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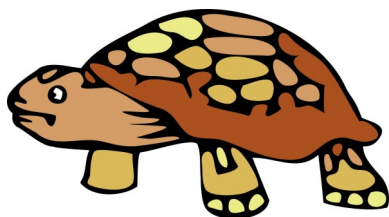
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### **Great Staughton Parish Council Meetings 2018:**

22 March, Parish Assembly 19 April, AGM 10 May, 5 July, 27 September, 15 November

### **Perry Parish Council Meetings 2018:**

7 March, 11 April (Annual Assembly), 16 May (Annual Meeting), 13 June, 4 July, 1 August, 12 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December

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# Editorial Natter...

*Hello there, readers*



**A**nd welcome to another issue. I'd like to talk to you all about the upcoming Parish Council Elections in May.

There's a lot in this month's magazine about them. You'll find all the important dates you need to know on page 9. On page 18, Great Staughton Parish Council Chairman Bob Jewell has written a short piece about the importance of a Parish Council. And on page 20, you'll see some more information about the elections from Parish Council Clerk, Jo Russel.

Over the years, The Life Magazine has provided a platform for potential Great Staughton and Perry Parish Council candidates - and current councillors - to state why they should be elected, or re-elected. And this year is no different. We will be publishing any statements we receive in the May issue. For more information on these statements, please refer to page 9. We look forward to reading them and sharing them with the community.

Enjoy the first spring issue of 2018, and I'll speak to you all again in May.

*This issue was edited by Rob*

## Great Staughton Parish Councillors

Robert Jewell (Chairman).....	861259
Anthony Withers (V. Chairman)...	861224
Sir Hugh Duberly .....	860305
Geoff Gilbert.....	509788
William Mumford.....	860460
Janet Bowen.....	860472
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Minutes of meetings can be found on  
the village website:  
[www.greatstaughton.com](http://www.greatstaughton.com)

## Perry Parish Councillors

Nigel Noon (Chairman).....	810368
Bill Wetzel (Vice Chairman).....	811580
Sue Astle.....	811121
Kate Merrell.....	819723
Sheila Brighton.....	819242
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*Helen*

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The haul this year was exceptional for some reason, upwards of 80 bags!

Many thanks to all those who came to help, and special thanks to those (there are quite a few) who independently go out to clean up their areas whilst on their daily walks.



Many thanks to Caroline and Nick at the Tavern for their post "Roadshow" hospitality.

***Anthony Withers (861224)***  
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33	Leslie Hynes	£25
35	Sheila Willmer	£15
21	Sheila Colley	£10

***Congratulations to all the winners!***



**We meet the 4th  
Monday of every month,  
2.30pm at  
Perry Church**

26<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm in the Church  
"A tour of the Holy Land"

Roger Watkins will show slides of his trips to Israel.

**GREAT**  
**STAUGHTON**  
**HORTICULTURAL**  
**SOCIETY**



**A**n important date in the Society's calendar takes place in March - the AGM.

It will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at The White Hart. We are a friendly group of allotment holders and gardeners who welcome new members and are happy to pass on our skills if asked. Why not come along and see if you would like to join us?

March is a busy month for gardeners and allotmenters, being the primary seed sowing month, both in the greenhouse and garden. Having said that, if the soil has not dried and warmed up much after the winter wait until it has, as seeds will rot in the cold damp soil and need a second planting, expensive! Usually, after a later planting in the warmed soil most crops soon catch up and produce fresh vegetables and flowers at the expected time.

Some folklore, weather sayings for March. Most of us know the first but have you heard the others ?

“When March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb.”

“A wet March, a wet Spring.”

“So many mists in March, so many frosts in May.”

“A dry March and a wet May fill barns with corn and hay.”

Wishing all a good Spring Time!



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**7-30 FRIDAY 16th MARCH**  
**At Mandevice Hall**

**Victoria & Abdul** (12)

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Kimbolton High Street or Bytes  
Café

Meal: 6-30pm Cottage Pie with veg  
and Berry Pavlova

Meal Tickets: Courtyard Kitchens

### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

Following a house clearance, I have seven antique books that were collected by my late Father in the 1930's that I feel would be of value to anyone interested in the history of the period leading up to 1937.

To my mind, the best is the highly collectable "CORONATION SOUVENIR BOOK 1937". It chronicles, in words and pictures, the period from the death of King George V, through the abdication of Edward VIII, to the Coronation of King George VI.

I cannot put a value on them but would be happy to negotiate an acceptable price with someone that will appreciate them.

**Contact Roger at**  
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**or on 01480 860762.**

### **Great Staughton and Perry Parish Council Elections 2018**

Important election dates:

**March 5th**

Nomination papers are available.

**April 6th**

Nomination papers for candidates must be returned to Hunts District Council.

**May 3rd**

Election Day

Traditionally, the Life Magazine has provided a platform for candidates to state why they should be elected to the Parish Council. These statements, between 100 and 200 words, will be published in the **May issue of Life**, which is delivered towards the end of April.

