

**A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held in the village hall at Little Stukeley on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm.**

ATTENDANCE	M/s J. Butter, T. Pinner, R. Turpin, C. Cowdery, P. Ryan, D. Middleton, R. Hulstrom, H. Raby, P. Hobson, D. Hossack, M. Reynolds, P. Vincent, Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs S. Gifford, District Councillor K. Baker, County Councillors Laine Kadic and Sir Peter Brown, two representatives from Alconbury PC and twelve members of the public.	
SPEED WATCH	<p>The Chairman introduced Inspector Alan Savill and Brian Tully from Cambs Police Ely Division and declared this section of the meeting open to the public.</p> <p>Inspector Savill said that the scheme in Soham was arranged through the local neighbourhood panel which consisted of members of Parish Councils, District Councils, County Councils, Co-opted members and the police. He said that speeding in rural areas was a universal problem and to solve it their must be community involvement and approval of residents. He said the focus must be on the need to reduce speed and not the perception of speed. He said that the system needed to be simple and operable by local citizens and that it must be risk free. A company called Radarlux provided the equipment being used. It is essential to have local volunteers to operate the system, also communities have to be grouped together and volunteers drawn from all sections as it is not permissible for any individual to monitor speeds in the location where they reside, but only in other locations. There has to be an operational plan, a risk assessment and public indemnity.</p> <p>Recording forms are supplied by the police which are returned to them for any action, 37-43mph, offenders have an advisory letter signed and sent by police, 43-47mph the letter is hand delivered by police, neither letter result in prosecution but advise motorist of the monitored speed of the vehicle they own. Information required on form is Index number, colour and make of vehicle. He said the system has to be moved regularly to avoid familiarity. If there is a particularly high instance of Speeding in a specific locality, the police will follow up with an enforcement camera deployment. It was emphasised that the scheme was educational and advisory and not a means of prosecution. It was however specified that a compilation of data may assist greatly any request for traffic calming measures from authorities such as the County Council. The meeting was then opened to questioning and many enquiries were made by residents present, Sir Peter Brown remarked that he thought that it was a significant idea and that it had the Counties full support but also that the Huntingdon Sector had 'lagged' behind in this initiative. The Chairman thanked the Officers and they left the meeting.</p>	

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	The Clerk was to write to the Huntingdon Sector Inspector Sue Taylor to enquire the strategy required to further this initiative, if in fact, that was what the Council decided to do.	
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from D. Bartlett away on business and D. Adams away on a recuperative holiday.	
42. MINUTES	It was approved that the chairman signed the minutes of the meeting dated 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2008 as a true and correct record.	
44. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	There were no members declarations of Interest in agenda items.	
45. ACCOUNTS	<p>On a proposal by Mrs Gifford, seconded by Mr. Cowdery it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment.</p> <p>EON Energy for supply £59.16. Printing matters for magazine £92.00. Clerks Salary £192.09. Homebase for painting materials £49.94. Painting Council seats and signs £100.00. K. Fergusons for grass cutting in April and May £2009.25. Three Horse Shoes for re-cycling donation £62.90. There was notified income of £1172.94 from Cambs County Council for grass maintenance for 2008.</p> <p>The Clerk also provided all members with a copy of the bank reconciliation and budget update as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 about which there was approval with no questions.</p>	
46. PROJECTS	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that he had received notification of approval of grant applications, although at a significantly lower level than was requested, up to £15000 (£22000 requested) has been awarded by WREN for acoustical works in the main hall and £8750 (£20000 requested) by HDC towards toilets and disabled access. He said however that both schemes were still viable if 'trimmed'. He said that curtains priced at £7000 were not considered a renewal but a replacement and therefore not grant aided by WREN, but that an alternative was now possible within monies available. He requested support for letters to be sent to WREN pledging the Parish Councils agreement to settle the third party element amounting to approximately £1650. A further letter was needed to enforce the necessity of the acoustic improvements to the hall and the Parish Councils agreement to fund the project to an amount in the region of £13.000. He said that on the subject of toilet improvement and disabled access a reduced specification may facilitate matching available funding. On a proposal by Mr. Turpin supported by Mr. Butter members resolved to approve the writing of these letters, both of which were to be signed by the chairman.</p>	
47. FOOTPATHS	<p>The clerk reported that the footpath changes at 'Waterloo' had now been approved and adopted and that signage was in the process of being introduced.</p> <p>The Clerk also provided all members with a copy of the</p>	

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	<p>‘definitive’ County Council footpath/bridleway map of the Stukeley’s Parish.</p> <p>Mr. Turpin reported that enquiries had revealed that the land at West View was public amenity area and was owned by the District Council. He also said that Sir. P. Brown was obtaining a definitive map that would depict the exact route of footpath 16 across West View so that it may be established where the indicative sign should be placed, he said once this was established a note could be put in the Parish Magazine clarifying the position.</p>	
48. WAR MEMORIALS.	<p>Mr. Reynolds reported that at present no one was working on the project and that he was not entirely satisfied with the results, although he did admit that the situation may have some bearing on the conditions put on the works by the War Graves commission, he said he would monitor the progress and if needs be ask the clerk to write to M/s Bowman requesting a completion date.</p>	
49. PLANNING	<p>Application No 0801793FUL for the installation of four condenser units at 1 Sovereign Court Huntingdon was considered as being screened appropriately and therefore recommended for Approval on a proposal by the planning group supported by Mr Turpin and approved by members.</p> <p>Application No 0801849FUL for the erection of a first floor extension at 45. The Glades, Huntingdon was considered to be in keeping and not to have an adverse impact on neighbouring properties and therefore recommended for approval by the planning group, supported by Mrs Gifford and agreed by members.</p>	
51.PARISH MATTERS	<p>Mr. Reynolds reported contact with the District Council and general approval for the supply of extra bins on sites that must initially be approved by the District. Discussion included the following sites in Great Stukeley, One beside the ‘Blacksmiths Shop’ at Green End, One at the East end of Waterloo Farm roadway, one at the hand gate entrance to the Playing field and one at the junction of Church road and Ermine street opposite to the ‘guest house’. Initially there would seem to be no requirement for extra bins in Little Stukeley. These sites were to be marked on a map and then returned to the District Council.</p>	
52. CLERKS CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT	<p>Mr. Turpin produced for all members a draft of an employment contract which was based on the NALC suggestions and adapted to the Stukeleys, one extra item was the deposit in a secure fund a gratuity payment amounting to 3.75% of the monthly salary. A draft conditions of employment was also provided . On a proposal by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom the members agreed that the chairman sign this document on behalf of the Council and that it should come into effect as per today’s date, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008.</p>	
53. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Several items mainly associated with grass cutting were noted and the clerk instructed to take appropriate action,</p>	

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	<p>where this was not possible the item would be included on the September agenda.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan reported that the reply from the District with reference to the Core Strategy, made no reference to RAF Alconbury site and that he felt it was imperative that the members enforced their opinion, this was supported by the rest of the council and Mr. Ryan was authorised to write those comments to the Council.</p> <p>Mr. Turpin reported that the magazine editor was soon to leave the village and that an advert may be required in the magazine for a replacement, he was authorised to proceed as he felt appropriate.</p> <p>It was advised, that as suspected Great Stukeley post office was to close in the latest authority proposals, but that a consultation process would be in place until mid August 2008.</p>	
54. NEXT MEETINGS	<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> <p>On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 at Great Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm.</p>	