

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held in the Cromwell Park School at Hinchingsbrooke on Monday 6th October 2008 at 7. 30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s J. Butter, R. Turpin, P. Ryan, D. Middleton, R. Hulstrom, P. Hobson, M. Reynolds, P. Vincent, D. Bartlett, D. Hossack, T. Pinner, C. Cowdery and Mrs. S. Gifford, District Councillor K. Baker and two members of the public.	
OPEN FORUM	<p>The chairman introduced Squadron Leader Andrew Thain who explained to members that he is the new RAF Commander at RAF Alconbury. He said that Alconbury was part of a group of bases that were responsible for intelligence data collection and evaluation. As with Alconbury these bases were manned by forces from both NATO and America. There were no questions from members and no comments from the other member of the public in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Turpin asked for informal discussion about the position of editor of the magazine, in view of the fact that he had a potential 'volunteer' It was informally agreed after discussion that he was permitted to mention an honorarium of £50 to this volunteer, but as Mr. Hulstrom ventured, because it was imperative to continue with the magazine it should be negotiable if the party concerned was prepared to trial the position. It was agreed that if Mr. Turpin's talks were successful the matter should be added to the next agenda to enable a formal offer to be made.</p>	
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from H. Raby, away on business, D. Adams, indisposed, Mrs. Parkin, prior commitment, County Councillors Sir Peter Brown and Laine Kadic, prior County commitments.	
67. MINUTES	It was approved that the chairman signed the minutes of the meeting dated 1 st September 2008 as a true and correct record.	
69. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	There were no members declarations of Interest in agenda items.	
70. ACCOUNTS	<p>On a proposal by Mr. Middleton seconded by Mr. Butter it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment.</p> <p>EON Energy for September supply £59.16. Printing Matters for October magazine £92. 00. Allianz Engineering for inspection fee £246. 76. Nicola Jayne for Mrs Middletons flowers £39. 00. M.J. Newman, clerks salary £192.09 and expenses which included the provision of flowers for beneath the village signs (£50.00.) £113.05. The clerk reported income of the precept from the District Council of £8500.00. The clerk provided members with bank reconciliation figures for the period ended 30th September 2008 together with a budget update for a similar period, there were no questions.</p>	
71. PROJECTS	Mr. Ryan reported by means of a printed hand out that up to three quotations had been obtained for the major works	

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	<p>at the Gt. Stukeley village hall, namely, Ceiling, Ceiling lighting, Pelmet, Pelmet lighting, Wall Panels and Curtains. Different solutions to different problems meant in some cases, significant price variation. A period of work has been allocated of about one month starting in mid February 2009. He said all the quotations were being evaluated and initially requirements indicated a shortfall in funding but it was expected that these could be met from hall reserves. He said that he hoped to be able to provide members with some actual selected prices at the next meeting. The chairman together with the members thanked Mr. Ryan for his considerable efforts in compiling this project.</p>	
72.FOOTPATHS	<p>Mr. Cowdery reported that he had met with officers of both the District and County Councils to discuss footpath issues and that although the two authorities did not appear to be working completely in harmony, he considered that from information acquired, that works were in process in updating and signing of many paths in the parish. He said that he found in agreement with the authorities that many available maps did not actually reflect the situation ‘on the ground’. He actually supplied maps to both members and the clerk which were of better substance than those that had already been received. He told members that there were still issues surrounding the positioning of footpath 11 at Grange Farm (nonwithstanding the issues involving a guard dog at the farmhouse). He said records show that the correct line of the right of way is through the grass fields to the south of the farmyard and not actually along the metalled roadway, Mr. Butter enquired whether regular usage over the past twenty four years had not acquired ‘users rights’, Mr. Cowdery said that this may well be the case. Mr. Cowdery then suggested that conversations with District officials had revealed their wish to know whether the Parish Council would request the official re routing of this path onto the roadway and also support its upgrading to a bridleway as some time in the future this ROW could form part of the link route from the Great Fen Project to Hinchingsbrooke Park and that they would like it to be taken into account when judging the application for a rail spur to the development area at RAF Alconbury. The chairman then enquired whether members would support this request, in the following vote nine were in favour, one against with two abstentions. Mr. Cowdery was asked to inform the District of the Parishes decision.</p> <p>The footpath committee said that inspections had revealed that some clearance work was required on some paths in the Parish and that certain paths no longer served any useful purpose, after discussion he was authorised to inform the County of these issues. Finally he said there was an organisation named the Parish Paths Partnership</p>	

