

**The Annual Parish & Parish Council meetings of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 at 7.00pm.**

ATTENDANCE	M/s M. Monk, T. Pinner, P. Ryan, H. Raby, P. Vincent, R. Hulstrom, P. Hobson, Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, County Councilors Laine Kadic & Sir Peter Brown, Rebecca Britton of U&C and District Councillor Keith Baker and one member of the public
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	<p>This phase of the nights agenda was attended by six members of the general public including representatives of the Gt. Stukeley village hall management committee whom the chairman Mr. Pinner asked to lead questioning.</p> <p>Mrs. Monk the chairman started by advising that the urgent repairs would cost in the region of £25.000 depending on which quotation they decided upon, these quotations had been supplied in advance to all Council members, she explained the reasoning for each phase of the repair work needed this included boiler replacement, new windows and doors, roof insulation and wall insulation and the need to combine the entire range to give a better opportunity of some grant funding, she said that initially what they were seeking from the Parish Council was support of the third party grant enabling funding which could amount to in the region of £2000 and then any extra funding that the Council could produce from their acknowledged meagre reserves. Mr. Bundy the vice chairman reported that more recently a boiler engineer had revealed to them that the main fan unit bearing had collapsed and that an effective repair would be extremely costly, the hall committee felt it was bad policy to spend that sort of money on what was described as a very inefficient piece of equipment. Mrs. Monk said that although the hall is recommended to have two years running costs in their reserves and that it cost £12.000 per annum to run the hall, they at the present time only had £3000 in that reserve fund. The Clerk reflected that if large amounts of cash injection were required it was possible to finance this by a 'one off' Council Tax increase to raise the monies to finance this, but that this could only be done next December with the money not being available until after the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. All Councillors agreed that the village halls were an important community asset and that every effort should be made to maintain them. Mr. Hulstrom suggested an approach to Urban &amp; Civic and Mr. Vincent suggested one to the National lottery.</p> <p>Mr. Alex Facey then explained to members that he was setting up a table tennis club for all to be run in Gt. Stukeley village hall there were sessions for youngsters 4pm to 5pm, older children 5pm to 7pm and parents and children from 7pm to 10pm and that each session cost the club £28 he said funds had already been raised to buy five tables, the nets, bats and balls and that attendance at the initial session had attracted some fourteen parents and children at a charge of £2 per session per child &amp; £3 per session per adult, he asked if the Council would consider grant aiding the cost of the 5pm to 7pm session, which was entirely for the youth of the village, twice a week for six months to assist in setting up the venture. Mr. Pinner said he thought that the Council would be keen to support this venture for the youth of the village and would discuss the amount in committee later in the evening.</p>
1.ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN	<p>Mr. Pinner vacated the chair and the election of Chairman was presided over by Mrs. Parkin.</p> <p>Mr. Raby said he considered that Mr. Pinner was 'the right person for the job' and proposed him, this motion was seconded by Mr. Hobson.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom proposed Mrs Parkin and this was supported by Mr. Ryan. At this point Mr. Monk asked for a secret ballot, a motion proposed by Mr. Pinner, on inspection of the Councils Standing Orders Mr. Ryan reported that there was no</p>

