

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 5th October 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, County Councillor Sir. Peter Brown and one member of the public.
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mr. T. Pinner, illness, D. Hossack, illness. D. Bartlett away on business, R. Hulstrom, away on business, Laine Kadic, at another meeting.
CHAIRMAN	In the absence of Mr. Pinner through illness Mrs. Parkin took the chair for the meeting.
OPEN FORUM	There were no questions from the floor.
75. MINUTES	The minutes of the meeting held on 7 th September 2009, after one minor alteration were signed by the vice chairman on a proposition by Mr. Butter seconded by Mr. Cowdery.
77. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Raby asked whether he should declare an interest in the EERA report item, it was agreed that this was not necessary because at this stage it was only a report.
78. ACCOUNTS	On a proposal by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Ryan it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment. August EON Electric for September supply £59.16. Printing Matters for October magazine £100.80. M. J. Newman, clerks October salary £196.79. K. Fergusons Ltd for Grass maintenance £2980. 22. It was also agreed that the clerk could spend up to £60 on pansies from Cranbrook Plants, to replace the geraniums around the village signs. Receipts of £10750. 00. being precept from District Council and Magazine advertising revenue amounting to £80.50. were notified. The clerk supplied members with the bank reconciliation figures for the period ended 30 th September 2009 which depicted balances of £40271.60. The clerk explained that these may seem high but it had to be remembered that the Council owed approximately £9000 to the County for the traffic calming measures for which no account had been received as yet. These figures were adopted on a proposition by Mr. Butter, seconded by Mr. Reynolds.
79. FOOTPATHS	Mr. Cowdery informed members that issues with the signage of footpath 1 are ongoing as the County don't want to supply a wooden sign. The signage on footpath 5 from Waterloo roadway to Brookfield which was reported damaged, will be replaced and it was wondered whether it could be positioned differently, as it appeared to have been knocked down, to avoid further damage, it was agreed that there was no other suitable position. He reported that on footpath 17 the County would now install the 'kissing gates' without charge to the owner, but that they now say that they will install a further gate on footpath 18 in a hedge as it leaves the same parcel of land. Mrs. Gifford said that she was concerned that by making access easier that more people may use the path and that in her opinion the exit from the land at the south eastern corner was on a dangerous bend on the C.339, she stated that she wanted it made clear that she accepted no responsibility for any accident that may occur, she was assured also that signage warning of horses in the field as well as 'dogs on leads' would be put in place as well. Mr. Cowdery also said that he had reported Mr. Pinner's concerns about the surface of byway 3 to Alconbury, to the County Council, who had said that they were to consult with one of their contractors about refurbishing this route.
80. TRAFFIC CALMING	The clerk reported that no further information had been received.
81. PLANNING	The following Planning Applications were approved by members on the recommendation of the planning group.

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	<p>Application No. 0901191 FUL for the erection of a conservatory to the rear of a dwelling at 1 The Vale, Huntingdon.</p> <p>Application No 0901190 FUL for the erection of a conservatory to the rear of a dwelling at 42. Woodlands, Huntingdon.</p> <p>Application No. 0901223FUL for the change of use from B.1 to a hair and beauty salon at the management pavilion at Kingfisher Way, Huntingdon.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan gave a report to members, which he had already copied to all members, on the recent EERA consultation meeting held in Huntingdon at which they asked for comment on it's initial proposals for the 'planning for the future to 2031'. This plan will define where new homes will be built and the strategies for development of the regional economy and infrastructure. He said it could be particularly important for Huntingdonshire as one of the options was for a new town of 20.000 houses centred on Alconbury, this can be related to Huntingdon town, 9000 homes and St. Neots 11600 homes. Full detail of the report will be appended to these minutes. After a great deal of discussion it was decided that Mr. Ryan should prepare a draft response to EERA in time for the next meeting, he would circulate this to members prior to that meeting. A final decision could then be made on the text at that time.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan was thanked by all members for his time in preparing such a detailed report on the meeting. It was also agreed that he put an article in the Parish magazine to draw attention to the consultation with a note that his full report can be seen on the Parish Website as well as the magazine website.</p>	
82. DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Baker was not present to make a report.	
83. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>Sir Peter Brown said that the new interactive signs had been installed in Great Stukeley, he was told that these were working well. He reported that there was an exhibition at the Marriott hotel at which the new plans and route for the A.14 were to be displayed, he was informed that the Council had received copies of these plans. He was asked by Mr. Cowdery if he could enquire as to why a wooden indicative sign could not be supplied for footpath 1 even though Mr. Pinner was prepared to pay for it, he said he would speak to John Cooper of the County Council and report back. He was asked whether the County were supporting the proposed congestion charge in Cambridge, he said it was difficult because the regeneration money offered by central government, amounting to £570m was 'more or less' conditional on the County supporting the scheme even though they were not particularly happy with it. He said initially £50m was to be allocated to the improvements to Chesterton station so that all the aggregate required for the road reconstruction could be brought in through that venue to save the congestion envisaged by road transport. He said he considered that nothing would happen before 2017. On the subject of the 'Guided Bus' he said the route was to be 'handed over' to the bus companies on 29th November 2009 and that he envisaged a full service being operational either, hopefully, just prior to Christmas, but failing that early in the new year.</p>	
85. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mr. Vincent reported that he had put a questionnaire in the magazine with regard to the provision of some play equipment in the field at Great Stukeley, he had already received some positive comments but hoped for more and would bring these to the November meeting for members consideration. He also said that he had been in touch with WREN regarding the availability of grant aid, they had intimated that November and April were the times they considered applications.</p> <p>Mrs Gifford said that because of the reduction in numbers of Councillors representing the Parish and also with a number of sitting members intending</p>	

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	<p>to retire would it not be a good idea to raise the matter of standing for Council election in the magazine, it was agreed that this was a good idea for nearer the time of the election process next May.</p> <p>Mr. Cowdery reported that mistakes had been made with the recently remarked Spittals interchange and that he had reported the matter to the highways agency and awaited a reply, he was asked to keep members informed.</p> <p>Mr. Butter thanked the clerk for producing the Councillors service records recently.</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds enquired, with the remembrance Sunday services imminent, whether the Parish Council were prepared to finance the wreaths again this year, members were unanimous in there approval of this gratuity.</p>	
86. NEXT MEETINGS	<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 starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 4th January 2010 at Great Stukeley village hall starting at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 1st February 2010 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 1st March 2010 at Gt. Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm</p>	