We will know by **April 15th** if there will be elections for Staughton and Perry Parish Councils (if there are more candidates than potential Councillors). If there are no elections we will still publish statements so people know who their Parish Councillors are.





## Pick up for Perry

Across Britain, the weekend of **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> March 2018** has been designated for a litter blitz. Come along for a couple of hours to help give our village a Spring clean and keep it looking beautiful. We plan to do litter-picking around the village and along the cycle path between 10am and 12 noon.

**Saturday 3rd March 2018**

**Meet at 10am outside The Wheatsheaf pub**

**Please bring your own gloves.** Litter-picking sticks, high vis tabards and bin bags will be provided.

March forth and pick litter - for further information please contact Fay Wheatcroft, 16 Rose Croft, Perry on 01480 810734

## Monthly Coffee Mornings



Great Staughton Village Hall  
10:30 - midday  
Every second Tuesday of the month  
The next one will be on  
**Tuesday 13th March**  
We look forward to seeing you there!

## Quiz at The White Hart

The next quiz will be on **Tuesday 6th March** at The White Hart at 7:30pm.

Hugh and Mary make you most welcome and provide food on the night, and drink vouchers for the winners. The proceeds will go to the Great Staughton Youth Club. Come along and join in an evening of fun. Another good entry last month.

**Teams of up to 4 - £1 per person to enter.**

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**Perry Photographic Club**  
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## St Andrew's Church

100 Club  
January 2018  
Draw

### January

Prize	No.	Name
£50.....	28.....	Mrs M. Richardson
£25.....	65....	Mrs Rachel Prothero
£15.....	59....	Mrs Barbara Herdman
£10.....	48.....	Mrs Rita Bayford

***Congratulations to the winners!***



## KIMBOLTON FLOWER CLUB

Our meeting in March will be a flower arranging demonstration by SHIRLEY HENDERSON, with the title 'A TOUCH OF GOLD'. This will be in the Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton, on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.

Visitors very welcome, admission £7. 50p, members £2, to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

For further details please ring Carol on 01832 710339 or Mo on 01480 860202.

**Do you have cats?  
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someone to feed them  
while you're away?**



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**[lupin15.08.70@gmail.com](mailto:lupin15.08.70@gmail.com)**

***Gill Broome***

## Women's World Day of Prayer

'All God's Creation is Very Good'  
Praying for Suriname – South America

**FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2018  
At 2.00p.m.  
At Perry Baptist Church**

The service will take about 1 hour.

Tea & biscuits at the end.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
Come and join us.

saw us gathered in the Baptist Church for an evening of kilt folding and tartan courtesy of Pat Wallace ably accompanied by her very own Mel Gibson in the shape of Stan - husband of more than 40 years and their daughter Tanya.

Like a lot of the old crafts, kilt making was passed down the family line by Pat's granny - a nurse, kilt maker and highland dancer - who moved to Peterborough to be near her family, the only kilt makers in the country. We learnt that it takes 8 yards of material to make a kilt and around 3,000 stitches (all the kilts are hand sewn, some by Stan) and take around 4 days to complete. Good eyesight and lots of patience (rare in a man!) are needed.

Pat told us that the majority of kilts are pleated to the "set" square, so the square of pattern always shows at the back. Or if you have more than a few quid to spare, to the stripe. In which case all you see at the back is the stripe. Mainly for the military and Royalty. The best cloth is called Strome. The kilts Pat brought with her were not only beautiful but quite heavy. You can just imagine the beautiful swing to them. She told us they had made kilts for David Beckham, Billy Connolly, Madonna and Guy Ritchie and many other famous names. Now I personally would quite like to have been in on

the fitting of David Beckham's kilt! (A girl can dream). Anyway.....

Pat showed us how the colours had changed over the years, much brighter and clearer now due to the use of aniline dyes. We had our very own kilt wearing member who showed off her kilt beautifully whilst Pat told us a little of the tartans history. She then asked two of our clan to model the sashes the ladies wear across the shoulder and down the back of their outfits. They were gorgeous (sashes and models) and were given as gifts to our game girls. A beautiful present I'm sure they will agree.

Pat also told us that it is the ladies who have the rights to the tartans bearing their names not the men. See, women's lib is not new! To that end, I have discovered that my tartan through my mother's maiden name is Caledonian! Loch Carron of Scotland is the place to check for yours. Pat, Stan and Tanya left us with a tray of Scottish fudge, tablet, Edinburgh rock and shortbread all gratefully snaffled at the end of the evening. Thanks to all three of you for a very enjoyable and informative evening.

Haste ye back!

**Next month we are back at the  
Wheatsheaf for Natural Products  
for Health and Wellbeing. Monday  
12th March at 7.30pm.  
Chris Halsall**

# **Gala Day 2018**

This year's Gala Day will be organised by the Playing Field Committee with all funds raised going towards Phase 2 of the ROPE Project to replace the play equipment on the Playing Field.

