

# THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 7:30pm at the Little Stukeley Village Hall

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Philip Hobson  
Barrie James  
Karl Gasson  
Sue Parkin (Chairman)  
Sally Smith  
Stef van den haak

**Clerk:**

Carole Pollock

**County and District Councillors:**

County Councillor Peter Ashcroft  
District Councillor Keith Baker

**Members of the Public:**

None present

**57 To receive and approve Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received and approved from Councillors Michael Monk, Paul Vincent and Stuart Bell.

**58 Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**

None declared

**59 Public Participation Session**

No presentations made.

**60 County/District Councillors' Update**

County Councillor Peter Ashcroft stated that the ongoing A14 bypass project was steady moving forward.

District Councillor Keith Baker reported that Huntingdonshire District Council was now less reliant on government support grants and that their finances were now in order due to the savings made. Council Tax, hopefully, should stay at the same rate for the next five years and there is to be no charge for a single green bin.

**61 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July and 29<sup>th</sup> July were approved as a correct record and signed, after item 49a in the Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July were amended, the name Tim Salter replaced with Tim Slater.

**62 Matters Arising from the previous meeting**

It was noted that Councillor Sue Parkin had mentioned the weeds/grass growing around the lines of trees on Ermine Street at the last meeting, however, the Council had assumed she was referring to the trees around the allotment. Cllr Philip Hobson has contacted the Diocesan representatives concerning the condition of the hedges/leylandii at the church property in Great Stukeley. The hedge and brambles has now been trimmed by Cllr Philip Hobson, however the leylandii is still to be attended to. Tony King (CCC Highways) has advised the Parish Clerk that an order for the works required to clear the weeds in the gullies behind the kerbs in Church Road, Great Stukeley and to repair the hole in the road in Church Close, Great Stukeley has been placed. Cllr Barrie James has placed an article in the Parish magazine requesting parishioners to take part in a survey on broadband speeds available in the villages. Results of the survey will be published and a further survey may be undertaken in September.

**63 For Information Only**

Cllrs Barrie James, Sue Parkin, Sally Smith and the Parish Clerk attended a tour of the Alconbury Weald site on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. Cllr Sally Smith reported that the tour had been very interesting and our guide Rebecca Britton was very knowledgeable. She felt that although Urban & Civil do consider the

villages concerns, the Parish Council still needed to be mindful of possible traffic management problems in the villages.

**64 Declaration of acceptance of office of Councillor – Co-opted Councillor**

Cllr Stef van den haak signed a declaration of acceptance of office which was witnessed by the Parish Clerk.

**65 Huntingdonshire Local Development Scheme 2014**

It was **RESOLVED** to advise Huntingdonshire District Council of The Stukeleys Parish Council's response to Cambridgeshire County Council's consultation on the Long Term Transport Strategy as agreed at the July Parish Council Meeting.

**66 Adoption: Wind Energy Development in Huntingdonshire 2014 SPD**

The consultation was considered and it was **RESOLVED** that no response was necessary.

**67 Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2015-16**

The bid for funding for a new bus shelter in Little Stukeley under the scheme to be reviewed at the next Parish Council meeting.

**68 Bus Shelter**

Possible other funding streams to be reviewed after a bid has been submitted under the Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2015-16.

District Councillor Keith Baker left the meeting.

**69 Villages Maintenance and Repairs**

There are two rows of trees on Ermine Street. The trees were planted as a community project two years ago. Previously Terry Pond had been engaged to cut the grass/weeds in May and Sept. A condition in the lease from the landholders, specified that the land was to be kept free of weeds and that trees could be planted. It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Steff van den haak to contact Mark Knight, the General Manager of Agreserves Ltd to enquire whether Agreserves Ltd would be prepared to assist the villages and cut the grass/weeds around the trees in Ermine Street. If Agreserves Ltd were unable to assist then Tony Pond to be instructed to carry out the work.

**70 Highway Issues, Faults and Repairs**

The untidy state of some hedges and verges in the villages was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** for the Parish Clerk to contact Emma Murden of CCC Highways to ascertain whom should take responsibility for cutting and keeping in good order hedges and verges around the villages. Potholes and surface water outside 17 Low Road, opposite Team Plant in Ermine Street and a hole in the kerb in Church Road, where the road curves, to be reported to CCC Highways.

**71 To receive updates and reports on current issues on the following:**

**a Playing Fields**

The inspection reports were reviewed and it **RESOLVED** that no further action was needed.

