

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

ATTENDANCE	M/s C. Cowdery, J. Butter, M.Reynolds, R. Hulstrom, P. Ryan, H. Raby, D. Middleton, T. Pinner and Mrs S. Gifford together with two 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, Mr. Vincent illness, Mr. P. Hobson away on holiday, Mrs. Gifford unavoidably delayed. County Councillor. Sir Peter Brown at a previous engagement, Laine Kadic recovering from illness. Mr. Baker busy canvassing.
OPEN FORUM	There were no questions from the members of the public present.
1. MINUTES	The minutes of the meeting held on 1 st March 2010 were signed by the chairman with the approval of a proposition by Mr. Reynolds seconded by Mr. Cowdery.
3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	There were no such declarations from members attending.
4. ACCOUNTS	<p>On a proposal by Mr. Butter seconded by Mr. Reynolds it was resolved that the following accounts were approved for payment. EON Electric for April supply £59.16. Printing Matters for April magazine £106.68. M. J. Newman, clerks April salary £199. 46. T & S Gardening for maintenance £250.00. Heffers Bookshop Cambridge for nine copies of the 'Code of Conduct' £29.00.</p> <p>The Clerk produced copy for all members of the Council Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the period ended 31st March 2010, on a proposal by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mr. Reynolds these accounts were adopted as a true record of the Councils financial dealings in that period and was duly signed by the Clerk and the Chairman. The Clerk also produced the Annual Return ready for the external Auditor, this document on a proposition by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Butter was approved for signature by the chairman and the clerk.</p>
5. FOOTPATHS.	<p>Mr. Cowdery reported that the Parish Council had had their application for membership of the Parish Paths Partnership approved for the coming year and until such time as a replacement for Mr. Cowdery had been elected the clerk was nominated as the point of contact.</p> <p>He also reported that the two gates had been delivered on site for footpath one, that the County Council were expecting the diversion of footpath eleven at Grange Farm and the upgrade to Bridleway status to be ratified in the near future. Mr. Raby had fitted the rabbit proof gates on the footpaths at Brookfield Farm and was awaiting approval by a County Officer. Two new appropriate gates had been supplied for the bridleway between Alconbury and Little Stukeley. The chairman reported that the 'kissing gates' at Great Stukeley had been poorly erected and that the 'spoil' from the works had been tipped in a nearby waterway, Mr. Cowdery said he would report the issue to County Officials.</p>
6. PLAY EQUIPMENT	As Mr. Vincent was not present a full report was unavailable, but the clerk reported that issues with the grant application and the need for a 'facilitating' deposit had been sorted satisfactorily and that the Parish Council contribution of £3500 would cover this and the required contribution. A letter from Little Stukeley village hall committee was read by the clerk, in which they stated that they felt unable to make a contribution towards replacement play equipment in the village hall grounds, citing a drop in regular income and

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	<p>commenting that the Parish Council had recently awarded a large grant to Great Stukeley village hall refurbishment scheme. The clerk was asked to reply registering the Councils disappointment in the decision and to point out that the Council for a number of years had paid for the regular maintenance of the hall grounds out of public funds, a facility not accorded to the hall at Great Stukeley. A discussion on the reclamation of VAT on the refurbishment works at Little Stukeley revealed that the authorities would only sanction this action by ‘managing’ trustees of a village hall.</p>	
6A. PLANNING	<p>Application No 1000405FUL for a conservatory at the rear of 25 Bradley road was approved as there appeared to be no problems with either design or impact on neighbouring properties.</p> <p>Application No 1000374CLED for a certificate of lawful use(existing) for continuation of use; B1, unit 6-B1, unit 7-B2/B8, unit 8 B2/B8 and unit 9 B8. After the members had considered this matter very carefully and had listened to Mr. Hulstrom(councillor for the area of Green End) explaining the impact and traffic evolving from these units it was decided on a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Cowdery and approved on a majority of six in favour with two against, to send the following statement to the planning office. There is insufficient conclusive evidence produced to show continual use for the ten year period required, particularly as the income tax records only cover the period to 2003 and although rental agreements are shown, there is no evidence of rent receipts for the period. With these critical facts in mind the members strongly recommend refusal of the application.</p>	
7. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.	<p>Mr. Ryan had studied the document in great detail and observed that comments made by the Council in the past were still valid and should be repeated together with several other points including, The free access to facilities with the introduction of more public facilities including play areas. There should be a new Travel Plan Concept with a requirement for a more manageable and appropriate scheme to be included with any future development planning application. He raised several other pertinent issues and advised that he would supply all members with a transcript of his proposed submission to the Council. He was thanked by all members for his efforts in this matter.</p>	
8. STANDING ORDERS	<p>Mr. Ryan told members that he had studied the new orders and that the subject was very complex, he said the orders had to be adapted to suit the Councils particular situation and that he was working on the matter still, he said he felt it was an issue to be endorsed by the ‘new’ council when it was elected, he said that if elected he would tender a suggested profile ready for the June meeting of the Council, he was asked, if not elected, would he be prepared to still provide this recommendation, he implied that he would be pleased to.</p>	
9. DISTRICT ISSUES	<p>As the District Councillor was not present there was no report.</p>	
10. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>As neither County Councillor was present at the meeting there was no report.</p>	
12. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>The Chairman observed that there were still major parking problems at Lancaster Way, made worse by lack of parking at individual businesses, Mr Ryan observed that in future, as part of the Local Development Framework when development plans were submitted a detailed parking submission would be a condition of any subsequent approval decision.</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds reported that the notice board by the village hall at Great Stukeley had become very difficult to read as the glass had become very stained, the clerk said he had replacement supplied by Mr. Adams several months ago but that it had been too cold to attempt replacement lately.</p>	

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	<p>Mr. Cowdery said that when he retired from the Council another person would be required to post the Council minutes on the website, it was agreed to seek a new person after the forthcoming election.</p> <p>Mrs. Parkin, through the clerk, reported that she had now arranged a meeting with Mr. Field, A district Council Tree Officer and herself for 8am on 29th April to discuss the tree belt on his land, positioning and tree type and that she would report at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan reported that investigation had revealed that there were now many sources of grant aid for community projects and that in the future the members could possibly highlight possible new projects for which some type of aid could be sought.</p>	
13. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 10th May 2010 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm</p> <p>On Monday 14th June 2010 at Little Stukeley village hall, this will be the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting 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> <p>On Monday 4th October 2010 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	