAT. As this quotation was still significantly below Anglia and included all recommended works the Council on a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Turpin instructed the clerk to ask M/s Bowman to undertake the works at their earliest convenience. The clerk was to complete all the necessary grant aid application forms and to return them to the War Graves Commission.	
PROJECTS	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that the quotations for joinery work, lighting, acoustics and curtains were now being studied and that initial enquiries had been made to WREN (recycling grant aid) and these had proved quite positive. Contact was being continued with the District regarding playing field refurbishment proposals. He said that he hoped to have some positive proposals to bring before members, hopefully by the next meeting. Mr. Raby being absent was unable to add to this</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds enquired whether there was a necessity to provide invalid toilet and access ramps in village halls, Mr. Ryan said he was unsure, but was led to believe that the necessary works could run into between £20.000 and £30.000 but that he would make relevant enquiries into current legislation and report back to the Council as soon as possible.</p>	M/s Raby & Ryan
ROAD SAFETY	A letter from the County Council officially informed the Parish that the enhancement scheme through the villages had been agreed subject to final detail, but as Laine Kadic had intimated the works were unlikely to start until later in the year. Mrs Kadic had also been informed by the clerk that the interactive signs in Little Stukeley were still not functioning, the clerk was asked to inform her if the work had not been completed by the end of the current week.	Laine Kadic
QUALITY COUNCILS	The Clerk reported that his application to join the training course at CALC had been accepted at a cost of £420 and that the training started on February 14 th and consisted of six sessions that finalised in July with the ability to attain the necessary clerk qualifications to allow the Council to apply for quality status. The clerk was also to complete the necessary bursary application forms before training commenced.	The Clerk
CORE STRATEGY	It was reported by Mr Ryan that the response had been returned to the District and that there was no further action required. Mr. Butter thanked Mr Ryan on fellow councillors behalf for copying the response to all fellow members by email, all agreed that it was very useful.	
ACCOUNTS	<p>On a proposition by Mr. Butter seconded by Mr. Middleton the following accounts were agreed for payment. Pioneer Landscapes for grass maintenance £601.50.</p> <p>EON Energy for electric £59.16. Printing Matters for magazine £62.00. Gt. Stukeley village hall MC for hall hire £34.00. CALC for clerks training fees £420.00. Clerks</p>	The Clerk

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	salary £192.09.	
PLAYING FIELD	It was reported that all the insurance company demands with regard to the play area at Lt. Stukeley had now been addressed by Mr. Parris, the chairman said that wood chippings from the lime tree recently pollarded at St. Martins had been used to put beneath the equipment and that this had meant a financial saving to the council of approx; £130. The chairman reported that although a new waste bin had not been provided a dual use bin had been sited outside the hall in Low Road, it was wondered whether this was the unit requested for the playing field at Great Stukeley, the clerk was to make enquiries.	Mr. Raby and the clerk.
PARKWAY	It was reported that the chief Constable had acknowledged the Councils comments on parking problems in the area and had designated one of her officers to investigate and report back to the Council in due course.	
LIME TREE	It was reported that the work had been successfully completed and that the account of £400.00 had been settled.	Mr.Pinner
AUTHORITY	This registration had not been completed as yet due to the fact that the clerk had omitted to obtain the chairman's signature in all places on the document, this was completed at the meeting.	Mr.Turpin.
TRUCK STOP	Mr. Baker reported that there were still problems in Alconbury, especially on the pavement outside the old truck stop site with up to seven lorries now parking there on a regular basis, it was also reported that parking was also a problem on some farm access roads, the clerk was asked to write to support Alconbury's complaints about the matter.	The Clerk
PRECEPT	The figure for the 2008/9 year was informed at £22.37 per band D property, similar to last years figures.	
CONSULTATION	Mr. Ryan informed the members of his study of a document headed 'Orders and Regulations Relating to Conduct of Local Authority members in England' a consultation. He described this document as 'impenetrable' and it was agreed that advice was to be sought by the clerk from CALC or failing that NALC.	The clerk.
PARISH CHARTER	A questionnaire was advised in which the District required to know whether the Parish wished to enter this charter with the authority, it was passed to Mr. Turpin for evaluation and to report back to the members.	
SPORT	The clerk was to put an article in the magazine which would enquire whether there was any interest from children in forming a junior football club in the villages and also were there any parents prepared to give up time to assist. Mr. Vincent said that he may be prepared to help if the need was established.	
ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Mrs Parkin reported several failed lights the numbers of which she would advise to the clerk. She also reported a fatal accident that had occurred on Sunday evening in which a pedestrian resident of Great Stukeley had been fatally injured.	

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	<p>Mr. Middleton reported that Penny Ash had now been replaced in the base liaison department and also that invitations had been offered to the Alconbury's to the base main social functions, this offer was to be alternated between the communities in future years.</p> <p>There had been no more feedback from the base about Pringles Court noise complaints but Mr. Pinner observed that the main problems would appear to take place at the adjacent mail delivery depot, mainly in the early morning.</p> <p>Mr. Cowdery reported that he was attending a CALC meeting on 19th February 2008 and asked for any input, he was advised to raise the issue of the consultation referred to in an earlier item.</p> <p>Mr. Pinner reported that Mr. Pike has been employed to clear all litter from the villages as soon as possible.</p> <p>As the telephone kiosk in Great Stukeley had been refurbished the authority were to be thanked for their prompt action.</p> <p>Mr. Adams said that the roundabout outside the hospital at the junction to Parkway had in its centre, a bush that was becoming much overgrown, this was to be reported to the highways department of the County Council.</p>	
NEXT MEETING	Will be on Monday 3 rd March 2008 at the village hall Little Stukeley at 7.30pm.	