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	<p>provision for this method of voting, at this point Mr. Monk withdrew his proposal. A vote was then called for by Mrs. Parkin, in the vote by show of hands that followed, Mrs Parkin received six votes and Mr. Pinner three. Mrs Parkin was declared elected and accepted the post.</p> <p>Mr. Pinner then rose to announce that if his services were no longer required as chairman he was resigning as a councillor with immediate effect, he ventured that in future it may be advisable to time restrict the tenure of a chairman, despite treaties from several members he would not reverse his decision and left the meeting. It was agreed that the issues of length of time a chairman is permitted to hold office, which would require an amendment to Standing Orders and the legalities of the procedure to replace a councillor in the event of a resignation and whether co-option was an avenue open to members should be an agenda item for the next meeting. It was unanimously agreed after Mr. Pinner had left that he be sent a letter informing him of the entire Councils sincere gratitude for all the hard work he had undertaken over a period of thirty seven years as chairman, it was also agreed that a special announcement should be made on the Councils behalf, by the clerk, listing his career as a Councillor and all his significant achievements and publicly thanking him for all his efforts.</p>	
APOLOGIES	All members were present.	
2.ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN	Mr Monk was proposed by Mrs Parkin and seconded by Mr. Hulstrom, he said that if elected he would, due to other commitments only be prepared to serve for one year in an effort to assist Mrs Parkin in her new role, with this in mind and the fact that there were no other nominations Mr. Monk was elected	
3.ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS	<p><b><u>Rights of Way Committee</u></b> M/s P. Ryan, H. Raby and P. Hobson all agreed to serve another year and were duly elected on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs Sly.</p> <p><b><u>Lighting Committee</u></b> It was proposed by Mr. Monk and seconded by Mr. Vincent that Mr. Ryan and Mr. Hulstrom continue in office as representative of Great Stukeley, this was agreed, the clerk agreed to look after issues in Little Stukeley until Mr. Pinner's replacement was appointed.</p> <p><b><u>Playing Field Committee</u></b> Mr. Raby, Mr. Vincent and Mrs Sly all agreed to serve for another year and on a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hobson were duly elected.</p> <p><b><u>Planning Advisory Group.</u></b> The existing members, M/s P. Ryan, R. Hulstrom, M. Monk and Mrs Sly were proposed by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mr. Hobson and all agreeing to continue were elected.</p> <p><b><u>Tree Officer</u></b> Mrs Parkin intimated she wished to continue in that role and on a proposal by Mrs. Sly, seconded by Mr. Ryan, she was elected.</p> <p><b><u>Dog Warden</u></b> Mr. Hulstrom was volunteered, he was proposed by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mr. Vincent and elected.</p>	
4.MINUTES	The minutes of the Council meeting of Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2012 were approved by members after two name omissions were addressed, on a proposal by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mrs Sly.	
6. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Monk declared an interest in agenda item 11 as his wife was chairman of the Gt. Stukeley hall committee, he was given leave to remain at the meeting. Mr. Ryan declared an interest relating to his charity work at the Alconbury site and also any discussion issues relating to footpath nine in Owl End.	
7. ACCOUNTS	The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mr. Monk and approved by the meeting EON Electric for April supply £59.16. Easiprint for April magazine £160.00. M. J. Newman, clerks March Salary £159.57, M. Newman, Office Space Allowance £28.00. MHB Services for Electrical Repairs £60.00. Alan Summerfield for 2011 grass	

