

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 1st June 2009 at 7. 30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s T. Pinner, H. Raby, R. Turpin, D. Middleton, P. Hobson, M. Reynolds, P. Ryan, Mrs. S. Parkin, County Councillors Sir. Peter Brown and Laine Kadic together with one member of the public.
OPEN FORUM	There were no questions from the member of the public present.
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from Mr. C. Cowdery, on holiday, Mr. D. Bartlett, on holiday, Mr. R. Hulstrom, away on business, Mr. P. Vincent, another engagement, Mrs. S. Gifford, family commitments, Mr. D. Hossack, on holiday, Mr. D. Adams, indisposed. Mr. J.Butter, another commitment, District Councillor K. Baker away on holiday.
35. MINUTES	The minutes of the meeting held on 11 th May 2009 were approved on a proposal by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Turpin and then signed by the chairman.
37. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	There were no such declarations.
38. ACCOUNTS	On a proposal by Mr. Middleton, seconded by Mr. Turpin it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment. EON Energy for May supply £59.16. Printing Matters for June magazine £110. 00. M.J. Newman, clerks salary for June £196.79. Cranbrooke Plants for flowers £55.00. T & S Gardening for maintenance work £84.00. St. Michaels Church (M. Bloomfield) Internal Audit £70.00. The Clerk reported that he had received £2147.52 VAT refund, Magazine advertising £96.00. Mrs Parkin donation for flowers £20.00. The Annual Return for the Audit was approved and signed by the chairman in readiness for posting to Moore Stephens the auditors.
39. FOOTPATHS	As Mr. Cowdery could not be at the meeting he had advised members that he had walked several paths in the Parishes with an official of the County Council and several items of need were identified, such as styles, kissing gates and minor diversions that were either needed or had been in use for a while. It was reported that costings would be available in due course and that liability would be identified. The County were to assess priority and advise later. Mr. Ryan reported that he had actioned a complaint made by Mr. Baker of a case where his crop had been cut to establish a footpath between Waterloo roadway and Brookfield farm access driveway and onward towards 'Northbridge', as no permission was sought he had been referred to the County, who it appeared likely had undertaken the cutting.
40. TRAFFIC CALMING	The clerk advised members that all permissions had now been acquired and that work on the implementation of the 'gateway' facility at Little Stukeley would start on 22 nd June 2009. Jo Challis of the County also supplied traffic census detail which revealed that between Thursday 30 th April 2009 and Wednesday 6 th May 2009 the average speed through Little Stukeley was 24mph with 5% of motorists exceeding the speed limit, unfortunately no figures prior to the implementation of the new scheme were available. In Great Stukeley between Monday 11 th August 2008 and Monday 18 th August 2008 the average speed was 35mph with 83% exceeding the speed limit. Between Wednesday 8 th April 2009 and Tuesday 14 th April 2009 the average speed was 27mph with 21% exceeding the limit A secondary set of figures revealed traffic volumes measured as, prior to implementation Friday 7463, Saturday 4876, Sunday 3672 and following implementation, Friday 3621, Saturday 2338 and Sunday 1715, it was stated that the second set of figures were over a bank holiday weekend, it was said another survey would be

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	<p>implemented after the gateway feature was completed. It was agreed that these figures justified the Council spending the money to implement the scheme.</p>	
41. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE	<p>The chairman reported that T&S Gardening had ‘dead headed’ all the daffodils and had applied fertiliser. The clerk had painted most of the village seats and the sign in Little Stukeley, he would finish the rest in the next few weeks including the village sign at Great Stukeley, it was generally agreed that the regular maintenance was well worth while, especially the regular varnishing of the village signs. The clerk had also acquired and planted flowers under the village entrance signs and around the Little Stukeley village sign, it was agreed that once it had been decided whether or not to move the village sign in Great Stukeley it would be a good thing to plant flowers round that as well, it was agreed a final decision should be made in September in good time for autumn planting. The chairman reported to members that he had now found someone who was prepared to ‘ferret’ all rabbits in the villages free of charge, this would start immediately after the breeding season was over and hopefully there had been some rain.</p>	
42. CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT	<p>This gave members a resume of the Councils works during the year especially regarding the grant aid to Great Stukeley village hall, which members expressed their approval at the results. The maintenance of all grass areas in the parish as well as maintaining both churchyards had continued. A new traffic calming scheme had been implemented and initial surveys suggested that it was having a desirable effect, with reductions in both speeds and volumes. A grant was also made to Hinchingbrooke to support new footway lighting and also the refurbishment of the war memorials was paid for, on this subject Mr. Turpin registered concern that some spalling was evident on the St. Bartholomew’s memorial, the clerk was asked to contact M/s Bowman’s to seek a meeting to discuss a course of action.</p>	
43. PLANNING	<p>On a proposition by the planning group supported by Mr. Turpin the following application was recommended for approval. Application No. 0900559FUL for a single storey conservatory at 35. The Glades, Huntingdon was considered in keeping with no adverse impact on neighbouring properties or the street scene, some concern was to be registered to the fact that the development had no visible indication of any foundation course, this was to be referred to building regulations for clarification. Mr. Ryan said that the Council should respond to the consultation on the development of Huntingdon West area, but that he had no time to devote to the issue, Mr. Hobson agreed to formulate a statement to present to the July meeting, he was advised all information was available on the District Council website.</p>	
44. DISTRICT ISSUES	<p>As the local Councillor was not present this agenda item was deferred.</p>	
45. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>The chairman again thanked the two members present for all their efforts over the past four years and wished them well in their efforts for re-election on Thursday. Mrs. Parkin asked for an update on the latest position with the Alconbury truck stop. Sir. Peter Brown said it was open but still not fully, it was a very difficult environment with many lorries having been taken off the roads in this economic downturn and many others still seeking ‘free’ parking. He said an upturn in the economy may lead to an upturn in the industries fortunes. Mrs. Kadic reported that there was still no news on replacement ‘interactive flashing’ signs through Great Stukeley, she added that although there was a shortage of funding she was still actively trying to find a solution to the problems in Green End, funding was now being explored from the</p>	

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47. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p data-bbox="478 174 1117 212">'Street Scene' department at the County Council.</p> <p data-bbox="478 212 1544 324">It was raised that the footpaths either side of the C.339 through Great Stukeley were becoming narrow through encroaching vegetation, the clerk was to report the issue to the County Council.</p> <p data-bbox="478 324 1544 472">The clerk read a letter from the Alconbury Colts Football Club in which they accepted that the Parish Council accepted no liability for any injury howsoever caused whilst they were using the 'playing field' he also displayed the clubs public liability insurance document for members to see.</p>	
19. NEXT MEETINGS	<p data-bbox="478 472 1544 548">On Monday 6th July 2009 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p data-bbox="478 548 1544 624">On Monday 7th September 2009 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p data-bbox="478 624 1544 701">On Monday 5th October 2009 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p data-bbox="478 701 1544 761">On Monday 2nd November 2009 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	