

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 2nd February 2009 at 7. 30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s J. Butter, P. Ryan, R. Hulstrom, T. Pinner, C. Cowdery, P. Hobson, P. Vincent, M.Reynolds, D.Hossack, Mrs. S. Parkin, County Councillors Sir. Peter Brown and Laine Kadic and one member of the public.
OPEN FORUM	There were no questions from the member of the public present.
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from D. Bartlett, away on business, Mr. D. Adams, away on business, D. Middleton and H. Raby both on holiday, Mr. R. Turpin, private appointment and Mrs. S. Gifford due to illness
COUNTY MATTERS	<p>As both members had other commitments the chairman introduced this agenda matter early. Sir Peter Brown said that the County Council had responded to the EERA statement that an extra 20.000 houses were required in Cambridgeshire and had highlighted RAF Alconbury and the surrounding Greenfield area by registering in strong terms their objection to these proposals, even though these are very long term and possibly may never be implemented. They had produced a written statement of these concerns and he furnished members with copy. There was concern from members as the proposals would, if implemented, virtually engulf the two villages and to all intent join them to Huntingdon. It was agreed that Sir Peter would furnish the clerk with EERA contact details so that he could register the Parish Councils deep concern at these proposals.</p> <p>On a second point members registered their concerns at some of the aspects of the new Northbridge proposals which were presented to members at a recent meeting. The two main areas being the lack of a 'pedestrian' controlled crossing at the northern entrance to the site and the lack of commitment to 'traffic calming' contribution to measures on Ermine Street to mitigate the effect of the development generated traffic on that through route.</p> <p>The Councillors were also asked to investigate the severe damage being inflicted in Green End by the large volume of traffic generated by the District Council approved developments at Grange Farm complex.</p> <p>The Interactive signs at both ends in Great Stukeley were not working and Councillor Kadic agreed to press the authority to attend to the matter as they had been inoperative for some four months now.</p>
MRS MIDDLETON	The chairman advised of the recent death of 'Doll' Middleton at the age of 100, he said she had been a resident of the village for a great deal of those years and in her younger days had been a very active and hard working member of the community, helping, in his memory, with the preparation for the Coronation festivities in 1952 and greatly assisting with fund raising for the 'new' village hall in Little Stukeley. Members then stood for one minutes silence in tribute to her memory.
122. MINUTES	Mr. Ryan pointed out that the total figure for the works at Great Stukeley village hall should be £42080 and not £42980 as stated, this was amended. It was then approved that the chairman sign the minutes of the meeting dated 5 th January 2009 as a true and correct record. The clerks minutes of the planning presentation meeting with M/s Persimmon homes were also approved for signing on a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Butter.
124. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Ryan declared that he knew personally, NLS contractors, one of the quotation suppliers for the work need at Great Stukeley village hall. This declaration was noted.
125. ACCOUNTS	On a proposal by Mr. Butter, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment. EON Energy for December supply £59.16. Printing Matters for February magazine £92. 00. M.J. Newman, clerks salary for February £196.79. WREN

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	<p>for the 'third party guarantee on the grant for Great Stukeley village hall renovations £1650. The clerk furnished members with a proposed letter to the Councils bankers NAT West requesting the transfer of funds amounting to £10,000, from the Bonus Saver Account to the Current Account, to facilitate the settlement of the WREN account and also the anticipated grant request of £7000 from Gt. Stukeley hall committee, which had been agreed at the previous meeting.</p> <p>On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Ryan, this letter was approved by members.</p>	
126. PROJECTS	<p>Mr Ryan reported that all the proposed works were still on schedule to commence shortly but that the works would be down in two phases to accommodate booking commitments, this would mean an extension to the timescale to possibly mid March, but it was hoped that 'regular' patrons could still be accommodated during that period. Mr. Ryan said that for his own 'peace of mind' he would like another Councillor to take a close, detailed examination of the plans and prices for the works so as to verify their 'authenticity', hopefully on site, Mr. Hulstrom agreed to undertake this work at a time convenient to both parties.</p>	
127. FOOTPATHS	<p>Mr. Cowdery reported contact with both County and District officials, who he said would now appear to be working in close harmony. He said regarding footpath 7 from the Racecourse to Low Road, Mr. Field was still not keen to divert the path as suggested but that negotiations were still ongoing. With footpath 8 from Brookfield to Lodge Farm Little Stukeley, Mr. Field had agreed to a diversion onto the existing roadway linking Lodge and Waterloo Farms and the possible upgrade to Bridleway status. He reported confirmation that Mr. Smith had agreed to the diversion of footpath 11 at Grange Farm and that there was now a consultation process with the Ramblers Association and the British Horse Society and other interested parties, this diversion could also be upgraded to bridleway status sometime in the future. He reported that the paperwork for the Parish Path Partnership was now in place and that requests as follows had been made, footpath 17 the erection of needed stiles, way marking on footpath 1 and some signage and facilities on footpath 2 where it crosses the A.14 on it's way to Alconbury, members registered their approval of all the work the committee and specifically Mr. Cowdery had completed in this matter.</p>	
128. TRAFFIC CALMING	<p>The clerk reported that Jo Challis of the County Council had informed him that the Area Joint Committee had now approved the scheme and that when she was given a start date she would inform the Parish Council.</p>	
129. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE	<p>The chairman reported that together with the clerk he had put together a schedule of works for the contractor which would be below the ceiling of £1000, these included hedge maintenance work on the two churchyards and Little Stukeley village hall together with maintenance works on the Tumuli at Hill Close. He also reported that Mr. T. Pond had cleaned and rotovated the play area surface at Little Stukeley and that a price was now being sought for a supply of 'play bark' to replenish the surface, this work was carried out at a significantly lower cost than the original price. He also reported that Mr. Pond had tidied the area around the millennium tree in the playing field at Great Stukeley.</p>	
130. PLANNING	<p>The meeting with M/s Persimmon homes was discussed at length, the chairman said he personally had invited Mr. Monk to attend because of his sound knowledge of the planning system and that it would be a waste not to use that resource, all agreed. Mr. Monk had suggested to the chairman that a</p>	