Please put the date – **Saturday 21 July 2018** – in your diaries now!

Over the next few weeks the Playing Field Committee will be contacting local clubs and organisations to get involved with the preparations. Please do feel free to get in touch if you or your organisation would like to play a part in what will be a fantastic day of family fun and games - hopefully in the summer sun!

**Nicole Yates**  
**Playing Field Committee**  
**[nicolehyates@aol.com](mailto:nicolehyates@aol.com)**  
**01480 860616**



## **ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH GROUP GREAT STAUGHTON**

### **Good Friday Family Walk & Egg Hunt**

**Date: Friday 30th March 2018**

**Time: 10.00am - 11.30am**

**Venue: St. Andrew's Church**

Come and join us for a fun Easter walk around Great Staughton, collecting eggs along the way. Refreshments will be provided in St. Andrew's Church after the walk.

Suitable clothing essential! No dogs please. Come along, rain or shine!

**For more details & for catering purposes please register with Sylvia Swain Tel:01480 812022 by March 23rd**

### **EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION 2018**

**Calling all children up to 11 years of age!** There will be 3 different colouring activities, one for pre-school aged children, a second for KS1 aged children & a third for KS2 aged children. Colouring sheets will be made available to all children's groups in Gt. Staughton, Gilbert's Butchers, Perry PO or from Sylvia Swain Tel:01480 812022.

Prizes for each category will be awarded at the end of the Good Friday Family Walk & Egg Hunt at Gt Andrew's Church, Gt Staughton on 30th March.

All entries to be returned to your group **by Friday 23rd March at the latest.**



## Gt Staughton Women's Institute Programme of Events 2018



WE meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. **First visit is free.**

Dates	Event	Speaker	Competition Item
March 13th	Recycling by Amey	John Crisp	Something reused
April 10th	Tales from Uganda	Margaret Sare	Something African
May 8th	Banjo Man - Group Meeting	Sean Moyses	Anything musical
June 12th	Britains wild flowers	Michael Krause	Something floral
July 10th	EAAA update	Jack Clarkson	Home remedy
August 14th	Informal Dinner		
September 11th	Harvest Supper		Autumnal item
October 9th	History of St Neots	Rodney Todman	Something local
November 13th	New England in the Fall	Chris Smith	Something Colourful
December 11th	Christmas Dinner - Hail Weston to choose		

### **A Note From the Editors**

Just a friendly reminder that if you're sending content to be published, please email it to both editors to ensure it will be included in future issues. Send all content to both

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&

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And if you're placing a small 'For Sale' ad in the magazine, do let both of us know when the items have been sold, so the ad can be removed for the next magazine.

**Thanks,  
Shaun & Rob**



## Perry Women's Institute programme of events 2018



Perry WI is open to all women aged 18+, so come along and meet everyone in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm.

£41 for a year's membership

First meeting is free for newcomers to "try before you buy"

If you join part way through a year fees are £30.75 for April to Dec, £20.50 for July to Dec and £10.25 for Oct to Dec

2018 DATES	EVENT	SPEAKER	VENUE
12 <sup>th</sup> Mar 7.30pm	Natural Products at Home for Health & Well-Being	Angela Deavall	The Wheatsheaf
9 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm	HACT Community Transport	Jo Philpott	The Wheatsheaf
14 <sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm	How to wear a Sari and Bollywood Dancing	Sue Rampal	Perry Baptist Church
11 <sup>th</sup> Jun 7.30pm	Conspiracy theory	Andy Thomas	The Wheatsheaf
9 <sup>th</sup> Jul 7:30pm	Cake decoration – a practical session	Sugar Daddy's of St. Neots	Perry Baptist Church
13 <sup>th</sup> Aug 7.30pm	No formal meeting – informal ramble followed by drinks at The Wheatsheaf		Meet outside The Wheatsheaf
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm	Social evening & Quiz	Committee	The Wheatsheaf
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm	Craft evening	Liz Dive	Perry Baptist Church
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm	Games evening & AGM	Committee	The Wheatsheaf
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec ***7pm for 7.30pm***	Christmas dinner		The Wheatsheaf



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Our visit will last no longer than 60 minutes and is completely **FREE** of charge. Our visit will assess six key elements:

- **Fire safety in the home** - including cooking, general safety and escape plans.
- **Falls prevention** - including simple remedial action such as replacing lightbulbs or taping down loose carpet.
- **Alcohol use** - Alcohol related hospital admissions are steadily increasing. We can provide you with helpful information.
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# Shakespeare at The George's 50th summer production will be **Richard III**

Directed by Lynne Livingstone

[www.satg.org.uk/tickets](http://www.satg.org.uk/tickets)

The production will be performed from **Tuesday 26th June to Saturday 7th July** in the courtyard of The George Hotel, Huntingdon.

