

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 6th July 2009 at 7. 30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s H. Raby, R. Turpin, D. Middleton, P. Hobson, M. Reynolds, P. Ryan, Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. S. Gifford, D. Adams, C. Cowdery, P. Vincent, J. Butter, D. Adams, R. Hulstrom, County Councillors Sir. Peter Brown and Laine Kadic, District Councillor K. Baker, together with one member of the public.
OPEN FORUM	Mr. Saulsbury said that he was greatly concerned about the number of lorries that were tipping over on the Spittals interchange and asked if remedial work should be prioritised before someone lost their lives. Mrs Kadic said that the County Council were in the process of reviewing comments received and that she would convey these thoughts as well especially as the members also shared the concerns. Mr. Reynolds thought that improved signage could help, specifically in the form of 'hanging' gantry signage.
APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from Mr. D. Bartlett, away on business, Mr. D. Hossack, on holiday, Mr. T. Pinner, away on holiday.
CHAIRMAN	In the absence of Mr. Pinner Mrs Parkin chaired the meeting. She welcomed the two County Councillors, congratulated them on their election success and said members looked forward to working with them for a further four years.
49. MINUTES	The minutes of the meeting held on 1 st June 2009 were approved on a proposal by Mr. Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Turpin and then signed by the chairman.
51. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Raby declared an interest in agenda item 56, Planning, specifically discussion on the Northbridge development, it was agreed on a proposal by the chairman to defer that item to be the last on the agenda.
52. ACCOUNTS	On a proposal by Mrs. Gifford, seconded by Mr. Ryan it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment. EON Energy for June supply £59.16. Printing Matters for July magazine £110. 00. M.J. Newman, clerks salary for July £196.79. Flower bed at Great Stukeley £40.00. Village maintenance to seats and signs £130.00. Staples for ink cartridges £82.69. A.E. Day and Son for fertiliser £15.59. K. Fergusons for grass maintenance £2371.30. MHB for electrical repairs £143.75. Painting Lt. Stukeley bus shelter £45.00. London House for playing field warning signs £34.50. Three Horse Shoes for recycling donation £65.56. Reported income was Magazine advertising £282.00. HDC recycling credits £655.65. The clerk produced for members a bank reconciliation for the period ended 30 th June 2009 and this was approved as a correct record of the financial position of the Council.
53. FOOTPATHS	Mr. Cowdery reported that he had been on holiday and since his return he had been unable to contact either County or District officials and therefore had nothing to report on this occasion.
54. TRAFFIC CALMING	It was reported that all the required lamp standards had now been installed and that it was hoped that the gateway feature would follow shortly. An email from Mrs. Gee was circulated among members in which she said that she considered the entire scheme a failure with more HGV's and faster moving vehicles now than before, Mr. Ryan said that he agreed with the comments and attempted to qualify that by providing members with a graph of speeding vehicles he had monitored, Mr. Adams said he doubted the validity of such a survey. Mr. Butter said he believed that motorists originally reduced speeds but now they were familiar with the scheme they were speeding up again. After much discussion the clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. Gee to reiterate the statement made last month in which the majority of members considered that the money invested was well spent and that the results and general comment confirmed this opinion. Another improvement was

