

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 3rd November 2008 at 7. 30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s J. Butter, R. Turpin, P. Ryan, D. Middleton, R. Hulstrom, M. Reynolds , D. Hossack, T. Pinner, C. Cowdery, D. Adams, H. Raby, County Councillors Laine Kadic and Sir. Peter Brown and two members of the public.
OPEN FORUM	Mrs Legate from Church Road, Great Stukeley said she felt that the traffic calming proposals would have no effect and that she perceived there was not a speeding problem in either village, she also said she was apprehensive that any scheme introduced in Great Stukeley has the potential to cause 'rat running' through Church road. The two Lt. Stukeley members said they did not agree with her assessment of the situation in Lt. Stukeley but Mr. Butter said she was in his opinion right about Great Stukeley. The Chairman emphasised that members of the public would have opportunity to comment on the scheme at the presentation arranged for 19 th November 2008 in Great Stukeley village hall, he added that it was the Councils wish that the support of parishioners was forthcoming. Mr. Legate raised the subject of the use of fireworks on Christmas day, it was agreed that this was possibly an unsociable practice on that particular day, it was also agreed that the clerk should put a note in the Parish Magazine to the effect that persons considering adopting this attitude should possibly show consideration to others in the area that may not appreciate the noise on this particular day of the calendar.
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from D. Bartlett, away on business, Mrs. Parkin, on holiday, Mrs. Gifford, family commitment, Mr. Vincent, family commitment, Mr. Hobson, business commitment, Dist Councillor K. Baker, District Council meeting.
80. MINUTES	It was approved that the chairman signed the minutes of the meeting dated 6 th October 2008 as a true and correct record.
82. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	There were no members declarations of Interest in agenda items.
83. ACCOUNTS	On a proposal by Mr. Butter, seconded by Mr. Reynolds it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment. EON Energy for September supply £59.16. Printing Matters for November magazine £92. 00. M.J. Newman, clerks salary £192.09, British Legion for memorial wreaths £33.00. B. Hunt for window cleaning £42.00.K. Ferguson for grass cutting July to September £4843.35. The clerk reported no income for the period.
84.PROJECTS	Mr. Ryan reported that all quotations had now been received, he said that these were confidential but that he would forward them to members via email, also that he was prepared to answer any queries there may be. On questioning he said these quotes included all the refurbishments to the main hall and the provision of invalid toilet facilities and that he still hoped that the majority of the works could be completed within the allocated time span in February 2009. He said that the figures were higher than had been originally expected but the works had to comply with the grant aid stipulation from the two other sources, he said that the hall would have to provide much of the extra funding from reserves and that the requirement from the Parish Council would be at the higher level that had already been agreed, namely £20.000. It was agreed that this matter would form a part of the equation when the 2009/10 precept figure was discussed.
85. FOOTPATHS	The clerk read a letter from the District Council which said the status of footpath 16 at West View was still unclear as it appeared in one instance to be routed through the garden of 15 Park View, the letter intimated that both County and