Tickets go on sale on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** and as in previous years, there will be a "Stagetext" captioned performance on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Shakespeare at the George last performed Richard III in 1979, and this year's cast will reap the benefit of two training workshops with key personnel from The Royal Shakespeare Company. Professional Fight Choreographer and director, Tom Jordan, and Michael Corbidge, Senior Voice & Text Associate, will spend a day each

with cast members, honing their sword fighting and speaking skills. Written during Elizabeth I's reign in 1591, Shakespeare puts a Tudor spin on the end of the Wars of the Roses and the rise of the Tudors. This political thriller about the desire for power and the all-consuming corruption of absolute power is even more timely today.

Richard, Duke of Gloucester sweeps aside anyone in his way to achieve his goal of kingship. However, retaining the crown will take him to the darkest of places and turn a country against him.



## **Your Great Staughton** **Parish Council**

**O**n May 3<sup>rd</sup> this year new Parish Councils will be formed for Great Staughton and Perry. As I am part of Great Staughton Parish Council this is written from the perspective of that Council but I hope it may also apply at least in part to Perry. It is a wholly personal view.

A vibrant Parish Council representing the nature, make-up and views of the community is really important to the quality of life of a community. In many instances a Parish Council does not have powers but it does have influence. It does set a small part of the Council tax raised from residents. It can also start processes, leverage money, grants, and gain support from other bodies. I believe this is all becoming more important. The traditional Parish Council was well caricatured in the Vicar of Dibley but now many issues are being passed to Parish Councils as the District and County Councils find they are unable to fund activities.

Great Staughton Parish has a village hall, playing field and pavilion which it owns and has to maintain. The Parish Council is always consulted on planning issues and is active in making comments, and representations where it has felt appropriate.

The Parish Council provides resources to maintain the look of the village.

It has been active in trying to resolve parking and road safety issues. In Great Staughton the Parish Council has been actively pursuing the establishment of a Community Land Trust to provide affordable housing in the village for residents with a strong connection to the village as a priority. The Parish Council supports Life Magazine, a website and a Facebook page.

These are real issues which affect you locally. If you feel you might want to be a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk (details below). Forms need to be submitted by **April 6<sup>th</sup>**. In Great Staughton we are aware that new Parish Councillors will be needed to ensure we have a full Council of 9 members.

You may well ask what are the responsibilities and duties. You are expected to attend seven Parish Council meetings a year (dates and times are set annually in advance by the Council and can be seen on page 4 of the magazine.). Hopefully as well Parish Councillors get involved in supporting the assets, and activities in the village.

***Bob Jewell***

Contact details for Great Staughton  
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PE19 5EG,

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## Islander

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trusts is pleased to announce our first Spring indoor event for 2018. This will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

Our speaker will be the celebrated Natural History writer, Patrick Barkham who has visited us very successfully in the past. On this occasion, Patrick will regale us with tales from one of his latest books 'Islander'. Patrick will seek to demonstrate what it is like to live on a tiny island in the UK. He will describe the many habitats and associated wildlife found in these islands, whether they are small and apparently deserted, or whether they appear to be superficially suburban with little of the obvious natural resources in which to flourish.

This should be a really interesting talk for anyone interested in wildlife. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on 01480 457795 for more information.

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The Parish Council on your behalf looks after the village hall, the playing field and pavilion, maintenance of the village as well promoting local road safety measures and making appropriate representations on planning, and many other matters.

If you are interested, curious, or just wonder what it is all about - please contact me the clerk, or any of the current Parish Councillors whose names and contact details can be found in Life Magazine.

***Jo Russel***  
***Clerk to Great Staughton Parish  
Council***

*Email:*  
*gtstaughtonparishclerk@outlook.com*  
*Phone 01480 860247*

**West Hunts Friendship Club**

The West Hunts Friendship Club is a small charity based in Gt Staughton meeting every Monday (apart from bank holidays) in the Village Hall. We provide a warm and welcoming venue in the hall along with healthy food and companionship for the many people who live in our community.

For in excess of twenty years, we have provided a vital resource which continues to enhance the quality of lives for the older people in local area. Once a week we cheerily meet our members with tea, coffee and toast. A hot balanced lunch is provided along with a lot of friendly company, many guest speakers, quizzes, activities and games. Further refreshment is offered before our members leave for home. We also organise visits from local talented individuals and entertainers; informative talks, appropriate literature and the occasional terrific day out.

Recent guests have been The Mobility Physio, Medical Detection Dogs, Line Dancers; it's a Bugs World etc. etc. Believe us, it's not a boring day out for you! Where required, our members from outlying areas are provided with free transport and the club is staffed by the efforts of local volunteers.

**For further information please do not  
hesitate to contact us. Either Andrea  
Farnham (our organiser) on 07808  
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We would also welcome enquiries from any adults willing to join us as Leaders or unit helpers, or who perhaps have a yearning to start up a Brownie unit for the village.

If you wish to become a member with a local unit, please go the [Join Us](#) pages on the [Girlguiding UK](#) website.



