

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

ATTENDANCE	M/s J. Butter, P. Ryan, R. Hulstrom, T. Pinner, C. Cowdery, P. Vincent, M.Reynolds, D.Hossack, H. Raby, D. Bartlett, D. Adams, R. Turpin, D. Middleton, Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. S. Gifford County Councillor Sir. Peter Brown District Councillor Keith Baker and one member of the public.
OPEN FORUM	Mr. Saulsbery indicated that he had submitted a renewal planning application No 0900156FUL and explained that all issues regarding materials had been addressed as had issues with tree preservation. He added that an archaeological survey had been conducted and that one plot had been cleared but the other two were still being investigated, he was informed that the application was on the agenda for decision in agenda item 144.
COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES	The chairman invited the County Councillor to address County related issues. He said it was admitted that there was insufficient grit this year to adequately address salting requirements but this had been due in a large degree to the fact that the salt mines had not produced enough, together with the mines these issues would be discussed this summer. He also reported that the County were very willing to fill any salt bins sited by Parish Councils and that contact should be made with Richard Kingston at the County depot in Huntingdon. He said that the County was embarking on a large scheme to repair all the pothole damage incurred during the severe weather and that next years budget would include an extra two million pounds dedicated to those processes. He was asked to urge the County to undertake some remedial works in Green End at Great Stukeley even though they had initially refused a request by Laine Kadic. The poor state of the main road on the approach to Hinchingsbrooke hospital was also reported for repair.
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from Mr. P. Hobson who was indisposed.
136. MINUTES	Mr Ryan pointed out that his interest involved SLP Contractors and not as stated. In Agenda item 127 Mr Cowdery said the path referred to should be Three and not Two. After these alterations it was proposed by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Mr. Butter and approved by members that the chairman sign the minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting of 2 nd February 2009.
138. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Ryan declared that he knew personally, SLP contractors, one of the quotation suppliers for the work need at Great Stukeley village hall. This declaration was noted.
139. 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 February supply £59.16. Printing Matters for April magazine £92. 00. M.J. Newman, clerks salary for March and expenses/maintenance December/March £319. 85. M. J. Newman holiday entitlement for 2008/9 £236. 87. MHB Electrical repairs £51. 75. Aardvark Technology for computer repairs £97. 75. Team Plant for hire charges £67.97. Three Horse Shoes recycling donation £61.73. M/s Fergusons maintenance phase one £1140.80. Phase two £331.20. T. I. Pond for maintenance work £72.00. Great Stukeley village hall Grant Aid for refurbishment work £7000.00. The clerk informed members of recycling credits received amounting to £617.30.
140. PROJECTS	Mr. Ryan informed members that the refurbishment works on the toilet facility had started and that the ceiling and lighting work was due to start on 2 nd March 2009, completion dated advised was 17 th April 2009. He reported also a meeting at which various aspects of the contracts were discussed, it was agreed that all was in order, builders liability was now in place and a payment in arrears structure agreed.

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141. FOOTPATHS	<p>Mr. Cowdery said he had contacted both the HDC and the CCC and reported that the application for membership of the Parish Paths Partnership would be considered in April. He enquired whether all relevant signage was in place in the racecourse area, the clerk intimated that signage had been erected. He reported that the bridge over the Alconbury brook towards the A.1 on the bridleway from Stukeley Lodge to that area was in a state of disrepair and also that an agricultural implement was blocking the bridge, he said that a new deck had been ordered for the bridge as had been a gate which would be kept closed but allow pedestrian and horse riding accessibility, Mr. Field, the farmer and the County would hold access keys to the gate. He reported that the bridleway from Little Stukeley to Great Stukeley was, according to records, out of alignment by some forty yards where it joined the Waterloo roadway, members found this to be strange as it had been in its present position within memory. As far as Northbridge was concerned he reported that the County Council had a 'walk to school' policy which should enhance and maintain any paths that might run through that proposed development.</p>	
142. TRAFFIC CALMING	<p>The clerk reported that Jo Challis of the County had informed him that it was hoped to start the implementation in March. It was to be reported to Councillor Laine Kadic that despite assurances, that both interactive signs at Great Stukeley were still not working at all.</p>	
143. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE	<p>The chairman reported to members that the contractor had completed many of the jobs requested and that it was a pleasing result with the villages looking a great deal better, all agreed with this. He asked if the remaining work could now be undertaken so that all work was completed this winter, on consultation with the quotes this would involve approximately £540 for playing field maintenance and £250 for maintenance work to the tumuli, it was agreed that this be done. The clerk reported that there had been no news on the availability of a tumuli maintenance grant from the County Council. It was also agreed that the works entailed should be attributed to the next financial period. Problems with dogs fouling the play area at Little Stukeley were raised and although this matter was extremely annoying it was difficult to know what could be done, the problem was to be monitored and if possible evidence obtained so that prosecutions could be made in the area of this despicable practice, a note was to be placed in the Parish Magazine again.</p>	
144. PLANNING	<p>Application No 0900156FUL for the renewal of planning consent for three houses on a plot adjacent to 67. Ermine Street Great Stukeley was placed before members and on a recommendation by the planning group, that all matters including, drainage, tree preservation and Archaeological investigations had been addressed by the applicant, Mr. Turpin proposed with Mr. Butter seconding that the application be approved, members all agreed.</p>	
146. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION	<p>As Mr. Hobson was not at the meeting this issue was deferred to the agenda of the April Council meeting.</p>	
147. ITEMS TO REPORT.	<p>Mr. Cowdery reported attending the latest CPALC meeting, his reaction was that many attendees seemed to spend a great deal of time attending committees and reporting their findings, he felt that the meeting made no significant contribution to any matters that remotely concerned this Council. The clerk reported an email from the District Council which stated that in the Electoral review the Parish Boundaries had been changed in accordance with the 2007 proposals, which included the linking of Hinchingsbrooke, Ermine Street Business Park and the new Northbridge development with Huntingdon Town, this was supported by members at the time. Also the representation for the new Council from April 2010 would be nine members only even though</p>	

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	<p>the Council had requested ten. There was much discussion on this last issue but it was accepted that this was government lead legislation and there was no recourse left for argument. For the next item the chairman declared an interest and the vice chair Mrs. Parkin took control of the meeting.</p> <p>A letter was read from St. Martins church in which they intimated that money had been taken from a specific reserve fund so that the 2008 loan repayment could be honoured but that there were insufficient funds available to replace this transfer, so much so, that they desperately needed the Councils financial help in this matter. After a great deal of debate where several members were concerned that the church was not financially solvent and that it was not the Councils function to finance this type of problem from public funds, Mr. Hulstrom proposed the following solution. That the Parish Council make a payment to the church of £568.48. to cover the shortfall but to inform the church that this amount had been allocated from the 2009/10 Council budget so that this was the Councils final contribution to the loan repayment as it had never been the Councils intention to cover the full repayment of the entire loan, this motion was seconded by Mr. Butter and approved by ten members in favour, non against but with two abstentions. Mr. Pinner then resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Butter enquired whether contact was still evident with the local police, the clerk reported that the local PCSO Gemma Clark was in regular contact, Mr. Butter said that he was concerned as there had been two attempted break-ins lately, Mr. Turpin reported that there had been a serious break-in in Church road just recently with much property being stolen.</p> <p>Mrs. Gifford brought up the issue of her resignation, especially now as she had left the villages, she was persuaded to remain in office until the 2009 election, this she agreed to do to avoid the expense of advertising a vacancy.</p>	
148. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 6th April 2009 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>On Monday 1st June 2009 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 6th July 2009 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	