

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 1st March 2010 at 7. 30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s C. Cowdery, J. Butter, M.Reynolds, R. Hulstrom, P. Ryan, P. Vincent, H. Raby, D. Middleton, T. Pinner, P. Hobson, Mrs Parkin, District Councillor. K. Baker together with three members of the public.
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mr. D. Bartlett away on business, D. Hossack away on holiday, Mr. Turpin another appointment, D. Adams away on business, Mrs. Gifford unavoidably delayed. County Councillor. Sir Peter Brown at a previous engagement, Laine Kadic recovering from illness.
OPEN FORUM	One matter raised by a resident of Church Way, Little Stukeley, was the overgrown state of a hedge on the boundary of the property known as number one, Church Way, this was now severely impeding the footpath, the chairman agreed to speak in person to the occupier to request him to trim it back to allow safe passage. There were no further questions.
138. MINUTES	The minutes of the meeting held on 1 st February 2010 were signed by the chairman with the approval of a proposition by Mr. Reynolds seconded by Mr. Cowdery.
140. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	There were no such declarations from members attending.
141. ACCOUNTS	On a proposal by Mr. Butter seconded by Mrs Parkin it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment. EON Electric for March supply £59.16. Printing Matters for March magazine £84.00. M. J. Newman, clerks March salary £199. 46. M.J. Newman clerks holiday entitlement for the fiscal year 2009/2010 £246. 49. Clerks office expenditure for the period November 2009 to March 2010 inclusive £70.75. Staples for printer ink and copy paper £125.74. Digley Associates for playground inspection £52.88. Gt. Stukeley village hall MC for hall hire for the year 2009/2010 £57.00. and Lt. Stukeley village hall MC for hall hire for the year 2009/2010, £57.00.
142. ADMINISTRATION ISSUES	It was reported by the clerk that Mr. Bloomfield felt that he could no longer undertake the duties of the Councils internal auditor and it was agreed that he be written too to thank him for his considerable help over the years. The clerk reported a firm specialising in this type of service, Canalbs Ltd and that contact had revealed a quoted costing of no more than £100 for this service, on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs Parkin the members authorised the clerk to engage this companies services for this year. Mr. Ryan informed members that there was a new Standing Order document which would have to be adopted by the Council some time soon, he agreed to study this fully and then report with recommendations to the next meeting of the Council so that members could vote on the adoption.
143. FOOTPATHS	Mr. Cowdery informed members that he had enrolled the Council in the County Parish Path Partnership again for this year, naming the clerk as contact point, this in the fact that he intended to leave the Council because he had now left the village. He said that in the application he had highlighted the following issues as needing attention. The Alconbury to Lt. Stukeley bridleway needed some minor realignment at the Low road end to ensure the correct line. Footpath Seven from the racecourse to Low road, according to maps crosses the brook in two places, there are no available crossing methods so path needs administrative measures to address this issue. Footpath Eleven at the Grange needs diverting onto the metalled roadway as soon as all permissions are agreed. Footpath Thirteen across Stukeley Park to the C.339

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	<p>Ermine Street needs a new access gate at its junction with the main road. To form a new bridleway way access to Hill Close from Ermine Street now that agreement has been secured from the owners the District Council. New 'Destination' signs are to be supplied to all paths where they leave the main highways, i.e. 12. Water Tower to Green End. 1. Pringle Way to Ermine Street. 4. Low Road to Great Stukeley. 26. Ermine Street to the Racecourse.</p> <p>Mr. Raby raised an issue with paths 5, 18 & 19 across his fields, he said that he had recently installed new 'rabbit fencing' on his boundary with Ermine Street, leaving the required footpath access through the fence, unfortunately the rabbits had found these gateways and thus rendered the scheme inefficient, he asked the Council, if at his expense he could fit rabbit proof gates at these points, these to be spring assisted to close after access by walkers, on a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Middleton the members agreed that he be allowed to undertake this work.</p>	
144. PLAY EQUIPMENT	<p>Mr. Vincent informed members that the grant application forms had to be sent in by 18th March 2010 and that the following information was required to support the application. Copy of the Councils Standing orders, a copy of last years accounts and copy of a relevant bank statement and bank signatories together with a letter to state the Councils commitment to fund the project to the tune of £3500. On a proposition by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr Hulstrom the members instructed the clerk to provide the required information. The Clerk advised that the insurers had stated that several items at the Lt. Stukeley play area had reached their 'sell by date' and required replacement before February 2011, it was discussed whether these items likely to cost in the region of £2000 plus VAT and erection costs, should be added to the original grant application but after discussion in which it was decided that that project should be delayed till the summer and then a grant application be made to the District Council, would be the best form of action. The Clerk was asked to write to Little Stukeley village hall on whose property the equipment was sited, to enquire whether they may consider some financial contribution towards the replacement.</p>	
145.PLANNING	<p>The following applications were on the agenda for discussion.</p> <p>Application No. 1000161FUL for alterations to elevations and erection of a canopy. Change of use from betting shop to bar(A2 to A4) at Huntingdon racecourse. Approval on a proposition by the planning group.</p> <p>Application No.0901548FUL for alterations and extensions to the public house, the erection of a new toilet block to serve caravan park at the Three Horse Shoes, Gt. Stukeley, this being a resubmission of an application, 0300799FUL, which was approved in 2003 but allowed to lapse. Approval on a proposition by the planning group.</p> <p>Application No. 1000219FUL for the erection of a two storey dental and medical clinic including pedestrian access path and service access road. Ancillary buildings including a bike store, refuse storage, sprinkler pump house and water tank on land east of building 616 at RAF Alconbury. Approval was recommended on a proposal by the planning group.</p> <p>Application No. 1000129FUL for the erection of a conservatory to the rear elevation of 40. Woodlands, Huntingdon. This application was also approved by members on the proposal by the planning group.</p>	
146. VILLAGE ISSUES	<p>The re-siting of the village sign in Great Stukeley was discussed and on a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom, supported by Mr. Cowdery, members agreed that this should be done, the chairman was asked to seek a quotation from M/s Fergusons for the necessary work.</p>	

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	<p>Mrs. Parkin said that she had been unwell recently and had had no opportunity to arrange the meeting with Mr. Field with reference to some tree planting on his boundaries with Ermine Street, she said she hoped to have more positive news at the next meeting.</p> <p>On the issue of dog control, particularly in Great Stukeley the clerk advised that there was no dog exclusion regulations covering the recreation field and that it was not possible until a Parish Council 'Dog Warden' could be found, Mr. Hulstrom said he was prepared to take up the position which meant that the clerk could apply to DEFRA for such an order. This was proposed by Mr. Cowdery, supported by Mr. Butter with nine members in favour and one against, thus the clerk was instructed to make the necessary enquiries.</p> <p>The chairman produced a quotation from M/s Fergusons for winter maintenance work in the villages including clearance of roadside ditches, cutting hedge at rear of Lt. Stukeley play area, removing basal shoots and low branches in both churchyards, clearing of brambles and elders from village green in Lt. Stukeley and the reduction in height of a small section of hedge along the left hand boundary of Gt. Stukeley church, the cost being between £350 and £450, it was also agreed after much discussion that a litter pick along Ermine Street through the villages should be added to the schedule. On a proposal by Mr. Butter, supported by Mr. Reynolds, six members were in favour with four abstaining, therefore the chairman was asked to instruct M/s Ferguson to carry out the work as soon as possible before the grass started to grow.</p>	
147. DISTRICT ISSUES	<p>Councillor Baker reported a meeting held with Mr. Hulstrom, Ms Kinnersley and Ms Tozer of the District Planning Enforcement team recently to discuss issues surrounding the Grange Farm Industrial Development and it's implications for local residents. It was said it may not be an offence to put up a building for this purpose, but could be if there was an enforcement order in place, only then could action follow. They implied that they had no intention of taking action in this case as this type of development was encouraged by government in the diversification and use of redundant farm buildings, they admitted that this type of development was having a detrimental effect on many rural areas but it was unlikely because of legislation that it could be curtailed in any way. They suggested that illegal use may be occurring and this cannot be regularised if deception within information supplied can be proven. They did however state that a letter would be sent to the owner suggesting that a Preliminary Closure Order could follow if activities that were not regularised are taking place. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Enforcement Officer to register the Councils dismay that firmer action had not been taken sooner, that could have eliminated the problems that now exist, a letter received from the department was to be cited as evidence of an early notification of a developing problem. Problems of neighbouring farmer with traffic endeavouring to exit and enter the site via the Abbots Ripton road access to Lodge Farm were also to be highlighted.</p> <p>Mr. Baker also informed the Council that as there was generally some dissatisfaction on approach and determination of enforcements by the officers, the Overview and Scrutiny panel were to look into the issue.</p> <p>Mr. Baker was questioned about the toilet facilities within Huntingdon, he said the Town Council, who were not 'capped' by central government were not prepared to take over their administration and unfortunately the District Council who were 'capped' had to make cost cutting savings somewhere.</p> <p>Mr. Butter raised the matter of the severe potholes appearing on the ring road,</p>	

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	Mr. Baker said that issue was the concern of the County.	
148.COUNTY ISSUES	The County Councillors reported through the clerk that their budget increase had been set at 3% but that every endeavour was being made to preserve services, particularly the library for which Councillor Brown had specific responsibilities. It was reported that Ms Kadic was recovering after her stay in hospital and members decided that the clerk should send her a 'get well soon' card from everyone.	
150. ITEMS TO REPORT.	<p>Mr. Ryan, who said he had spoken with Mr. Monk, reported that the Cambs and Peterborough Waste plan contained no significant issues on which the Council needed to comment.</p> <p>Mr. Middleton advised members that there had been four house robberies in Little Stukeley the previous week and that the police were following certain avenues of enquiry.</p> <p>It was reported that the resident of 25 Church Way had forged a new access to his property onto Pringle Way, that in itself was not a problem but the concern was for the large stones on the roadside guarding this access, also the fact that the entrance had been numbered 25 and that this number was not relating to Pringle Way, the clerk was to write to ask him if he would consider moving the stones on an issue of safety and the number to avoid confusion.</p>	
137. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 12th April 2010 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 10th May 2010 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm</p> <p>On Monday 7th June 2010 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 5th July 2010 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 6th September 2010 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	