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	<p>which was between a Parish and the County Council and was a medium within which the upkeep of paths could be monitored, he possibly we should not get too involved but there was an opportunity, perhaps, to achieve some tangible benefits, he was asked to investigate further.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan reported the dumping and burning of waste (some toxic) on the path to the east of Grange Farm, the District officers had investigated and Mr Smith, the owner of the land said that he would ensure that burning did not take place in future, the clerk had informed the police of ‘fly tipping’ issues in the area.</p> <p>The clerk read a reply from the District about the status of the land at West View, it was stated that the accesses to the properties in question was over land in the ownership of the District but that there no objection to the erection of the sign indicating ‘Private Drive’, it also said that investigations were continuing about the status of footpath 16 crossing West View.</p>	
73. WAR MEMORIALS	<p>Reports from the chairman, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Turpin said that the extra works completed recently by M/s Bowman’s had achieved an improved appearance, Mr. Turpin proposed and Mr. Reynolds seconded and members approved the payment of M/s Bowman’s account in the sum of £4089. 00. The clerk said that now the schedule of works was complete he would apply for the payment of the grant agreed with the War Memorials Trust.</p>	
74. TRAFFIC CALMING	<p>The clerk displayed plans received from the County Council which depicted the proposals for the next stage of traffic calming through the villages, this plan was for a ‘gateway’ feature at the northern entrance to Little Stukeley followed by a series of three ‘ Speed Cushion’ sites through the village, in Great Stukeley there was to be a series of four sets of speed cushions. He told members that even this reduced scheme may require a further cash input from the Parish. Mr. Butter, supported by Mr. Cowdery, said that still did not feel that there was a speeding problem in Great Stukeley and that the provision of extra parish funding might be construed as a waste of tax payers funding, Mr. Bartlett said that there definitely was in Little Stukeley, this was supported by Mr. Middleton. After much discussion on merits, Mr. Turpin proposed, supported by Mr. Reynolds, that the scheme be approved, in the following vote ten members were in favour and three against, the clerk was accordingly instructed to inform the County Council of the members decision. The clerk said that when this scheme had been sanctioned by the authorities and before any works started, a presentation would be held in the villages to allow other interested parties to view the scheme, then it was hoped, after this process the work could commence in the spring of 2009.</p>	

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75. PLANNING	<p>Application No. 0802667REM by ADL for the approval of reserved matters in respect of appearance, landscaping and layout for proposed rail facilities and rail link to east coast main line to serve the Alconbury development.</p> <p>As the rail link is already approved it was agreed that all the contents of the application looked to be acceptable, it was to be mentioned that the Parish Council wish that all existing paths and rights of way be observed and provided for, especially footpath 11, the application was recommended for approval.</p> <p>Application No; 0802705S73. for variation of condition 1 of planning permission 0602093FUL to allow siting of temporary buildings for a further period, by the Forensic Laboratory at Hinchingbrooke Park. Reasonable request, no objections, recommend Approval.</p> <p>Application No;0802675FUL for the erection of a porch at 5. Halley Close, Hinchingbrooke. Approval.</p> <p>The recommendations were adopted on a proposition by Mr. Reynolds, supported by Mr. Hulstrom.</p> <p>It was notified that after some design alteration the Planning Officers were now recommending approval of application 0800848FUL for a replacement dwelling at 70 Low Road, Little Stukeley.</p>	
76. GRANTS	<p>Unfortunately, due to the clerk misunderstanding the chairman's instructions this item should not have been put on the agenda.</p>	
78. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>The clerk informed the meeting that he was having a great deal of difficulty with the CiLCA studies and that he considered that due to the internal troubles at CPALC and the lack of the promised training advice that he should be allowed to discontinue this course, bearing in mind that by the time these qualifications were obligatory he would probably have retired, he said the main agenda was that the Council worked within the new regulations so they as a body were eligible for registration. Mr. Hulstrom proposed, seconded by Mr. Butter and approved by members that the matter be deferred to the January 2009 agenda when it was hoped the CPALC situation would be clearer.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom said that there had been several reports of foreign nationals living in temporary accommodation at Grange Farm, Gt. Stukeley, it was agreed by members that the clerk should report the matter to the enforcement officer of the District Council and also to the immigration authorities for investigation.</p>	
79. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 3rd November 2008 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 1st December 2008 at Great Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 5th January 2009 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2nd February 2009, venue t.b.a. at 7.30pm</p>	

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