

**The Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall at Little Stukeley on  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30pm**

ATTENDANCE	M/s J. Butter, T. Pinner, R. Turpin, P. Ryan, D. Middleton, R. Hulstrom, D. Hossack, P. Hobson, H. Raby, D. Adams, M. Reynolds, P. Vincent Mrs. S. Gifford, Mrs. S. Parkin, County Councillor. Sir Peter Brown.	
APOLOGIES	Were received from M/s. D. Bartlett and C. Cowdery both of whom were on holiday. District Councillor K. Baker and County Councillor Mrs. Kadic both at other meetings.	
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	This was held at 7.15pm prior to the full Council meeting, there was only one member of the public present who had no questions, the clerk confirmed the meeting had been advertised for seven days prior to the meeting in the village notice boards.	
15. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN	The clerk asked for nominations. Mr. Pinner was proposed by Mr. Butter and seconded by Mr. Reynolds and as there were no other nominations Mr. Pinner was duly elected.	
16. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN	Mr. Middleton proposed Mr. Reynolds, this was supported by Mr. Butter, however Mr. Reynolds said that he intended to retire from the Council at the next election and was therefore not prepared to accept office. He then proposed Mrs Parkin, this was supported by Mr. Raby and as there were no other nominations she was also elected unopposed.	

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17. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS	<p><u>Footpath Committee.</u> The following agreed to serve and were duly elected. M/s. P. Ryan, R. Hulstrom, C. Cowdery and P. Vincent.</p> <p><u>Lighting Committee.</u> The under mentioned members were proposed and agreed to serve. Mrs. S. Parkin, M/s. D. Hossack, M.Reynolds and D. Middleton.</p> <p><u>Playing Field Committee.</u> The following members were proposed and agreed to serve M/s. H. Raby, C. Cowdery, D. Middleton and R. Turpin.</p> <p><u>Planning Group.</u> Members listed below were proposed and agreed to serve. M/s. M. Reynolds, J. Butter, D. Middleton, D. Adams and R. Hulstrom.</p> <p><u>Tree Officer</u> Mrs Parkin was proposed and agreed to continue so was duly elected.</p> <p><u>CALC Representative</u> Mr. Cowdery had intimated that he was prepared to continue and he was elected.</p> <p><u>Police Liaison</u> M/s R. Turpin and M. Reynolds agreed to continue to serve and were duly elected.</p>	
18. MINUTES	On a proposition by Mr. Butter, seconded by Mr. Reynolds the minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2008 were approved and signed by the chairman.	

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20. ACCOUNTS	<p>The clerk produced for all members copies of the Income and Expenditure account, the Balance Sheet, Bank reconciliation for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008, he also explained an increase of 5% relating to all items on the Fixed Asset register as being necessary to bring the figures to a more realistic figure. He also reported that the books had been the subject of an Internal Audit by Mr. Bloomfield of Great Stukeley. On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Middleton these accounts were approved by the members.</p> <p>The Clerk then referred to the Annual Return and it's consequences, specifically Section 2 which he read to the Council in full, after several questions, a proposal by Mr. Butter, seconded by Mr. Reynolds was supported by members and the chairman signed the return in preparation for its dispatch to the External Auditor.</p> <p>On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, supported by Mrs. Gifford and approved by the members the following accounts were agreed for settlement.</p> <p>EON Energy for electric £59.16. Printing Matters for Magazine £92.00. The Clerks Salary £192.09. CALC affiliation fees £286.72. Ian Parris for village maintenance £125.00. MHB for electrical repairs £135.13. The Margaret Beaufort Institute Internal Audit £70.00. Allianz Cornhill for general Insurance £1300.26. On the Insurance payment it was stated that M/s C. Cowdery, R. Hulstrom and the Clerk had carried out a review and Risk Assessment and had instructed the Insurance Company to adjust asset values, upwards by 5% in general and to raise the value of the Play equipment to £5500.00 which was a more realistic replacement value, they had agreed that all other insurance cover was adequate for the Councils requirements.</p> <p>The Clerk reported a monthly income including £761.50 for magazine advertising space and from the District Council £8500.00. being the first instalment of the Precept.</p>	