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## **Great Staughton Community** **Land Trust (CLT)**

The meeting on Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> was very well-attended by the village, with over 70 people being present. There was overwhelming support for the formation of a CLT. Many people have now committed themselves to the CLT by paying a £1 membership.

Membership is limited to those on the electoral roll in Great Staughton Parish. There were many questions raised about the details of the project to develop affordable housing for local residents on the Charities field on The Green. These were either answered or will be in considered in the establishment of the land trust and housing arrangements.

The next meeting will now be held on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** in the pavilion where all the members of the CLT will be invited. The purpose of that meeting is to adopt a constitution, and appoint a Board to run the not for profit business. The Board will then start defining and agreeing the lease, the types of properties, housing tenancy arrangements, and allocation policy with Luminus. Once this has been done the Solicitors can draw up the appropriate leases and planning permission can be sought.

Whilst there are clearly some very important decisions to be made it does really feel that progress is being made and there is real expectation of houses being built during 2019.

**Bob Jewell**

**If you want to join the Community Land trust please contact the Parish Clerk**  
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**I am on the electoral roll of Gt. Staughton and am interested in becoming a member of the Great Staughton Community Land Trust, on payment of £1.**

**Full name:**

**Address:**

Please fill in this slip in BLOCK CAPITALS, detach it and return it with the payment of £1 to Bob Jewell 10A The Highway, Great Staughton, PE19 5DA or Jo Russel, Parish Clerk of Gt. Staughton at 2 Hatchet Lane, Stonely, St Neots, PE19 5EG.

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### **Background Information**

A Steering Group has been established for the scheme, comprising of Bob Jewell (Chair), Sir Hugh Duberly, Anthony Withers, Frank Backhouse, Phil Yates, Janet Bowen and Tracey Stokes, who will also attend the meeting on February 3rd.

HDC has agreed in principle that the site of the proposed scheme could form a 'rural exception site' for planning purposes. All Local Authorities are now under a duty to establish areas of land for potential building purposes in their area, to meet government building targets.

A CLT is a legal mixture of a company, a charity and a trust, registered as a society under the Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, with charitable status and unable to trade for profit. CLTs are often used to run affordable housing schemes and other community based ventures.

The rules of the Gt Staughton CLT will govern who is eligible to be a member and so can apply for and own a £1 share in the CLT (must be a resident of the Parish of Gt Staughton and on its electoral roll), how it is run (by a board of 5 to 12 of the members, who are called trustees, elected for 3 year terms), how meetings must be organised and run, as well as the general powers and responsibilities of the CLT. In these respects it will be run like a company, holding an annual general meeting with reports back to its members.

**Minutes of the Great Staughton  
Parish Council meeting  
held on 25 January 2018 7.30pm  
in the Village Pavilion**

**Present:**

R Jewell (RJ) (Chair), H Duberly (HD)  
D Moore (DM), A Withers (AW), N  
Yates (NY), J Gray (JG), J Russel (JR)  
(clerk)

**Residents' Forum – Parking Problems – Lauras Close – P. Rowe, D. Chapman, D. Hirst, W. Hirst, A. Foster** -there are problems with illegally parked cars and the residents are very concerned that an accident will occur soon as their visibility is obstructed when exiting Lauras Close. Cambridgeshire Police have advised that this is a road traffic offence not simply a parking issue and indeed the Traffic Management Officer, Derek Crosby has written to the Clerk to advise that the restriction on parking is not being adhered to. Clearly illegal acts are being committed and the police will need to enforce the law. The residents indicated that the police have advised that they do not have the police time to do this and it was agreed that the PC would raise this issue with them. The Clerk will also write to local businesses asking them to politely advise their customers/users of the parking restrictions and also write to CCC Highways about the possibility of putting yellow lines in place which road users are more likely to adhere to perhaps. Mr Rowe has already placed an article in Life Magazine.

**J. Reid and K. Reid – Parking problems – The Highway** – the recent double yellow lines have caused a problem with parking outside their property. This is blocking their view when exiting their drive and also their exit from their house is blocked by cars parking right

in front of their gate. The Clerk will ask the police to determine if blocking a pedestrian access is illegal. BJ advised that the police have visited the area in question and have advised that if a driveway is blocked, or if a car is parked on the pavement or on yellow lines then an offence has been committed and then they will act accordingly. Mrs Reid asked who owned the pavement outside of their property and BJ advised that it was probably CCC and that the PCSO had advised that as it is effectively a lay-by then people could park there. Mr Reid also expressed concerns that as a result of the work to the junction on the Causeway cars are now accelerating off the junction due to its design and that the junction should have come further out into the road. BJ advised that the shape of the junction is as far out into the road as it could be. The PC will also ask the PCSO to attend the Parish Assembly on 19 April, so residents can raise all of their concerns direct to him. If residents are unhappy about how the police have dealt with these issues then they might also want to consider reporting this issue the Police & Crime Commissioner.

**1. Apologies for absence**

G Gilbert (GG), Ian Gardener (IG), J Bowen (JB), K Fisk (KF)

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2017**

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising**

Drain outside village hall – work has been completed.