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	<p>letter be sent to the Head of Planning Control at the District Council to invite him to attend a Council meeting to discuss certain points of great concern to the members, these were as follows. The secondary northern access to the site from Ermine street, it is understood that this is to be restricted to public transport and emergency vehicles. However, it will also inevitably become a primary pedestrian and cycle route into the development by villagers wishing to attend the Primary School, make use of the local centre, recreation facilities and sports pitches. Therefore there is a need for a safe crossing at that point and the Parish Council would require pedestrian activated traffic signals. Although the developers say their traffic measures will ensure there will be nil impact on traffic in the area, the Parish Council considers that the extra traffic generated by the development along Ermine Street through the two villages is unacceptable without a financial contribution for additional traffic calming. It is essential that the new Primary School has sufficient Capacity so that children from the two villages can attend as it is unacceptable that they should be required to pass two primary schools on the journey to attend Huntingdon based Primary schools. The County Council will be lobbied to change the catchment areas to facilitate this 'by right'. There is a need for a Construction traffic policy to keep vehicles servicing the site from using Ermine Street through the villages. There is a need for the approved landscaping scheme to require early advanced structural landscaping prior to the start of 'build'. To these points Mr. Ryan suggested that be added the requirement for adequate linking with the local footpath network from the development to open countryside, especially to the north towards the villages. Members supported this letter being sent by the clerk provisionally suggesting three possible Wednesday dates in March, the letter copied to District and County members in the hope they will also attend, together with Mr. Monk also.</p>	
132. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION	<p>Mr. Hobson reported great difficulty in completing this document as no one appeared to be following a uniform strategy and the help from CPALC was almost non existent, Mr. Ryan suggested filling the form in to suggest all that the Council was conforming with and where this was not the case intimate the reason, ie. not applicable to a Council of our size. Mr. Hobson was advised to bring a draft to the next meeting for approval by members.</p>	
133. GRANT AVAILABILITY	<p>The Clerk reported that contact with the County Council had revealed that there may be some grant availability to assist with the maintenance of the two Tumuli in Great Stukeley, he was awaiting a site visit from the County official and the agreement to sign if funds were agreed.</p>	
134. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>A letter was read from the County Council with reference to Cambs Transport Policy in which, among other things a congestion charge was proposed for Cambridge City at peak times, the clerk was instructed to write to say that the Parish Council would be strongly against this policy being adopted. Another letter proposing new Mineral and Waste development sites proposed nothing that members felt any concern about.</p> <p>A letter from the District Council referred to the Local Development Framework, a further consultation period on Issues and Options. Mr. Ryan said he believed this to be a significant document concerning issues that may impact on the villages. The Planning Group were asked to consider the document and bring a judgement to next months meeting when it would be an agenda item, this they agreed to do.</p> <p>A letter was read from St. Martins church requesting funding to pay the 2008 instalment for the clock repairs amounting to £568.48. Mr. Pinner at this stage</p>	

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	<p>declared an interest and took no part in the following debate which was chaired by vice chairwoman Mrs. Parkin. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Cowdery and approved by five members in favour with four abstentions to write back to refuse the application on the grounds that. By paying the amount themselves they had demonstrated that they had available funds for this account, in last year minutes the Council had advised that if they could demonstrate insufficient funds for the purpose the Council would consider grant aid. If however the church could demonstrate that by settling this account they had now insufficient funds to settle other critical accounts they should make the Council aware of the situation. As far as the final payment, due in 2009 was concerned a similar criteria would apply.</p>	
135. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 2nd March 2009 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 6th April 2009 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 11th May 2009 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm and will be the Annual meeting of the Council preceded at 7.00pm by the Annual Parish Meeting. On Monday 1st June 2009 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	