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21. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS	<p>The clerk reported that the official notices had been placed in the press and on the points where the bridleway was to be diverted in the region of the racecourse, he said this procedure had to be in place for six weeks.</p> <p>The Footpath at Hinchingsbrooke had been completed but that there were now issues on it's positioning which were in the process of being resolved.</p>	
22. WAR MEMORIALS	<p>The chairman reported that there had been no further progress but that if there was nothing done in the next week he would ask the clerk to contact M/s Bowman to seek the reason for the delay.</p>	

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23. TRAFFIC CALMING

It was reported that several members had met with a County representative for informal discussions, it was generally agreed that some 'physical' restriction was required to slow the traffic, especially in Little Stukeley. The County was asked to research the possibility of 'gateway' features at the entrance to Great Stukeley from Huntingdon and similarly at the entrance to Little Stukeley from Alconbury direction and the associated costings. The provision of 'speed reducing' pads in the area of each of five traffic islands in the villages was also to be investigated. The County agreed to report back within two months. The grant aid of £25,000 was the critical figure although it was intimated that there was a possibility of Parish funding providing measures proposed could be agreed with the communities of both villages. Mr. Butter said he was of the strong opinion that there was not a problem of speeding through Gt. Stukeley and to that end had carried out a small survey of some twenty people, some drivers others not, in Gt. Stukeley and that the vast majority said they felt that no problem existed, he said this fact should be born in mind when calming funds are attributed to specific areas. It was confirmed that public consultation would take place before any final scheme detail was agreed.

Mr. Middleton said he had made enquiries about the use of speed monitoring equipment in the Soham area, this was sponsored by the East Cambs District Council and operated in several villages within that area, this was on a three month trial but initial reports suggested that offenders reported to the police were being prosecuted as the equipment used is calibrated by the police prior to its use, it also has police backing in that area. The monitoring work was carried out by councillors not living in the area being surveyed but by other councillors who were participating in the scheme, titled Speed Watch Radar Detector. The clerk reported that he had written to Cambs police at Hinchingsbrooke on the subject, without reply, so he was to send copy of that letter to the chief constable. Mr. Adams remarked that he felt that the Police were paid through our council tax demands and that this type of vigilante action should not be necessary.

Mr. Middleton reported that a 'Lorry Watch' scheme was now being operated by 'trading standards' and the contact for information was a gentleman called Doug Barnes on

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24. PROJECTS	<p>Mr. Ryan said that he had not got any further detail to report only that he expected an initial reply from the District Council within the next few days and that he would advise members accordingly. He added that with the application to WREN for the major changes to the hall, need must be demonstrated and therefore at some stage a letter may be required from the Parish Council explaining the difficulties experienced when trying to conduct a meeting within the main hall. He was assured that this would be available if needed.</p>	
24a PLANNING	<p>Application 0801342LBC for the replacement of a window with French doors at the Old Farmhouse Waterloo was considered and it was resolved to approve the application as the applicant had demonstrated the need to conform with the listed building regulations.</p> <p>Application 0801153FUL for the erection of a new South stand, incorporating a weighing room, hospitality area and spectator viewing terrace at Huntingdon Racecourse was considered to be a major improvement to one of the areas top sporting venues and unlikely to impact on any other individual or property and gave this application their approval.</p> <p>Application 0800848FUL for a replacement dwelling at 70 Low Road, Lt. Stukeley, the Council received the District Councils recommendation for refusal, it was agreed that the Parish Councils original decision for approval should be re affirmed as it felt the District Councils reasoning was not consistent with planning policy for the area and therefore merited a challenge.</p>	
25. POST OFFICES	<p>No further information was to hand.</p>	
25a COMPUTER	<p>Mr. Hulstrom reported that the clerk required a replacement of his printer and suggested that a combination unit comprising of a printer, copier and scanner should be acquired. On a suggestion by Mr Ryan it was agreed that a ‘stand alone’ hard disc with USB connection should also be purchased. This proposal was approved by the members and the clerk was instructed to purchase the items from M/s Staples at a total cost of £236.74.</p>	
26. CORRESPONDENCE	<p>One significant letter was from the Youth service who informed the Council that the facility at Great Stukeley had been closed down due to lack of support</p>	

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26a REPORTS	The members received annual written reports from both the County and District members.	
27. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2008 at Gt. Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2008 at Lt. Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2008 at Gt. Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm. Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Cromwell Park School Hinchbrooke at 7.30pm	