Dog Control Orders – JR has been unable to locate the bye-law. No further action to be taken.

Footpaths –HD and WM will prepare a list of the footpaths in GS showing who is responsible for each footpath.



Ditches – Cage Lane - JR to chase CCC again. WM confirmed he has been asked by one of the landowners in question to clear one part.

Missing sign – Clerk has again reported that the County road sign between Little Staughton and Great Staughton is missing.

Timebank – Clerk has emailed HWPC, Perry PC and K&S PC asking if they are interested in setting up a scheme similar to the one in St Neots.

Tree Warden – Norman Hardy is to continue his work as tree warden albeit in a slightly reduced capacity. Overgrown foliage on footpaths – the Clerk has written to the residents in question.

Data Protection - changes to the law in May 2018. The Clerk will attend a training course on this issue in March and then report back to the PC.

Transparency Fund Grant - JR will apply for this grant which will enable the PC to set up and administer its own website.

#### **4. Attendance at other meetings**

None to report

#### **5. Planning**

Update on:

17/00764/FUL to build new warehousing at Orchard Farm - the Clerk has circulated a draft letter to the residents of The Town, Church, School, Doctors Surgery, Hail Weston PC and preschool to see if they will support the objections to this development.

17/02626/HHFUL – 6 Cage Lane – no objections

17/02417/FUL – Land west of 69 The Highway – no objections

17/02538/S73 – Land at Top Farm and Little Staughton Airfield – no objections

17/02585/FUL – 45 Dillington – no objections

17/02691/FUL – Agden Green Farm – no objections

Local Plan 2036 – Clerk to submit comments on behalf of the PC. In view of the parking issues recently raised by residents any potential new development will need to include adequate parking.

Enforcement 17/00229/ENACCE – 18 The Highway – a retrospective application has been submitted for the dropped kerb.

**6. Highways** – the footbridge on Footpath 3 is damaged and the Clerk has reported this to CCC Highways to ask that this is repaired as soon as possible.

See above for action to be taken re Lauras Close parking issues. Regarding junction at The Causeway and speeding traffic – DM will carry out Speed Watch. The PC will also ask the police what can be done about residents parking laterally across the pavement. NY will undertake a Highways search to see who is responsible for the for the layby outside Mr and Mrs Reid's house. Clerk will ask the police to see what can be done about people parking their cars in front of a pedestrian gate.

#### **7. Report from County & District Councillors**

JG - there has been no further news on the Orchard Farm development he has been advised by Planning that data is being gathered. He has a meeting pencilled in with Planning in 2-3 months time and he will ensure that the PC is kept fully informed of developments. Regarding the Local Plan JG advised that nothing will be built without going to a full planning application. As regards to the HDC budget it is likely that the Council Tax will increase by 2%. There are local elections in May 2018 and due to boundary changes JG will stand in the Kimbolton Ward and Hail Weston and Great Staughton will cease to be in

his area. JG said it had been his great pleasure to with GS and BJ thanked him for his support.

## **8. Correspondence – SENT**

A. Chapman Luminus - CLT  
 R. Braddick PCSO - Parking issues - The Highway  
 D. Wildridge - CLT  
 F. Mastrandrea HDC - CLT  
 J. Gray HDC - CLT  
 Highways - Missing County Sign and Village Hall drain  
 Hedges 14 The Highway, 4 Smiths Yard, 1 Moory Croft  
 18 The Highway - Kerri Boydell  
 Mark Saunders - running water issue  
 No 8 The Highway and speeding  
 Rose Klemperer - CLT  
 HDC - Precept 2018/19  
 Residents of The Town - Orchard Farm Planning Application  
 Highways Asset Management - Footpaths in GS  
 HW, Perry, Kimbolton PCs - Timebank  
 T. Batha HDC - updated to councillor's register of interests  
 Bluntisham PC - Objections to Local Plan 2036  
 Mr Chapman - Re parking issues Lauras Close  
 Mr P Rowe - Parking issues Lauras Close  
 School, surgery, church, HW PC - Orchard Farm Planning Application  
 Derek Crosby - Cambs Police re parking issues Lauras Close  
 Karl Brockett - Ditches Cage Lane  
 CCCHighways - Damaged bridge on Footpath 3

## **RECEIVED**

Ross Goody - Orchard Farm Planning Application  
 R. Braddick PCSO - Parking issue The Highway  
 J Gray - CLT inaugural meeting  
 K Hiden - Orchard Farm Planning Application

K Miller - Orchard Farm Planning Application  
 J Newell - orchard Farm Planning Application  
 HDC - Precept 2018/19  
 HDC - Local Plan 2036  
 T Batha HDC - Update of councillor's register of interests  
 K. Boydell HDC - 18 The Highway  
 R. Klemperer - CLT  
 Tracey Davidson - Bluntisham PC Objections to Local Plan 2036  
 D Chapman - Parking issue Lauras Close  
 P Rowe - Parking issue Lauras Close  
 D. Crosby – police - Parking issue Lauras Close  
 CCC highways - Damage to bridge on Footpath 3  
 Martin Wilson - Perry PC Clerk  
 Timebank  
 Loraine Harris – Doctors Surgery  
 Orchard Farm Planning Application