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	envisaged when the 'gateway' feature was in place. A letter was to be sent to the highways agency to see whether more signage was practicable to reduce the number of HGV's through the villages.	
55. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE	The clerk reported that he had painted the village bus shelter in Little Stukeley on instructions from the chairman. All seats had now received a coat of Sadolin and the village signs had been varnished. All the flowers planted had taken well and it was agreed that there was a good display. A letter from the War Memorials Trust had advised that on inspection they had found the refurbishment work on the St. Martins memorial to be unsatisfactory and were demanding attention to the matter. The clerk advised that he had copied the letter to Mr. Espin of Bowman's and had asked for a swift response, Mr. Reynolds was to deal with the issues arising and if Mr. Espin did not make contact he was to contact him on the Councils behalf to arrange a meeting on site at Little Stukeley and also to address issues at St. Bartholomew's as well. A letter from Mr. Outteridge suggested planting of trees in avenues either side of the C.339 between the villages and from Gt. Stukeley to the business park. Mrs. Parkin as tree officer said that she would approach Mr. Field and Mr. Juggins to assess their attitude to such an idea, if they were in agreement she was to notify the clerk who would contact the County Council to seek their comments on such a scheme.	
57. DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Ryan asked Mr. Baker why the Parish Council were not being consulted on some issues concerning RAF Alconbury, although apparently there was consultation between EERA and District, and that the District had made a report to EERA, he mentioned a road structure for there that was considered unlikely even when the A.14 bypass viaduct was removed, this he said was likely to put even more traffic on the C.339 through the villages. It was explained that consultation very often took place between officers before any official public consultation was notified. It was also reported that letters had been sent last year to EERA and the County Council on these issues.	
58. COUNTY ISSUES	The members present had nothing to report.	
60. ITEMS TO REPORT	Mr. Ryan raised the issue of his wife being bitten by a guard dog at Grange Farm Great Stukeley, he said it was not serious and that she would not be preferring any charges, he had been assured that the dog would now be restricted to the garden which would be secured by an electric fence. The District had informed the Council that the route upon which the attack took place was still not the registered replacement route, therefore they were powerless to take action, this was a similar situation with Cambs police, Mr. Cowdery said he was to press the authorities for some urgent action on registering the new proposed route. Mr. Raby informed members that Mrs. Stukins of Great Stukeley was to attain her 100 th birthday on 8 th August next, it was agreed that Mr. Reynolds would order a bouquet of flowers on behalf of members to celebrate the occasion. Mr. Ryan reported that contact had revealed that Mr. Baker had more than likely resolved the problems surrounding his issues with someone cutting his crop to allow access to a public path. Mr. Butter requested that the clerk, in the year approaching an election make it known to members how long each of the present Council had served the communities, this the clerk agreed to do.	
56. PLANNING	Application 0900735FUL for side extension to 33 Park View Great Stukeley, because of it's late receipt was delegated to the planning group to adjudicate upon and then report to the clerk. Huntingdon West Consultation, this item was extensively discussed and it was	

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	<p>agreed that on presentation via email to all members, Mr. Ryan was authorised to submit the response to the District Council prior to the closure date on 10th July 2009. This response in full is filed under the July correspondence heading. The main points were that members were against a new road structure that would bottleneck Brampton, give no serious consideration to the access for Hinchingsbrooke residents and cut both Views and Mill Commons, vital green areas to the town of Huntingdon, into unacceptably small areas. Traffic issues on the C.339 related to the removal of the A.14 viaduct. The restoration of both commons and the regeneration of both George Street and Ermine street are fully supported as are those of sustainable travel, public transport must be improved, with although a quick service between St. Ives and Cambridge, the route between Huntingdon and St. Ives requires improvement. Cycle and Foot access to and via the whole area of Views Common should be improved especially to provide access between the business park/Hinchingsbrooke park and the town, north and central.</p> <p>At this stage Mr. Raby left the meeting.</p> <p>A discussion then took place on the revised design and access statement for the Northbridge development. After much discussion it was agreed on a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom seconded by Mr. Turpin that a statement be sent to the District as follows. As no revised traffic assessment had been supplied the members found at this stage it was not possible to comment effectively. The commercial development at Grange Farm was discussed in the light of a letter received from the enforcement officer in which she implied that by continued use over a period would necessitate the developer applying for a Certificate of Lawful use. Mr. Hulstrom had received communications which implied that this may be a forgone conclusion. It was agreed that the clerk write to the Planning Officer to demand that these issues were put through the correct planning process so that the Council had the opportunity to comment as well as locally affected residents.</p>	
19. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 7th September 2009 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 5th October 2009 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2nd November 2009 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 7th December 2009 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	