

**MINUTES of the LITTLE STAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL Meeting  
held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall**

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Present:	Councillor A Moss (Chair) Councillor P Atkinson Councillor M Baker Councillor H Foley Councillor M Jordan (Vice Chair) Councillor M Sargeant Councillor T Wootton Parish Clerk D Robins																															
1	<b>Apologies for absence</b> – Councillor R Smith																															
2	<b>Minutes from the last meeting</b> – the minutes from the meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2011 were approved unanimously.																															
3	<b>Open Session</b> – N/A																															
4	<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b> - None																															
5	<b>Matters arising from the minutes</b> ( <i>not covered in the Agenda</i> )- None																															
6	<b>Highways</b>																															
6.1	<b>Speeding</b> – Cllr Sargeant attended a meeting at Lincroft School. County will be purchasing average speed cameras as well as a second parking enforcement van. However, it seems unlikely that speed will be monitored locally in the near future. At a meeting with Andrew Prigmore, Council has received confirmation that speed limits around the village should be reduced in this financial year. Chair praised the council for their effort in organising our petition.																															
6.2	<b>Footpaths</b> – Footbridge at the back of The Manor has been replaced by Cambs County Council.																															
6.3	<b>Raised Manhole Covers</b> – Work to rectify situation now underway.																															
6.4	<b>Road Works Consultation</b> – Clerk to confirm that structural maintenance from the junction of High St and West End along to Keysoe Row West is number one priority. Kangaroo Crossroads towards Pertenhall is to be patched.	Clerk																														
6.5	<b>Hedges</b> – Overhanging hedges at Top End are to be trimmed by BBC. Highways are to contact owners of land at Kangaroo Crossroads and ask them to cut back pampas grass that is obscuring road sign.																															
6.6	<b>Grays Grove Footpath</b> – footpath which was previously overgrown has now been cleared thanks to local volunteer, Peter Mossman.																															
6.7	<b>Signs</b> – Low Flying Aircraft sign has now been removed from Chairman's property and is now undergoing repair.																															
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	BBC – Election recharges	72.41
8	<b>Planning</b>	
8.1	<b>Decisions received – None</b>	
8.2	<b>New applications – None</b>	
8.3	<b>Correspondence / Meetings –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application 11/02327/FUL – location amended to: The Old Baptist Chapel School Room Corner of Colmworth Road and Moor Road, Little Staughton</li> </ul>	
9	<b>Police – Nothing to report</b>	
10	<b>Housing – Nothing to report</b>	
11	<b>Sports Pavilion and Playing Field – Nothing to report</b>	
12	<b>Community First Responder Scheme – A training course coming up in March for a new recruit.</b>	Cllr Sargeant
13	<b>Grays Grove Green – Nothing to report</b>	Cllrs Jordan and Atkinson
14	<b>Correspondence received –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBC – Parish Council Election Recharge notification</li> <li>• Bedfordshire &amp; Luton Fire &amp; Rescue Service – Community Risk Management Plan</li> <li>• DVLA – tax disc for mower</li> <li>• BBC – newsletter</li> <li>• ROSPA – catalogue</li> <li>• Clerks &amp; Councils Direct – Jan issue</li> <li>• BBC – electoral register</li> <li>• E-mail from Cllr Wootton re: location of gritting lorries in Beds</li> <li>• E-mail from Cllr Wootton re: Speeding Debate</li> <li>• E-mail from Pertenhall &amp; Swineshead PC re: signage at Kangaroo crossroads.</li> <li>• E-mail from BBC re: retirement gratuities</li> <li>• E-mail from BATPC re: pensions and gratuities</li> <li>• E-mail from Cllr Wootton re: Meadow Lane Petition</li> <li>• E-mail from NHS re: information for carers</li> <li>• E-mail from resident re: rat poison hazard</li> <li>• E-mail from Judy Llewellyn re: webpage</li> <li>• E-mail from Cllr Wootton re: funding for passageway gates</li> <li>• E-mail from BBC re: broadband consultation</li> <li>• E-mail from Spinal Injuries Association re: fund raising event</li> <li>• E-mail from BBC re: major roadworks</li> <li>• E-mail from Andrew Prigmore re: response to gritting complaint</li> <li>• E-mail from BBC re: response to structural maintenance schemes e-mail</li> <li>• E-mail from Stevington PC re: G&amp;T site debate</li> <li>• E-mail from BBC re: Parish &amp; Town Council Network meeting</li> <li>• E-mail from Cllr Wootton re: Localism Act</li> </ul>	Clerk

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15	<b>Borough Councillor Tom Wootton Report</b> – Cllr Wootton discussed several issues including G & T sites and possible council cutbacks (rural skips likely to go to once/year). He also reported that the company responsible for the Archimedes Screw project had gone into receivership with all supplies seized.	
16	<b>Councillors' information</b> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman thanked Cllr Wootton for all the help and support he has given to the Council over the past months.</li> <li>• Cllr Sargeant stated that the gritting problem around Little Staughton had not been addressed successfully. Chair to liaise with Andrew Prigmore and ask to see gritting report.</li> <li>• Cllr Baker stated that he would attend the G &amp; T meeting at Stevington.</li> </ul>	Chair Cllr Baker
17	<b>Date of next meeting</b> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2012	
	<b>Meeting closed</b> – 9.00 pm	

Minutes prepared by Parish Clerk