## **9. Cashbook, Cheques in and out**

**Income:**  
**Playing field committee grant for play equipment - £4140.00**

**Expenditure:**  
 Clerk November salary.....£215.35  
 CLT Solicitors fees - A. Collins  
 .....£448.60  
 ACRE – payroll services.....£36.00  
 HMRC Quarterly payment.....£204.00  
 Clerk December Salary.....£215.35  
 DJ Hoenig.....£78.00  
 Balfour Beatty.....£483.48  
**Total.....£1680.78**  
 Balance in Community Account.....  
 .....£18,457.50  
 Cashbook was reviewed and approved.

## **10. Affordable Housing**

RJ reported that the inaugural meeting will take place on 3 February in the Village Hall. Leaflets will be distributed to all GS households prior to the meeting. The meeting to

decide the CLT Board will take place on 1 March 2018.

### **11. Report from:**

**Village Hall Committee** – work will start on 5 March 2018 and the hall will be closed for three weeks. NY thanked BJ for all his work on securing a £22,000 grant. The Parish Council also provided £3000 towards the work.

**Playing Field Committee** – NY reported that a pre-installation survey had been carried out with a view to the installation of the new equipment starting at the end of February. She gave her thanks to WM who has very kindly agreed to carry out the groundworks. The Playing Field Committee will run gala day on 21 July 2018 and the proceeds will go towards further play equipment needed.

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

No report.

### **Speed Watch**

DM is planning a further Speed watch shortly.

### **12. Parish Matters**

AW is not standing in the next elections in May 2018. BJ will place an article in Life magazine asking for potential new councillors to come forward.

**Dates of meetings for 2018**  
**22 March, Parish Assembly 19**  
**April, AGM 10 May, 5 July, 27**  
**September, 15 November**

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**VEGETABLES**

1. 5 Cherry tomatoes with calyx – can be Cherry Plums
2. 5 Tomatoes with calyx
3. 5 Runner beans
4. 5 French beans
5. 3 Onions (under 8ozs/227g) dressed
6. 3 Onions (over 8ozs/227g) dressed
7. 3 White potatoes
8. 3 Coloured potatoes
9. 3 Carrots (rounded or tapered; foliage trimmed to approx. 3")
10. 2 outdoor Cucumbers
11. 3 Beetroot (foliage trimmed to approx. 3")
12. A basket of salad items
13. 3 Courgettes
14. 5 Exhibition shallots
15. A selection of chilli peppers
16. Vegetables not mentioned elsewhere in schedule (at least 2 examples)
17. A Marrow fit for the table
18. Collection of vegetables (minimum of 3 different varieties)

**FLOWERS** (Vases provided for all cut stems)

19. 3 Rose blooms
20. 1 Stem of cluster flowered roses
21. 1 Specimen rose bloom

22. 3 Cactus or semi-cactus dahlias
23. 3 Decorative dahlias
24. 1 Specimen dahlia bloom
25. 3 flowers of the same colour (must be different species)
26. 1 Hydrangea bloom
27. 1 Spike gladiolus
28. 3 Stems of pinks or of carnations
29. 3 Heads of geraniums - can be mixed
30. Vase of mixed flowers from your garden (excluding gladioli, dahlias, & roses)
31. 3 Spikes of gladioli
32. Vase of mixed foliage from your garden
33. A flowering Orchid (must have been in your possession for 9 months)
34. Potted plant in flower (not an Orchid)
35. Cactus in a pot (can be 1 or more varieties in the pot)
36. A highly scented plant in a pot. Maximum pot size 9"
37. A collection of edible flowers
38. 3 Stems of scented sweet peas

**FLORAL EXHIBIT** (Fresh flowers unless otherwise stated)

39. Miniature arrangement (up to 4" overall)
40. An exhibit to depict a nautical scene (up to 18" overall)
41. A foliage arrangement (no flowers – up to 12" overall)
42. A posy
43. An arrangement using a small watering can. (maximum measurements 12"wide,18"high)
44. A petite arrangement in an espresso coffee cup ( from 4" to 9" overall)
45. A buttonhole

### **NOVELTY CLASSES**

- 46. Longest runner bean
- 47. One flower, one vegetable
- 48. Longest Marrow
- 49. Largest pumpkin (by girth)
- 50. A truss of cherry tomatoes (can be part green)
- 51. Fresh culinary herbs in a jar (please name)
- 52. Plate of home grown fruit
- 53. A quirky/ugly vegetable

