

**A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held in the village hall at Great Stukeley on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 at 7.30pm.**

ATTENDANCE	M/s J. Butter, T. Pinner, R. Turpin, C. Cowdery, P. Ryan, D. Middleton, R. Hulstrom, D. Bartlett, M. Reynolds, Mrs. S. Parkin and three members of the public.	
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mrs. S. Gifford for personal reasons, M/s H. Raby, away on business, Mr. Hobson, illness, Mr. Vincent on holiday, Mr. Adams, illness, Mr. Hossack on holiday. Dist Councillor K. Baker and County Councillors Laine Kadic and Sir Peter Brown also tendered apologies for absence.	
OPEN FORUM	Mrs Linda Hutchings asked members whether there was any likelihood of the provision of allotments within the Parish. She was informed that the council had no available land and that purchase could be beyond the councils budget. She was advised to put an article in the magazine to enquire whether any resident had garden area unused that they were prepared to make available. It was also agreed that if she could establish a demand for several units the council would be prepared to contact local landowners to see if they had a small area for rental for the establishment of an allotment area.	
28. MINUTES	It was approved that the chairman signed the minutes of the meeting dated 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2008 as a true and correct record.	
30. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Bartlett declared his interest in the first item in section 38. on the agenda. Mr. Adams declared his interest in the second item in section 38 of the agenda.	
31. ACCOUNTS	On a proposal by Mr. Butter, seconded by Mr. Turpin it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment. EON Energy for supply £59.16. Printing matters for magazine £92.00. Clerks Salary £192.09. and expenses £130.43. There was reported income of £629.06 being recycling credits from the District Council.	

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32. ROAD SAFETY	<p>The clerk informed members that he had been in contact with the Cambs police and that he had arranged for Inspector Savill of the Ely division to give a presentation to members at the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 on the scheme being trialled in the Soham area and that the item would be first on the agenda, starting at <u>7.00.pm</u>. He also said that members had been invited from Alconbury, Alconbury Weston, Woodwalton, Abbots Ripton and Kings Ripton Councils as well as Inspector Sue Taylor from the Huntingdon police area. He informed members that Inspector Etherington of Huntingdon had reported that police speed check's through the villages had revealed that there was not a significantly great amount of speeding but the main problem times were between 3pm and 6pm going north and 6am and 8.30am going south. He also said the provision of radar surveillance that was paid for by the Parish was being investigated. He did remark however that a lot of the people stopped were local to the area and that this was a normal occurrence. Mr. Turpin reported that the base authorities at RAF Alconbury had rescheduled their delivery timetable so that incoming goods deliveries were staggered, it was felt that this would ease the congestion problems experienced at peak times, he asked members to monitor the situation to assess whether or not improvement had been achieved. Mr. Hulstrom said that vehicles accessing the Grange Farm business area in Green End were continually speeding in that rural lane, it was agreed that the police be informed of the councils concerns.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to make sure the public were aware of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 so that they may attend to assess what the presentation suggests.</p>	
33. PROJECTS	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that the dates for notification of grant application success were 12<sup>th</sup> June for the District and 17<sup>th</sup> June from WREN. He said that an architects opinion had been sought on the improvements envisaged for the hall, his initial reaction was that the works required should be achievable within the budgeted figures, however he felt that curtains would not have the desired affect on the acoustics, he suggested monies should be concentrated on other aspects of this project. Contractors were advised as practicable to approach for budgetary prices for the required works.</p>	

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34.FOOTPATHS	<p>The clerk reported that he had received no news from the District about the process progress, he was advised to make further enquiries.</p> <p>It was reported that a footpath directional sign at West View had been removed by persons unknown. Enquiries were to be made by Mr. Turpin of both the District and County Councils as to the legal status of the sign as by removal someone was challenging its validity. He said he would advise members of progress.</p>	
35. WAR MEMORIALS.	<p>The clerk advised members that he had contacted M/s Bowman's and that he had been assured that the start of the work was imminent. If nothing happened he was told to contact them again.</p>	
36.POST OFFICE & PHONE BOXES	<p>The clerk reported that there had been no further information on the closure of the facility at Great Stukeley. It was also reported that British Telecom wished to remove the kiosks from both Great and Little Stukeley as they were insufficiently used. After a lot of discussion it was generally agreed that a good case could not be assembled for their retention especially as they were subject to constant attack by vandals, although it was recognised that there would be an element of inconvenience for some, with reluctance the members agreed to pose no objection. However, the closure was to be highlighted in the magazine with contact details, so that any parishioner feeling aggrieved would have the opportunity to register their concerns.</p>	

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38. PLANNING	<p>On proposals by the planning group the following applications were approved by the members.</p> <p>Application 0801248LBC for the installation of an oak post and re-plastering at 2. Church Way Lt. Stukeley.</p> <p>Application 0801529FUL for an extension to a dwelling at 39 Parkway Hinchingsbrooke.</p> <p>Application 0801548FUL for the erection of a first floor extension at 15. West View Gt. Stukeley.</p> <p>Huntingdon West Development Options.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan reported that he had circulated among members the response that he and Michael Monk were proposing. A discussion followed in which members registered their general approval of the response. The main points raised were the restoration of the ‘integrity’ of Views Common by supporting option C as it provides a green area between Hinchingsbrooke and Stukeley Meadows, public access and footpath network should be enhanced.</p> <p>With Hinchingsbrooke it is noted that 30% of this area will remain open space which is supported. The Council supports option A which allows for employment development, buildings set in parkland will be more in keeping than housing.</p> <p>George Street/Ermine Street area is supported in the form of option A as greater employment provision may lessen the need to extend the Ermine Street business park. It will also give the opportunity to boost parking provision for the town centre. This access area to Huntingdon is poorly served in that respect compared with the parking area on the Riverside from the east and the old HDC depot from the south.</p> <p>After the discussion Mr. Ryan was authorised to send the response to the District by the due date.</p> <p>The Chairman and members recorded their thanks to both Mr. Ryan and Michael Monk for their considerable efforts in producing this response.</p>	

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40.PARISH MATTERS	<p>Once again the problem of dog ownership in the villages was raised, it has come to the Councils notice that some owners in Great Stukeley have been using the ‘salt bins’ to deposit bags containing dog faeces, to counteract this the chairman contacted the head of Operations at the District Council and he has removed and emptied these bins and the Council consider it unlikely that they will be sited next year. It was generally agreed that there may be a requirement for some extra ‘dual purpose’ bins to be positioned round the Parish so that the problem can be eliminated, one site mentioned was at the top of the Waterloo bridleway. Mr. Reynolds said that he would assess the need and then consultation could take place with the District Council on availability of extra bins. It was reported that the problem was no where so prevalent in Little Stukeley.</p>	
41. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at Little Stukeley village hall at 7.00pm to include as first item a presentation by Inspector Savill from Cambs police Ely division on the Speed Watch trial scheme being operated in that area, this section will be open to the public.</p> <p>On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 at Great Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Cromwell Park School, Parkway, Hinchingsbrooke at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 at Little Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm.</p>	