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	<p>cutting £300.00. The Clerk reported monthly income of £120 being magazine advertising revenue.</p> <p>The Clerk reported balances at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 of Current Account. £5013.61. and Deposit Account balance of £15.341.64. He also supplied members with a bank reconciliation analysis for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, he also advised members that the annual accounts and Annual return would be available for inspection at the May Council meeting. He also advised that the Internal Auditor had been booked for the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and that the Annual Audit was scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012.</p>	
8.COUNTY ISSUES	<p>Sir Peter Brown intimated that both he and Laine Kadic would like their gratitude to be also expressed in the letter to be sent to Mr. Pinner. They congratulated Mrs. Parkin on her appointment and assured her of their help any time it was required. He added that there was to be an election of a new Police Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough in November and that parties had until October to nominate candidates and that individuals could also apply, he added that the Chief Constable would still be responsible for the day to day running of the force . He also said that his preference would be for a non politically attached appointment. Laine Kadic said little progress had been made with the issues surrounding footpath nine and that legal proceedings may have to be evoked to initiate a resolution, through the chair Mr. Ryan said that would now also be the wish of the Parish Council. Cncllr; Brown revealed that retained funding had removed the threat of the closure, for the time being, of Huntingdon Fire Station, something he had passionately lobbied for.</p>	
9.DISTRICT ISSUES	<p>Mr. Baker said he wished also to have his gratitude included in the letter to be sent to Mr. Pinner. He also reiterated that the District Council had released the new National Planning Policy last week and that he hoped it may speed up the ‘planning process’. Mr. Monk said he was unsure of this.</p>	
10.ALCONBURY	<p>Mr. Monk reported a meeting of the Joint Parish Liaison Group and Urban &amp; Civic which took place on 26<sup>th</sup> March, a copy of the minutes was supplied for inclusion in the minute folder, he said these meetings were now attended by not only the Case Officer for the Alconbury site but also the Chief Planning Officer of the District Council, this he suggested emphasised the importance of this development site. He said the at the District in revealing the new planning policy also added that there was at present no statutory document covering Development Control but that a ‘Draft Plan’ was to be made available in December. Another significant issue he felt necessary to highlight was the role of the Councils ‘Planning Advisor’ Tim Slater with the District, Parish and Urban &amp; Civic and that it had been agreed that he should also have the remit to help with the ‘Local Plan Review’ process, this course of action was whole heartedly supported by members.</p>	
11.GT.STUKELEY VILLAGE HALL	<p>It was established that the Council had £4000 of delegated reserves for village projects after much discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Council had a moral obligation to support this essential village amenity and possibly the only issue was by what amount, there did however appear to be an issue as to whether or not the Council could also legally bound to support the hall, to this end Mr. Hobson said that he had possession of a copy of the hall deeds which he would bring to the next meeting as Mrs. Sly had already explained the committee members by accepting office had already become ‘trustees’ of the hall. After more financial deliberations Mr. Ryan, supported by Mr. Hulstrom, proposed that the Council write to the hall chairman to say that the Council would cover the ‘third party’ contribution up to a limit of £2000 and then in an effort to assist more external funding would provide a grant aid amount of a further £1300, this</p>	

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	<p>motion was approved by the entire membership.</p> <p>Follow this the members discussed the support needed for the table tennis club, it was agreed in the determination of funds available to the hall committee it had been acknowledged that there was £500 ring fenced within the delegated reserves to promote sport based projects. It was agreed on a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Sly that an amount of £700 was to be made payable to the GSVHMC as a deposit against hire charges for two sessions per week for a period of six months solely for the club.</p>	
12.TRAFFIC GROUP	<p>Mr. Monk reported that the recent meeting had been cancelled but that a meeting was scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012, he said that County Officers would be present and that the group were to be advised as to the financial implications of introducing new speed limits through the villages. He also reported that along with Urban &amp; Civics help they were investigating a new signage strategy for the entire area.</p>	
13.RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>Mr. Ryan said that the marker posts on footpath 8 were now in position, issues surrounding footpath 9 had been covered in County Issues.</p> <p>With footpath 11 the ROW officers at the County were awaiting reports on the ridge and furrow area from their architectural officers.</p> <p>Bridleway 12 and the erection of the barrier, all documentation is now in the hands of County Officers and Rebecca Britton was chasing for a judgement.</p> <p>Footpath 2 between Lt. Stukeley and Alconbury was still revealing very slow progress with Mr. Raby saying that contact with Mr. Ayres had revealed that he was unwilling to allow use of his agricultural underpass for the path route but that John Cooper was to speak with him shortly.</p> <p>Mr. Monk said he was concerned about dog owners in Great Stukeley allowing their pets to stray into crops south west of the village, it was agreed to put a note in magazine asking owners to keep their pets under control and to treat the countryside with more respect, he added that in some cases the line of the path was being obstructed by the growing crop and that the farmer had not 'cleared' the path, Mr. Ryan agreed to notify County Officers.</p>	
14.ALLOTMENTS	<p>Mr. Ryan said there was little to report, he was awaiting revised plans for the allotments from the design engineers and that the legal documents were still with NSALG and that again Rebecca was 'on the case'</p>	
15.ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mr. Raby raised grass cutting arrangements for the season and it was agreed that he and the clerk should monitor the grass cutting requirements now that Mr. Pinner had left the Council.</p> <p>Various traffic issues were reported by Mrs. Parkin and she was advised to contact our Local PCSO to report these matters. She also said she had three small trees to plant in the playing field at Great Stukeley, Mr. Raby agreed to meet her on site to discuss positioning.</p>	
16. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	

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