### **CAKES AND PRESERVES**

- 54. A cheese and onion quiche
- 55. A Victoria sponge - jam filling only
- 56. 4 chocolate brownies
- 57. A fruited tea loaf
- 58. 4 Eccles cakes
- 59. 4 shortbread biscuits
- 60. Jar of jam
- 61. Jar of chutney (must be more than 2 months old) or relish
- 62. Jar of fermented vegetables e.g sauerkraut

**OPEN CHILDREN'S CLASSES** (Up to 16 years. Please state age on all entries)

- 63. An item made out of Liquorice Allsorts
- 64. A decorated stone - up to 6 years of age
- 65. A decorated stone - 7 to 11 years of age
- 66. A decorated stone - 12 to 16 years of age
- 67. A colourful poster to advertise the 2019 Horticultural Show - A4 size, may be computer generated
- 68. A boat/ship made from vegetables
- 69. A drawing or painting of a day at the seaside

- 70. A vehicle made from Lego - not a kit. (Maximum 12" overall)
- 71. A photograph of an insect. (Maximum 8"x 6")

### **SUNDRY CLASSES** – photos maximum size 8" x 6"

- 72. A photograph of a fountain
- 73. A photograph entitled 'Upside Down' with a caption
- 74. A photograph of a country scene
- 75. A photograph of Grafham Water
- 76. A hand made item
- 77. Handicraft by a senior citizen
- 78. A greetings card in any medium
- 79. A homemade scarf
- 80. A flavoured spirit eg Sloe Gin, Blackberry Gin
- 81. A home made soft drink

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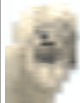
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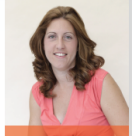
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*Dear Friends,*

I am writing this immediately after making 100 pancakes at our GS monthly coffee morning and next I shall be preparing the ashes for tomorrow's Ash Wednesday services.

We are now well into Lent. We hope to see you on **Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> which is Mothering Sunday.**

During Lent I am hoping more and more that we will make that journey to the cross together as a benefice. The last week of March is, of course, Holy week, starting with Palm Sunday which will be celebrated in all three of our churches. We then begin our journey with Compline at 8.00pm on Monday at Hail Weston, Tuesday at Great Staughton and Wednesday at Little Staughton. We then go back to Hail Weston for Maundy Thursday is celebrated with Holy communion and Vigil at Hail Weston. There will be a Good Friday Family walk and egg hunt at Great Staughton Church and in the afternoon the mood will change as we spend an hour there contemplating the events of Good Friday. The first communion of Easter and vigil will be held at 11.30 pm on Easter Saturday at Little Staughton where the Easter candle will be lit from a fire outside the church.

Two thousand years ago Jesus walked this earth with a message of hope. Many have followed in his footsteps sharing the message and bringing comfort and hope to others. Too many of them, like Jesus, have suffered for their efforts to make a difference in the lives of ordinary people and above all having the courage to expose their faith in a loving God.

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As new Easter candles are lit let us celebrate the hope and promise that God gives us in the resurrection of Christ. I hope that however you are celebrating the Easter weekend this year it will be a joyous celebration and that you may find hope and peace in the Easter message.

*With love & blessings*  
*Revd Nicki Bland*

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### Great Staughton St. Andrew's

**Sun 4th** 8.00am-BCP Holy Communion

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**Sun 11th** 10.30am -Family Communion  
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**Wed 14th** 5.30 pm - Evening Prayer (at  
the Vicarage)

**Sun 18th** 10.30am -Parish Communion  
(play and pray)

**Sun 25th** 10.30am -Parish Communion  
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**Tues 27th** 7.00 pm-Compline

### **Friday 30th (Good Friday)**

10.00 am -11.30am Good Friday Family  
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2.00pm- 3.00pm An hour at the cross  
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**Sun 4th** 9am-Parish Communion

**Sun 18th** 9am- Parish Communion

**Sun 25th** 3.00pm - Songs of Praise with  
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**Wed 28th** 7.00pm Compline

**Sat 31st Holy Saturday-** 11.30 pm  
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### Hail Weston St. Nicolas

**Sun 4th** 3pm- All Age Worship

**Wed 7th** 10.00 am – Morning Prayer  
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**Sun 11th** 9am- Parish Communion  
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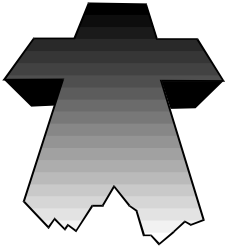
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### All Welcome

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**May God Bless you all,**  
*Tony Whitlock*

### **Preachers and Services for March:**

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*11<sup>th</sup> Alan Folkes*  
*18<sup>th</sup> Rev David Taylor*  
*25<sup>th</sup> Rev Vilma Broadhurst*  
*30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Rev David Taylor*  
*1<sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday Rev David Taylor*

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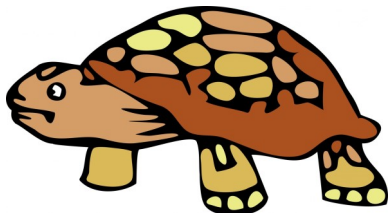
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