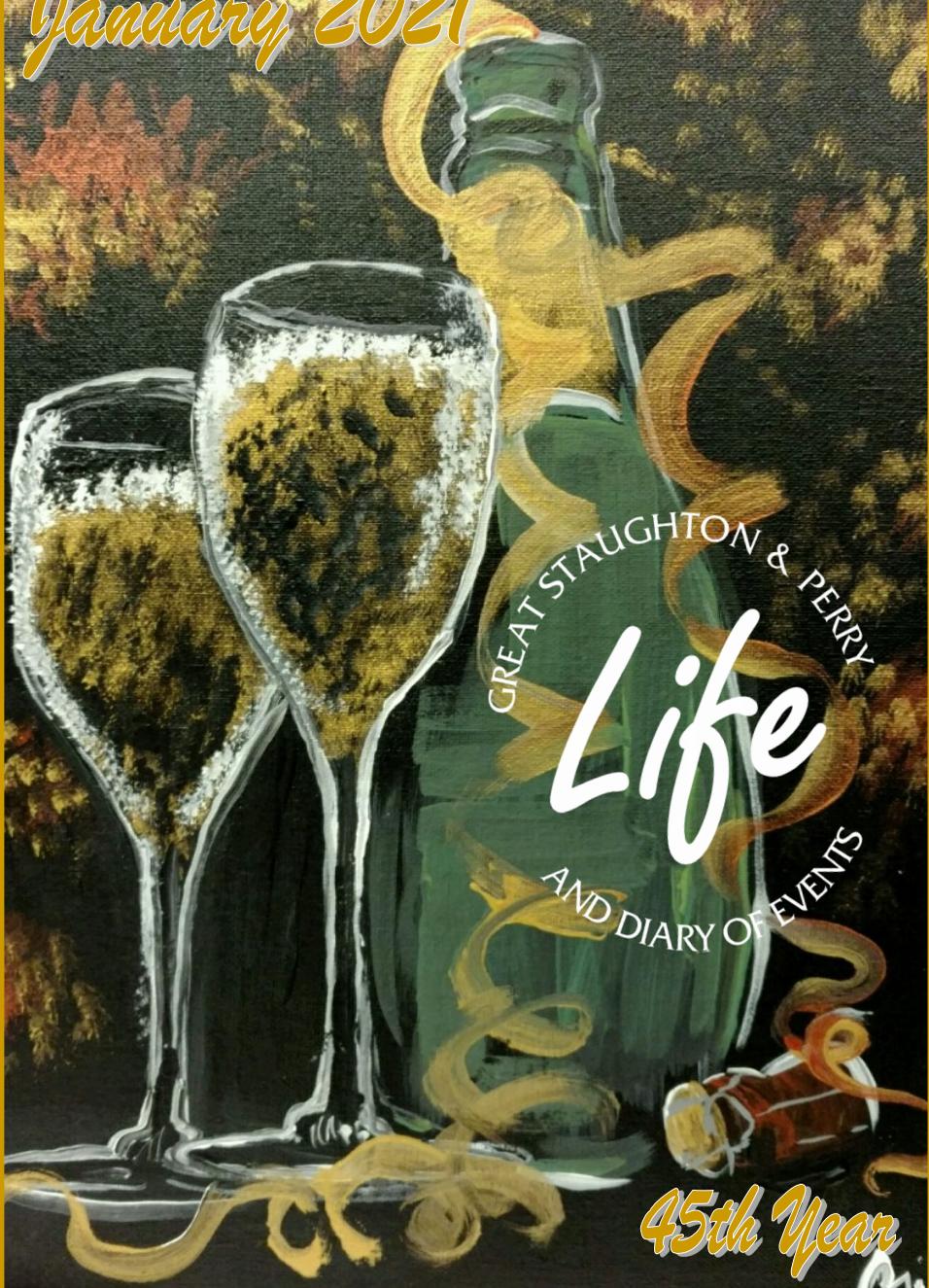


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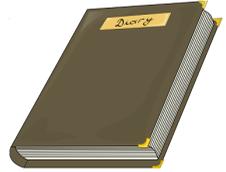
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# Dates for your Diary



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# Editorial Natter...

*Happy New Year, everyone!*



As you know, it has become somewhat of a tradition in the January issues to thank everyone who has made the Life Magazine possible during the previous year - and this January is no different.

2020 was a tough year for all of us. But thanks to our contributors, advertisers, deliverers, printers and everyone who popped a few coins into the Pots dotted around, myself and Shaun have still been able to produce a monthly magazine for you. I am very proud of that, and I hope having Life come through your letterboxes has provided a little piece of normality during a very strange year, and that it's been a helpful source of information.

While we're not quite out of the woods yet, there's growing optimism that we will be able to return to a level of normality in 2021. And when we finally can, this magazine will once again be there to tell you all about the fun activities and events planned across Staughton, Perry and beyond that we can look forward to this coming year. Happy new year, indeed.

*This issue was edited by Rob*

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Great Staughton Village Hall 10:30 - midday

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We shall miss seeing all our friends but it is important that we all stay safe and well, and play our part in not spreading the virus. As soon as we can resume our meetings safely, we shall let you know!!

**Treasurers Corner**

*Hello,*

Thanks to everyone who has supported the magazine during 2020 and let us hope that this year is much better.

*Helén*



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## GREAT STAUGHTON TENNIS CLUB

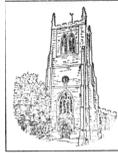


We have been very pleased to see so many people enjoying playing tennis over the last few months and we have been happy to facilitate this without charge, particularly whilst the Coronavirus has limited us all being able to live our “normal” lives.

However, maintenance of the courts does not of course come for free and as such, we feel that now is the time to reintroduce membership fees to allow the Club to gain funds to carry out future maintenance and repairs as and when needed. Please be assured, that we are by no means seeking to make a profit nor place use of the tennis courts beyond anyone’s financial reach. The annual membership fee for a junior member (under 16s) is **£5**, an adult member is **£10** and a family membership (for up to six members) is **£25**.

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Meetings are on hold at the moment  
but we will keep you updated.

### New Year's Day Walk

Last year's walk saw a terrific turnout  
of 17 on a reasonably pleasant day.  
But thanks to more mud than  
anticipated, we were a much slower  
pace. A walk that would normally have  
taken 2 hours took 3.

So this year, if the Politburo in  
London allow such gatherings, the  
walk will be shorter and will take more  
account of the mud.

**Meet at the sundial at 11 am.**  
**Anthony Withers (861224)**



## *If you need help, just ask*

To all our village residents, the Great Staughton & Perry Community Support Group is still here to help if you're isolating. We have an army of volunteers who are prepared to:

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- Cook a meal for you / provide a frozen meal
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Helen – me@helencritchell.co.uk

*We are here to help*

### Notice of Apology

On page of 23 of the December issue we incorrectly included a notice from Gt. Staughton Community Fibre Partnership asking residents to register their interest.

However, registrations closed on October 9. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

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**M**y broad beans have germinated! I'm not really boasting - just excited. They are a hardy variety bred for over wintering and the instructions said to plant in late October/early November. I dutifully put them in at the required depth and spacing on 2nd November. It seemed very weird to be planting anything at that time of year and I inoculated myself against disappointment by expecting that the mice would eat them, rabbits would dig them up or some other woe would betide them. Imagine my excitement when on my next visit to the allotment at the end of November two rows of evenly spaced sprouts were visible. It's still a long time until July when they should be ready to pick but a promising start.

Bulb shoots are also starting to emerge and there's tantalising promise in the buds on the camellia plant. So although it feels as though everything has closed down for winter the wonders of nature are still at work.

Nature is having a hard time of it in our ultra tidy gardens. While it is lovely to see a beautiful weed free lawn and neatly cut grass, that environment provides little shelter or nourishment for insects - the pretty ones like butterflies and bees, nor the scavengers and waste processors like beetles and wood lice. We ought to start seeing the value in what we consider to be weeds - dandelions, buttercups, daisies and clover are food sources. Think about digging up some of your lawn and sowing some wild flower meadow seeds. There would be less mowing to do and you'd be contributing to much needed biodiversity.

I'm going to practise what I'm preaching this summer.

Perhaps we could persuade the parish council to think about re-wilding some of the communal grass areas in the village. Surely they don't all need to be so manicured.

I visited the Knepp Wilding project in West Sussex a year or so ago and it was a revelation. The owners have adopted a policy of non intervention. Animals that would normally be corralled and managed are permitted to roam free. You come across pigs in the undergrowth and herds of very happy cows and deer. The different grazing patterns of the animals shape and manage the vegetation and that in turn provides habitats for other species. Since 2001 when it was set up there has been an explosion of biodiversity and the area is now home to many rare species of butterflies, other insects and birds. It's a good place for a staycation if you are interested.

Another benefit of the ultra free range life is that the meat from the animals is super nutritious and delicious.

Going back to our opportunities to help out by being less tidy, it is suggested that we avoid cutting back hollow stems so that insects can shelter there over the winter. Dead wood is very beneficial as a hiding place and food source for beetles as are leaf piles. Hedgehogs use leaves for nesting material so give them a helping hand. Don't tidy it all away.

Who knows what 2021 will bring. Perhaps there is a glimmer of hope that some of our activities may resume later in the year. We'll have to wait and see.

***Happy gardening!***

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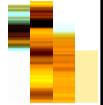
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**An update from the Chair of Great Staughton Parish Council on the Affordable Housing Project**

The Planning process is now underway. The application reference is **20/01915/FUL**. Full details of the planning application can be found through the Staughton Parish Council website <http://greatstaughtonpc.org.uk/> and through the HDC planning portal. <https://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do>

It is not now expected the Planning process will be complete before end of January 2021.

However, the process of tendering the build contracts has commenced in parallel and it is hoped that a preferred developer will be selected by early February 2021. The CLT are taking part in this process and will endeavour to ensure any disruption from building is kept to a minimum by adding criteria to the tender. Any thoughts, comments residents may wish to make please let me know.

The start on site is still expected to occur in March 2021 with the enabling works. There will be some site exploration works prior to this date.

Any queries please contact me  
Bob Jewell

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- **Switch off, Turn off:** If it isn't meant to be left on (like fridges, freezers) switch it off and turn it off at the plug when it isn't in use.

- **Charge safely:** Only use electrical charging devices for the purpose they were intended and avoid purchasing counterfeit, cheap charging devices for electrical items

and always keep leads away from cookers and hobs.

- **Fat-Free, Fire-Free:** Fat can build up slowly over time through regular use of kitchen devices and as it does it increases the chance of a fire when cooking. Ensure you regularly maintain hobs, grills and ovens and keep them clear from fat build up and safer from fire.

**Distraction causes fires:** over 50% of fires in the kitchen are caused by distraction - pay attention and avoid cooking if under the influence of alcohol or medication or feeling tired.

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## GREAT STAUGHTON VILLAGE BOOK CLUB

**A**s the only member to have owned up to completing November's book which was my suggestion - The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet - I've been volunteered to do the write up. The author, David Mitchell, not the one from Would I Lie to You, has written many books but he's perhaps best known for Cloud Atlas which was made into a film.

It was a chance encounter with a programme on Radio 4 called "Only Artists" which piqued my interest. David Mitchell was in conversation with a conceptual artist called Katie Paterson and she was very complementary about his writing. Because I was so impressed by the things she did I thought she must be worth listening to. You can still get the programme on BBC Sounds if you're interested.

I first read The Bone Clocks which was compelling but a bit weird and the Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet felt much more book club friendly. I was obviously wrong! To be fair to book club members it is interesting how choosing to read a book is usually a pleasure but as soon as you're required to read something it feels more like homework. And a long book is a lot of homework!

The novel is set at the end of the eighteenth century on a Dutch trading post in Japan. Our hero, a devout Presbyterian, son of a pastor, has been forced to take employment with the

Dutch East India Company to persuade the father of his sweetheart that he is worthy of her hand. His honour and steadfastness shine out from the start and he doesn't disappoint despite all the turbulent goings on - a worthy hero.

The action starts in a Japanese household with a midwife trying to deliver a baby that seems to be hopelessly stuck. The midwife, Orito is a key figure in the novel. Immediately you get a taste of the evocative language which is Mitchell's trademark. "Orito kneels on a stale and sticky futon". And the next sentence "In the rice paddy beyond the garden, a cacophony of frogs detonates"

Mitchell's skill at description, which appeals to every sense, is matched by his mastery of characterisation. Even the briefest appearance of a character seems to give that character substance. There are, however, many Japanese and Dutch names to contend with. These can be challenging especially when there is a switch between Christian and surname.

The otherness of Japanese life and customs is beautifully depicted. In one extended passage Mitchell uses rhyme to great effect to emphasise the exoticism and squalour of everyday life.

Being so far from home with little prospect of contact is similar to imprisonment and relations among the Dutch community are as interesting as their interactions with the locals. Obviously there is a language barrier and interpreters are essential and powerful.

Jacob's willingness to make the effort to communicate pays off as his eventual knowledge of Japanese gives him useful insights.

David Mitchell moved to Japan in 1994 and spent eight years there as a teacher. He also has a Japanese wife so it seems likely that he has been rigorous in his historical research.

So if you feel like a long read over the dark winter months, and total immersion in a very different world, I'd thoroughly recommend this book.

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Well we ended (or rather will have by the time you read this) the Book Club year with an online Christmas quiz. No doubt there was much fun and laughter and a few way out answers. It has been very strange not meeting in person but rather by Zoom, and while a few of us managed most sessions it didn't, sadly, suit everyone. I look forward to when we can meet in person and become the Wine, (oops Freudian slip), Book Club again. If anyone one wishes to join us you will be more than welcome. As you will see from the above review, reading the whole book is not a prerequisite to attending, but helps when answering the questions from our resident question master. Discussions are often lively and it is okay to love, hate or actively dislike the book choice as all views are listened too.

As with last year we have chosen our reading list for 2021 which should give us a varied selection so take a peek and if

you fancy any feel free to call me and I will hook you up with the meeting details.

Finally a Hopefully Happier New Year to one and all

Margaret Sare  
01480 860963

### **Book Club List 2021**

**Jan:** Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers

**Feb:** Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton

**March:** The Strange Adventures of H by Sarah Burton

**April:** Machines like me by Ian McEwan

**May:** A Thousand Ships by Natalie Haynes

**June:** A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

**July:** The Day She Came Back by Amanda Prowse

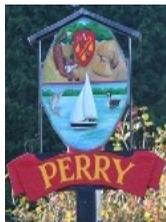
**Aug:** The woman in the white kimono - Ana Johns

**Sept:** The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

**Oct:** The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

**Nov:** Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders





MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF PERRY  
PARISH COUNCIL  
Remote Meeting via Zoom  
Held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November 2020  
at 7.30 pm

**Present:**

Nigel Noon - Chair, Councillors Sheila Brighton (SB) – Vice Chair, Emma Prew (EP), Jason Harper (JH), Eleanor Abbs, Kay Darby (KD) – Clerk.  
Members of the public : one

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Nigel Noon at 7.30 p.m.

**Apologies for Absence:** Ian Gardener, Darren Tysoe

**Members Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items:** None

**County/District Councillor Update:** IG sent in his report earlier which the Councillors had read. This consisted of information on the pandemic, and reminding families struggling to cope, but not eligible for free school meals to contact the Countrywide Hub on 03450 455219.

Information on the issue of the consultation to the change to the flightpaths of aircraft arriving at Luton Airport was given and this was discussed later in the meeting.

Climate change information was also given.

The full report is available on our website [www.perryparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.perryparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Public Forum on Agenda items:** A member of the public expressed her concern regarding the new Luton Airport Flight paths for incoming aircraft and had

sent the Council an email with a link to the recording of the noise which could be expected. This can be found at: <https://youtu.be/YeHFqX3-TYU>

This subject was discussed later under item 20/091

**To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020:** The Minutes were proposed for approval by JH and seconded by SB

**Matters Arising (not covered by Agenda Items):** None

**Police Update:** No update

**Parish/Village Matters:**

- **Perry in Bloom:** no update
- **Potential Sale of Perry Water Tower Site:** No update
- **Parking:** NN to order 3 No Parking signs
- **Speeding in the Village:** see Clerk's report
- **Garage Sales:** No update.
- **Playground4Perry:** Ongoing investigative work on the project
- **Work Parties:** on hold
- **Overhanging trees and vegetation on footpaths:** Thank you to residents who responded so promptly to requests to cut back trees and hedges that were overhanging footpaths.

**Community Heat Scheme:** EP informed the meeting that we will be receiving the Grant for the Feasibility Study. CCC and the Regional Energy hub will be involved in future meetings. The next steps now need to be looked at – how to bring the villages together as a group and how we communicate information to residents in the villages.

A decision will be taken at the next meeting regarding the legal agreement between the three villages. The next stages of funding will also need to be investigated.

In looking at our close connection with Gt Staughton on this heating project and our ties with Life and Diaries and the strong volunteer group we have together with Gt Staughton, the Clerk is to write to CCC with an objection to the splitting of the new proposed service delivery areas to the three villages (with Grafham and Perry being in area 19 and Gt Staughton in area 23). The number of residents listed for Perry should also be questioned as this is too high.

**Briefing Papers:** To be discussed at next meeting

**Clerk's report:** The food van HeartCibo has been contacted twice to enquire at what times and where they had wished to be situated in the village but have not responded.

Cambridgeshire Highways were notified regarding the repainting of the cycle track signs and the bad condition of the red cycle lane painting but have informed the Parish Council that this does not need repairing at the current time.

They have also been informed of the bad condition of the paving due to tree roots at the junction of Armstrong Close and Whitehall way but have not come back to us yet.

In response to a request for information on speed reduction works to the main roads through Perry, Highways have informed us that there will be a cost of £500 for them to assess the suitability of the proposal, check all options analysed to best meeting the objectives, policy, road safety and engineering specialist

input, estimated cost, estimated delivery timescale, site visit to discuss options and fully documented summary.

Clerk to contact Buckden parish council to enquire the route they took to obtain road markings.

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**Correspondence received:** Luton Airport flight paths: We have received emails from Luton airport regarding the proposed changes to flight paths. The information shows that Perry would be underneath the proposed new paths.

A discussion ensued regarding the impact of this to noise, wildlife, farm animals and migrating birds.

A vote was taken an all were in agreement that the Parish Council should take action on this.

It was decided that a working group should be looked at with JH taking the lead on this. Social media messages will be put out asking for resident’s comments, along with the above link to enable everyone to hear the aircraft noise. Other local Councils should be contacted and asked for their comments.

There is a very short window for comments to be given on the public consultation (5<sup>th</sup> February). The Council should contact Luton Airport to see if the end date of the consultation can be extended as there is very little time to put together a response.

A virtual meeting should be attended regarding this consultation on either 30 October, 3 December or 5 January (see minutes for this on page 24)

Finding Fitness. It was decided not to take up this offer as we already have the Lions, Grafham Water Centre and the Sailing Club in the village.

**Finance and Legal Matters:**

**To agree payments for sanction:**

Arthur Ibbett Ltd blade for shredder.....	£48.67
Clerk’s salary.....	£483.88
Handyman’s salary.....	£125.56
HMRC tax.....	£128.60

John Lewis Printer.....£299.99  
The above payments were proposed for payment by SB and seconded by EP

It was agreed that the Precept for 2021-2022 should remain the same at £14901

It was proposed by SB and seconded by JH to accept the draft budget for 2021-2022.

It was agreed to purchase a paper shredder and laminator. Proposed SB and seconded JH.

The new accessibility statement for the website was sent out to all Councillors and is now available on our website.

Search for local accountants is ongoing.

**Meetings Attended:** The Local Council’s conference was attended by KD and papers were sent out for all Councillor to read. This is the first Zoom conference they have held and the day proved interesting.

The regular Community Heat Scheme meetings are still running every Friday and Playground 4 Perry meetings are also ongoing.

**Planning Applications:** There were no comments regarding the work to the tree at 2 The Drive.

**Village Plan:** To be looked at in more detail next year

**Matters for the next meeting, to be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December via Zoom:** Briefing papers

The meeting closed at 20.56.

## Neighbourhood Plan

Great Staughton Parish Council has decided to explore the possibility of creating a neighbourhood plan. This is a plan for the neighbourhood area. This can be the Parish area or more than 1 Parish. The Parishes of Grafham and Ellington have recently combined to form a joint plan for those villages.

### **What is the purpose of such a plan?**

It provides information which informs planning decisions regarding development proposals.

### **Why Should the Parish do a plan now**

- The village plan is now 10 years old and has no influence on planning decisions. The current planning regulations are being relaxed by the Government and if there is no neighbourhood plan in place future planning applications will be subject to less scrutiny. It will more difficult to stop unwelcome development.

- If a neighbourhood plan is in place it also makes it more possible for the Parish Council to receive grants like CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy).

- If there is a neighbourhood plan it informs Parish Council decision making on community requirements and desires.

### **The process**

Huntingdon District Council (HDC) have to approve the area for the generation of

a neighbourhood plan. A group of willing volunteers have to be formed and design a survey for the area (There many examples available to act as a guide). The survey then needs to be distributed electronically and on paper to the Parish. The results are then collated. There is grant money to enable this process.

I was wondering if there are residents who would like to help in whatever way in defining, designing, collecting, or collating the information to produce the plan.

If you would like to help or have any queries please contact me

Bob Jewell

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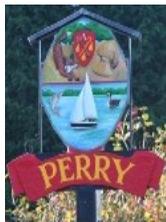
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**MINUTES OF THE  
EXTRAORDINARY  
MEETING OF  
PERRY PARISH  
COUNCIL**

Remote Meeting via  
Zoom Held on Monday  
16th November 2020 at  
6.30 pm

**Present:**

Nigel Noon - Chair  
Councillor Sheila Brighton (SB)–  
Vice Chair  
Councillor Emma Prew (EP)  
Councillor Jason Harper (JH)  
Councillor Eleanor Abbs (EA)  
Kay Darby (KD)– Clerk

**Members of the Community Heat  
Working Group:** Helen Glanville,  
Bob Jewell (Chair Gt Staughton  
Parish Council), Martin Joyner, Da-  
vid Russell, David Gent

**Members of the public:** 8

The meeting was opened by the  
Chair, Nigel Noon at 7.30pm

**Apologies for Absence:** Ian  
Gardener

**Members Declaration of Interest  
on Agenda Items:** None

**Public Forum on Agenda items:** A  
member of the public requested that,  
regarding the Luton Flight Paths  
consultation, the following  
information be made available to  
those people not having access to the  
internet.

Members of the public can write and  
ask for a printed copy to be sent to

them. The Consultation Document  
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inclusion in the process.

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**Community Heat Scheme:**

A very useful presentation was made  
by the Community Heat Group to  
explain to Councillors What is district  
Heating? Why? What do we propose?  
And What we would like you to do.

The Community Heat Scheme  
Workgroup then explained that the  
Contract for the feasibility study will  
be a fixed price contract, and  
although there is always the risk of an  
unexpected increase in costs, it was  
made clear to the contractors that  
there is no spare finance to deal with  
this. The risk of the need for further  
finance was thought to be very low  
and the working party have reviewed  
the contract and are happy with it and  
the Rural Communities Agency has  
vetted the Companies involved and  
the proposals. A governance  
procedure will be put in place where  
all processes are monitored and  
expenditure checked from the start of  
the contract. Stage payments will only  
be made when each stage is  
satisfactorily completed. Each stage  
has already been costed. No extra  
costs can be incurred without the  
consent of all three Parish Councils.  
Weekly or fortnightly controls and  
reports will be put in place to check

progress and finances. This phase of the study will be mainly desk based. The duration of the contact was expected to be c. 4 months

Should the scheme prove feasible after 4 months then the group will have to apply for further funding to undertake a more detailed feasibility study and should provide the anticipated costs for residents to for the scheme.

The motion to go ahead with the agreement to undertake the first stage feasibility study for the provision of a district heating scheme was voted for unanimously by the councillors and SB proposed that we agree the above and EA seconded this motion

#### **Luton Airport Flight Paths:**

JH reported that a working party has been set up: Against Luton Airport Stack. The group currently consists of two councillors and seven residents.

An email has been sent out by the group to 38 other villages and towns that could be affected by this new stacking proposal in order to get their feedback on the matter.

To raise the awareness of residents and visitors of this new stacking proposal the group has asked for a budget of £250.00 for expenses likely to be incurred on advertising (to include, printing, signage and website work). It was also suggested that local radio stations be contacted. There are public consultations on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10-11am and 5<sup>th</sup> January,

11am-12pm. A member of the group will attend one of these sessions. SB proposed agreement to the budget and EP seconded the motion

The meeting closed at 19.23

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*Dear Friends,*

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I hope it will be a happier year than last year and it looks like it is a possibility with the vaccine programme already operational.

We are very pleased to announce that our **new website** is up and running and huge thanks go to Bryan Kitchen and Elizabeth Edmunds for making it possible. We are all still mastering it but please let us know if we could add something that would be helpful to you. You will be able to find it at **[swhw.co.uk](http://swhw.co.uk)**

We also now have internet in the church and that has made it possible for us to stream services from there and so in the New Year we will be deciding how we can use that to our greatest advantage.

If you look at our website, you will see that we have a selection of services this month both in Church and on Zoom. Glenn Coiley will be leading the Plough Sunday Service from St Andrew's, Great Staughton on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a change to normal as this service is usually held in St Nicolas, Hail Weston but

because of restrictions we would not have the capacity to hold it safely in Hail Weston. Plough Sunday is a traditional service held on the Sunday after Epiphany which celebrates the beginning of the agricultural year. A plough is brought into Church and the prayers in the service include some for the blessing of the land.

I am sure that many of you have heard about the new member of my household, Bella, a cockapoo, who has won the hearts of many. This is not the reason that we are holding a pet service on the last Sunday of the month in the afternoon on Zoom, the reason we are doing that is because of the many requests we have received from all three parishes. If you would like a photo of your pet (past and present) to be included in the service, please send your photographs to Glenn Coiley at [glenncoiley@hotmail.com](mailto:glenncoiley@hotmail.com) and of course we would love to see them with their owners for our service on Zoom on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 3pm.

*With love and prayers,  
Revd Nicki Bland*

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9am - Parish Communion led by Great Staughton

**Sun 10th:** 9am- Parish Communion led by Hail Weston

**Sun 17th:** 9am- Parish Communion led by Great Staughton

**Sun 24th:** 9am- Parish Communion led by Little Staughton

**Sun 31st:** 10:30am - Benefice Service zoomed from St Andrew's

3pm - Pet service

### Great Staughton St. Andrew's

**Sun 10th:** 10:30am - Parish Communion

**Sun 10th:** 3pm - Plough Sunday (normally held at Hail Weston but  
this year at Great Staughton because of capacity)

**Sun 24th:** 10:30am - Parish Communion

**Sun 31st:** 10:30am - Benefice Service also zoomed

### Little Staughton All Saints

**Sun 17th:** 10:30am - Parish Communion

### Hail Weston St. Nicolas

**Sun 3rd:** 10:30am - Parish Communion

**Wed 6th:** 10am - Morning Prayer

**Sun 17th:** 3pm - Creative Communion

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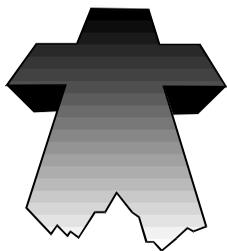
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### *My dear friends,*

It is a new year, and dare I say new challenges? Challenges are perhaps something we do not wish to associate with 2021 as we have had so much in 2020. Indeed, whilst this is the time that we would usually want to say welcome to a new year I suspect that this time for many we just thankful to be able to say goodbye to the old year. The challenges of Covid and lockdown have weighed too heavily upon us and now we hope to find a way to open up all that has been closed. I understand that. It has been a very difficult year for all of us and none of us wish to take that same journey of life again. So, on a more positive note may I encourage all to join together with a sense of hope for the coming year. I hope that we have leaned from the experiences of the year as we seek to be a support for each other bringing compassion whatever maybe our new experiences ahead.

Yet, the bible speaks of another kind of lockdown that all of us can do something about. Jesus said "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." (Revelations chapter 3 verse 20) William Holman Hunt painted a well known picture entitled "The light of the world" which reveals Jesus as a shepherd knocking on a door that is heavily overgrown. It was his interpretation of this verse, and with careful observation

we find there is no handle on the door. He knocks on the door of our hearts waiting for us to use the handle inside and welcome him in. Today, many are perhaps still in a lockdown that we can bring to an end as we invite Jesus into our lives. May we find 2021 is a year of open hearts for each of us.

In the midst of New Year resolutions may I invite you to join with us each Sunday morning at 10.30am where you will be given a warm welcome. The government guidelines at the moment do require us all to have some form of masks and would ask you to take this into account. We are aware that some may not feel comfortable in returning yet so we will also continue to provide online services on Facebook and YouTube. For those with the internet facility check the church out at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxdghslFLULGCblekWCQ4pg>

You are all welcome to join us at any time through these means if you are not able to attend the building.

As the Perry Village Pastor I am available for you all. Please call me or email [perrybaptistpastor@gmail.com](mailto:perrybaptistpastor@gmail.com)

**Love and Blessings,**  
*Jon Magee*

**Clubs & Activities :****Telephone Prefix: 01480**

Great Staughton W.I.....	Margaret Sare: 860963
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