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	<p>District had the matter under review. Mr. Butter said he felt that the situation was unacceptable, especially considering the length of time that had elapsed with the marking of many paths in the parish, the clerk pointed out, that with the exception of footpath 11 the majority of the Councils requests had been honoured. It was generally agreed that this was the case. Mr. Cowdery said that he felt that both authorities were making efforts to rectify situations that had been allowed to exist for many years, to that end he had arranged for the footpath committee to meeting with Mr. Oudett of the County and Mr. Barber of the District next week to discuss issues and options for our network of rights of way, he said he would appraise members of the outcome, he was thanked for his efforts by the chairman.</p>	
86. WAR MEMORIALS	<p>The clerk reported that he had made a request to the War Memorials Trust for grant payment but that they had replied, that until satisfactory photographic evidence was filed of the completed project they could not release payment, Mr. Turpin said that there had been a delay in supplying these as the light had not been good enough, he said he would complete the work as soon as he had improved conditions.</p>	
87. TRAFFIC CALMING	<p>The clerk reported to members that he had now received pricing details for the scheme proposed, this amounted to £32,000 which was £7,000 above the grant aid secured. An option provided by the County was to calm the road through Little Stukeley only at a cost of £23,500 which may increase the risk of 'compensatory' speeding through Great Stukeley which would have no measures, a second option was to provide at a cost of £24,500 speed reducing 'mats' through both villages, the perceived negative for this being, the exclusion of the 'gateway' feature at the northern entrance to Little Stukeley may negate the effectiveness of the whole scheme. In the discussion that followed there was not total agreement on what policy to adopt, with some members in favour of the complete scheme and other totally against. The clerk informed members that Council balances showed that if the total scheme was implemented it would virtually eliminate the Councils reserves, an option for consideration was a 'one off' increase in the Council tax for 2009/10 to cover the extra £7,000, the implications of this being a projected rise in the 'band' D Council tax rate of approximately £11 per household, ie. from £23.50 to £34.50 for one year only. Several members intimated that they were against this course of action and at least not comfortable with it, taking into consideration the current financial climate. After some lively discussion on the merits or negatives of the various alternatives it was agreed by virtue of a proposal by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Mr. Reynolds amended by Mr. Hulstrom's suggestion that a decision is finally made after public opinion is gauged at the presentation by the County Council, at the December meeting that motion was passed by eight in favour with two against. On the same matter it was agreed that the presentation should be extended to last from 3pm to 7.30pm on the 19th November 2008, the clerk agreed to amend public notices accordingly.</p>	
88. PLANNING	<p>Application No. 0802837 FUL for the erection of a conservatory at 48. Woodlands, Huntingdon was approved on the recommendation of the planning group.</p> <p>Application No. 0802977 FUL for the installation of plant and container at 21. Blackstone road, Huntingdon was also approved on the recommendation of the planning group.</p> <p>Application No. 0802305 FUL for approval of landscaping for 129 dwellings on land to the rear of the Forensic Laboratory at Huntingdon was approved on a proposal by Mr. Butter, seconded by Mr. Adams.</p>	

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89. PARISH MAGAZINE	<p>Mr. Turpin reported that he now had received from an offer from a resident in Great Stukeley to edit the magazine without remuneration, the applicant was understood to want to contribute to the community. Mr. Turpin said that he had all the equipment necessary. Mr. Turpin was thanked for his efforts and he agreed to update members on the progress of the takeover from Jenny Watson.</p>	
90. PRECEPT	<p>The clerk had produced a draft precept request for the 2009/10 fiscal period but as it had included provision for an extra £7000 that may have been required for funding the traffic calming, and this matter had not been satisfactorily concluded it was agreed that this issue be deferred to the December agenda.</p>	
92. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>The clerk reported that both police and District Council had said that, on inspection, no caravans had been found at Grange Farm, Mr. Hulstrom said he had seen them this weekend passed, he was asked, and he agreed to pursue this matter further and to keep the clerk informed. Mr. Hulstrom also complained that the dog in the same area was still loose and acting in an aggressive manner, the clerk was instructed to contact the dog warden again. The chairman explained on questioning that a new contractor would have to be found to move the village sign at Great Stukeley as Mr. Parris was too busy.</p> <p>Mr. Adams raised issues of parking in Christie Drive and Parkway, the police's reluctance to take any action and the County Council unwilling to fund parking restrictions, he asked the County Councillors if some of the 'section 106' monies raised in the development of the Hinchingsbrooke Estate could not be diverted to finance measures, Sir Peter Brown said they were unwilling as it was considered that it only moved the problem rather than solve it. Mr. Adams ventured that the problem only existed because of very high parking charges at both railway station and hospital. Sir Peter said he would convey the councils concerns to the County Authorities.</p> <p>Mr. Turpin informed members of the service times and the memorial wreath laying times at both churches on Remembrance Sunday.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan told colleagues of the latest chance to comment on the Core Strategy document, at this stage Mr. Raby declared an interest on this late agenda item and left the meeting. Mr. Ryan reported land highlighted for development at Brookfield Farm and also in Green End Great Stukeley, he was asked to refer to the Councils original demands for a 'Green Strip' to be maintained between Great Stukeley and any development, this is because of members wishes for the village to retain it's rural identity which was initiated when the Council supported the development of Northbridge providing green areas were maintained to the northern boundaries of the proposals.</p> <p>The clerk advised of difficulties he had in booking the school at Hinchingsbrooke and asked if it was wise to proceed, Mr. Butter said he was disappointed about this but the lack of support for Council meetings at the venue did not assist, on a proposition by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Mr. Adams it was agreed that regrettably future meetings should be held in the village halls of both villages on an alternating basis.</p>	
93. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 1st December 2008 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 5th January 2009 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 2nd February 2009, at Cromwell Park Primary School Parkway at 7.30pm. On Monday 2nd March 2009 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	

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