**b Rights of Way**

No response on the condition on some of the village footpaths had been received from Simeon Caroll. The Parish Clerk to chase Simeon Caroll for a response.

**c Market Town Transport Strategy**

No report available.

**d Traffic Group**

No report available.

**e Allotments**

No report available.

**72 Financial Matters****a RESOLVED** that the following accounts be approved and paid:

i	T & S Gardening	Chq 1734	Grass Cutting	£ 1,348.23
ii	The Play Inspection Co.	Chq 1735	Play area inspections	£ 119.90 plus VAT
iii	Clerk's salary	Chq 1736	C. Pollock (July)	£ 374.33
iv	Clerk's Expenses	Chq 1737	Office Expense (July)	£ 26.00
v	Clerk's Expenses	Chq 1737	Other Expenses(July)	£ 8.26 plus VAT
vi	Easiprint	Chq 1738	Printing Chgs Aug	£ 180.00
vii	CCC	Chq 1739	Street Lighting Energy costs April-Sept 2013	£ 58.50 plus VAT
viii	ICO	Chq 1740	Data Protection Reg renewal	£ 35.00
ix	HAPC	Chq 1741	Hire of Office Equipment	£ 14.44
x	CAPALC	Chq 1742	Clerks Annual Catch Up Day 2014 –Training (50%)	£ 12.50
xi	Homebase (Paul Vincent)	Chq 1743	Plants for Gt Stukeley	£ 15.83 plus VAT
xii	E-on	Chq 1744	Electricity	£ 55.57 plus VAT

**b RESOLVED** that the following receipts were noted

i	SMYFC	Field Rent (June)	£ 35.00
ii	CCC	Grant – Village Grass Cutting 2014/15 season	£ 969.87
iii	Various	Parish Magazine Advertising Income	£ 712.00

**73 Planning****a Outstanding Matters**

No status to report

**b Application determined by HDC**

- i **10 Church Way, Little Stukeley – 1400767FUL** – Proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing flat roof projection.  
SPC: Approval HDC: Approved

**c Applications awaiting determination by HDC**

- i **Church Cottage, Church Way, Little Stukeley – 1400976FUL** – Erection of extension following demolition of existing conservatory and installation of 1<sup>st</sup> floor window to front.  
SPC: Approval
- ii **Land North of 13 Moorfield Way, Great Stukeley – 1400909FUL** – Proposed 3 bedroom detached dwelling with double garage.  
SPC: Refusal

**d New Applications**

- i **Agricultural Building South of Former 70 Low Road, Little Stukeley – 1401193PACOU** - Prior approval of use of agricultural building as dwelling. The application was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal for the following reasons; detrimental visual impact, environmental health concerns (asbestos), inadequate access, lighting and footpaths.

**74 Alconbury Weald Update****a** Rebecca Britton was unable to attend the meeting, therefore no report was available.

**75 Correspondence**

Correspondence noted as received:

- a** Emails: Rural Services Network- Weekly News Digests
- b** Email: B Hulstrom – Green End Traffic problems
- c** Email: HDC - Adoption: Wind Energy Development in Huntindonshire 2014 SPD
- d** Email: Cambridgeshire ACRE News Digest – July 2014
- e** Email: CCC- CST – Verge cutting programme
- f** Email: U&C – Rebecca Britton – Government’s Growth Deal Announcement
- g** Email: CCC – Passenger Transport
- h** Email: Hunts Forum – Funding Alert
- i** Email: CCC – Gt Stukeley street lighting energy information.
- j** Email: Anne Baldwinson – Planning Application ref: 1400909FUL
- k** Email: Jonathan Djanogly MP – Huntingdon Constituency Report
- l** Email: Cambs Acre – AGM 2014 invitation
- m** Email: CCC – Electoral Review of CCC
- n** Email: Cambridgeshire Future Transport – Working Group Notes
- o** Email: NAS – Invite to Eastern Region Allotment Forum
- p** Email: HDC – Secret Garden Party 2014
- q** Email: Michael Newman – Trees
- r** Email: CCC – Flood history questionnaire

**76 Publications Received**

None received.

**77 Matters for Future Consideration**

None received.

**Meeting closed at 09:30 pm**

**Next Meetings**

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 at 7:30pm – Great Stukeley Village Hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7:30pm - Little Stukeley Village Hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley