

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

ATTENDANCE	M/s H. Raby, R. Turpin, D. Middleton, P. Hobson, D. Hossack, P. Ryan, Mrs. S. Parkin, D. Adams, C. Cowdery, P. Vincent, J. Butter, T. Pinner, District Councillor Mr. Keith Baker and one member of the public.
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mr. D. Bartlett away on business, M. Reynolds personal reasons, J. Butter personal reason, Mrs Gifford family reasons, Sir Peter Brown & Laine Kadic, at another meeting.
OPEN FORUM	There were no questions from the floor.
87. MINUTES	The minutes of the meeting held on 5 th October 2009 were signed by the chairman with the approval of a proposition by Mr. Turpin seconded by Mr. Cowdery.
89. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Pinner said that one of the footpaths to be discussed ran over property within his ownership, but that he intended still to register his opinion on the types of signage supplied. Mr. Adams said that as a Town Councillor he had interests in the budget being submitted by that authority.
90. ACCOUNTS	On a proposal by Mr. Turpin, seconded by Mr. Ryan it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment. EON Electric for October supply £59.16. Printing Matters for November magazine £100.80. M. J. Newman, clerks November salary £196.79. Office Expenses and Extras requires £147. 93, Moore Stephens for account fees £339. 25. British Legion for remembrance wreaths £55.50.P. Fenn for cleaning bus shelters Receipts of £64.50. being Magazine advertising revenue The clerk supplied members with budget update figures for the period ended 30 th September 2009. The clerk also provided members with preliminary precept figures for 2010/11 and the parish rate consequences, this was to be an agenda item for the December meeting of the Council.
91. FOOTPATHS	Mr. Pinner reported meeting a County official on footpath one across his land, he said that two 'kissing gates' had been agreed and that he favoured wood rather than metal, he also added that the County Council policy was now for metal indicative signs rather than wood but that he was not happy with that scenario and asked for more enquiries to be made. Mr. Cowdery reported that the County had agreed to refurbish the surface of the path from Little Stukeley to Alconbury but that they had not disclosed how. The 'kissing gates', wooden type, had been ordered for footpath 17/18 and that he had spoken with Mr. Baker to assure him that in future the correct route will be signed. The clerk was asked to inform Sir John Major at Finnings, as the path was close to his boundary, that the footpath work will start shortly. There were still some unsolved issues with the path No seven from the racecourse to Low Road, with the path crossing the Alconbury brook, which had been realigned, twice and there being no access bridges it was agreed that the issues should have been addressed at the time the gravel was excavated. The newly formed path 26 behind the racecourse had maintenance issues, the racecourse apparently maintained the first part but the second part approaching the hotel was not being maintained, the clerk said that was possibly because the racecourse could not access that area with their mower. He also said that Brampton PC had approached him to support their request for a new access bridge to be provided across the realigned A.14 when and if that happens, this to give access to Brampton wood and the wider countryside, Mr. Raby said that the existing bridge was proposed for an update and that he could not envisage the authority providing another unit, it was agreed to monitor the situation. With those issues in mind it was agreed to put the issues of the A.14

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	realignment on the December agenda with Mr. Ryan agreeing to conduct the preliminary research that may be needed and then present a response for consideration at that meeting.	
92. TRAFFIC CALMING	The clerk reported that no further information had been received.	
93. PLANNING	<p>The members determined the following applications.</p> <p>Application No.0901294FUL for an extension to the northeast and southeast at 17 Park View, Great Stukeley was considered to be of sound design, presenting no adverse impact on either street scene or adjoining neighbours and therefore approved on a proposal by the planning group supported by all.</p> <p>Application No. 0901228FUL for the change of roof on side of dwelling from flat to pitched at 26.Ermine Street, Little Stukeley was considered a good improvement to the dwelling with no adverse impacts, it was approved on a proposition by the planning group, supported by all members.</p> <p>Application No. 0901311FUL for 3no 3/4 bedroom dwellings on a site between 4 & 10 Ermine Street, Great Stukeley. There was much concern among members that the drainage issues referred to in the original application have still not been adequately addressed, the tree survey details were now out of date and the fact that the development proposes houses in an area in which most dwellings were single story together with access concerns, the members on a submission by the planning group decided to refuse this application. It was however thought that if all issues could be addressed satisfactorily some consideration should be given to a provision of affordable housing on the site.</p> <p>Application No 0901298FUL for the siting of a temporary residential home in the garden of 35. Ermine Street was considered and although there was majority support a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom to query the length of time allowed for a temporary consent was also supported as it was not members wish that the application became permanent, if this issue could be resolved satisfactorily the members felt they could support approval of the application.</p>	
94.EERA CONSULTATION	Mr. Ryan circulated among all members some proposals for a very detailed response to these proposals, these were discussed at length and because of the significance of them to the local communities it was agreed that this type of full and detailed response was essential in the presentation of the Councils case against the proposals. He was sincerely thanked by all present for his efforts on producing this seven page dossier, which is appended to these minutes for the records.	
95. DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Baker reported that Mr. Hobson had received a reply from Jonathan Djanogly with the conservative attitude to the EERA report and that the report would be challenged if they were elected. He said that the District had discussed all aspects of the realignment of the A.14 and the removal of the viaduct and it was agreed by members that this issue should be placed on the December agenda, Mr. Ryan said he would research all issues and then list any response that may be required by the Parish Council to the consultation.	
96. COUNTY ISSUES	As neither Councillor was present there were no issues other than the clerk being asked to email Laine Kadic with reference to when the County members adopted the legislation that wooden way signs were no longer to be used but only metal.	
98. ITEMS TO REPORT	A letter was read from Jonathan Djanogly in which he asked about broadband services in the County as he considered them to be poor, a mention was to be made in the magazine to solicit public opinion on whether the service was satisfactory and then a letter be sent in reply if enough replies had been received. Mr. Vincent said that he had already received some fifty positive	

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	<p>replies supporting the provision of some multi functional play equipment within the playing field at Great Stukeley, he added that he had received quotations for the works required ranging from 9K to 15K. He asked for the matter to be an agenda item for the December meeting so that it may be established whether the members were prepared to support the proposition with financial backing. Mr. Hulstrom informed members that there was still a major problem with traffic emanating from Grange Farm in Green End and that consultation with the District was not proving helpful, he said that the officials had intimated that the expansion of the area had been over a ten year period and that this had exceeded the original planning permissions but that they had advised the agent that an application should be made for a certificate of lawful use. A letter was to be drafted for the clerk to say that the Council challenged the period of ten years, the increase had occurred over the last two to three years, and to object strongly to the issue of a certificate of lawful use. Mr. Baker took case details and agreed that he would pursue the matter on the Councils behalf as well.</p> <p>Mr. Cowdery said that his challenge to the Highways Authority over incorrect markings at the Spittals had been dismissed but that he intended to continue his challenge with the provision of photographs to support his claims.</p> <p>Mr. Cowdery also intimated to members that he was to move soon to Luton but that he wished to remain on the Council to finish his projects concerning footpaths in the Parish, the chairman thanked him and said that that would be in order, this was supported by members. Mr. Adams said that the provision of double yellow lines on Christie Drive and the access road to the Country park would in his opinion do nothing to solve the existing problems, only drive them somewhere else, he said these measures together with high charges at the hospital and proposed charges for the Country park would only exasperate the problem that now exists. The Electoral review in which the Parish is reduced to just the villages of Great and Little Stukeley, served by nine members was received for information. Mrs. Parkin reported that Mr. Juggins had said that he could not given permission for trees beside the C.339 as he did not actually own the land, it was in fact owned by St. Johns College. Mr. Field had said that he could be in favour of some planting on his boundary with the C.339 providing he was supplied with full detail to study and that only native trees were used.</p> <p>Mr. Turpin advised members of the times of the Remembrance Services in both churches at the weekend and also of the wreath laying ceremonies.</p>	
99. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 7th December 2009 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing 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 Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 5th April 2010 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	