

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 5th December 2011 at 7.30pm.

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| ATTENDANCE | M/s M. Monk, P. Vincent, P. Hobson, H. Raby, Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, P.Ryan, T. Pinner, District Councillor K. Baker, County Councillors Ms Kadic and Sir Peter Brown together with Rebecca Britton of Urban & Civic and Tracey Barker the newly appointed chairperson of the Allotment Society |
| APOLOGIES | Were received from Mr. Hulstrom, who was away on business. |
| OPEN FORUM | There were no members of the public in attendance. |
| 122.MINUTES | On a proposal by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mr. Ryan the minutes of the meeting of 7 th November 2011 were approved and were then signed by the Chairman. |
| 132.ALLOTMENTS | <p>The chairman suggested and the members agreed to bring this agenda item forward so as to allow Ms Barker to speak with members about the society. Ms Barker said a working committee had been formed but as yet they had no secretary. Discussion had agreed that twenty plots would suffice for present demand, sixteen half size and four full size, a central storage facility, toilets and area for making teas and coffees were the main items on the 'wish list'.</p> <p>Research had revealed that six parking plots were required because the majority of the attendees were from Great Stukeley and intended to either walk or cycle to the site except when heavy articles were needed for their works. It was also agreed that for security some form of entrance barrier for the site may also be required sometime in the future. Mr. Ryan observed that perhaps the entrance should be wide enough to facilitate 'turning' area at lane end and to allow larger vehicles access should manure deliveries be required. He added that discussion with Cambs County had revealed that it may be possible to have some form of barrier erected at the junction of Owl End and Bridleway ten to Lodge Farm, this would bar vehicle access but allow pedestrian and horse rider access, he was advised to continue his talks with the County to try and 'enable' this facility, the chairman said that Mr. Pond, who had 'access' was agreeable providing he was given a key, it was also envisaged that the permission of Urban & Civic was also required. Mr. Monk observed that some form of 'Governance' agreement would be needed in time, not only for this area but possibly for the entire area of the Grange Farm site as well so that any agreements put in place were protected for future generations. Ms Britton informed the Council that U&C had become Corporate members of NSALG so they now had the ability to seek advice from that body on all legalities required for the setting up of allotment sites also implementing the legal arrangement between the Parish Council and U&C as to the tenure of the site for the future.</p> |
| 124. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST | Mr Ryan declared again an interest due to his charity work at the Alconbury site and also any issues that may arise from discussions about footpath nine in the village. |
| 125.COUNTY ISSUES | Cncllr: Brown advised members that the government had now allocated Twenty million pounds to the upgrade of the A.14 between the Spittals and Bar Hill, this he said he was sure had been initiated by the award of 'Enterprise Zone' status for part of the Alconbury site, he said he was envisaged that a large amount of this would contribute towards the upgrade of the Spittals Interchange. Mr. Monk said that the Council would ask him to register their concerns that a 'traffic management' strategy would not be acceptable if it relied upon traffic signals holding traffic back on the local roads resulting in Stukeley residents being trapped in their villages. Mr. Raby, together with others registered concerns that there was no provision for the Southern A.14 Bypass for Huntingdon and the replacement of the Huntingdon Viaduct and |

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| | <p>was not the present plan just a sticking plaster in an effort to appease the present immediate situation.</p> <p>Ms Kadic told members that she was hopeful of the talks with Mr. Baker reaching a satisfactory conclusion over the next few weeks in respect of a footpath diversion.</p> | |
| 126.DISTRICT ISSUES | <p>Mr. Baker said that there were no significant issues for him to raise. Mr. Monk said that the Council were very disappointed that Councillor Ablewhite had not felt able to respond to the Chairman's letter asking for a meeting to discuss the movement of HDC vehicles through the villages and the fact that he had placed the reply duty with his Operations Manager Mr. Kendal who had reiterated that the Development Panel had no influence over his operational strategy and that Ermine Street was a public highway and that legitimate vehicles could travel the route, he did however add that the A.14 route would be used as practicable.</p> | |
| 127.PLANNING | <p>Mr. Ryan, who had emailed the relevant info; to members said that we were being consulted on the implementation of a 'Community Infrastructure Levy' which was a levy on new development proposals in the area and the rate at which that levy was to be introduced onto varying types of development, he explained that the idea was that this new levy would apply to developments not covered by the present 106 agreement legislation, after discussion Mr. Monk ventured that he felt that this Council was not in a good position to make any meaningful comment on this matter.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan also raised the issues of 'pre-enquiry' discussions and the unwillingness of the District to supply any information to him on any recent applications to which this facility had been applied. He was authorised to use the 'Freedom of Information Act' to access this information on the Councils behalf.</p> | |
| 128. ACCOUNTS | <p>(a)The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mrs Sly, seconded by Mr. Monk and approved by the meeting EON Electric for December supply £59.16. Easiprint for December magazine £95.00. M. J. Newman, clerks November Salary £159.57. net. Plus agreed allowances £28.00. Office Expenditure £63.90 T&S Gardening for grass maintenance £528.03. MHB Services for lighting repairs £82.25. One Com for magazine website. £20.16. HMRC for Income Tax on salary £119.67.</p> <p>(b)The Members then debated the 2012/13 Precept figure and various village projects were raised including Mr. Monk's submission that Great Stukeley hall was in need of some major refurbishments including new boiler provision, double glazing, cavity wall insulation and roof insulation, he added that the hall funds were only at a level representing 20% of the recommended level, whilst it was generally agreed that the service provided by our two halls should be maintained it was also agreed that to put the precept figure up substantially in these austere times would be a retrograde step, after some considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr. Vincent, supported by Mr. Monk that the precept figure be raised by 7% over last years figure, namely, £16.000, this was agreed and that figure was to be submitted by the clerk to the District Council by the due date.</p> | |
| 129.RIGHTS OF WAY | <p>Mr. Ryan told members that he had contacted Alconbury PC with a view to discussions about re-instating the Footpath two from Mill Road to Alconbury but as yet he had not received a reply and as he explained without their support the project was not really feasible.</p> <p>He reported also that the footpath committee were meeting Mr. Smiths agent, U&C to walk the proposed diversionary route for footpath eleven at Grange Farm on Thursday 8th December.</p> | |

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| | <p>He also advised that discussions with the walking group had revealed a lack of signage on footpath eight at Nook Farm/Waterloo Farm, where along the route from Low Road, through Lodge Farm and towards Waterloo the path actually diverts diagonally across farmed land towards an access bridge across a dyke onto Waterloo Farm, there is no signage either direction, it was agreed after discussion that marker posts should be sited to direct onto the defined line of the path.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan highlighted another issue with bridleway twelve from Green End to St. Peters Hill, he explained that where the ROW had been severed by the A.141, Huntingdon northern bypass there was a potentially difficult and dangerous crossing point, he suggested that a request be made for a central refuge, he was supported by fellow members and asked to further this request with County Authorities.</p> | |
| 130.PLAY EQUIPMENT | <p>Mr. Vincent said the project was now complete and the account with Monster Play settled. The chairman said the residents of Little Stukeley were delighted with the result and had asked him to convey there sincere thanks to Mr. Vincent.</p> | |
| 131.ALCONBURY | <p>Mr. Monk advised that the Local Councils liaison group continued to meet on a monthly basis and that the next meeting was in January 2012. He advised that U&C were likely to submit 'enabling' applications referring to Additional Access, demolition and Enterprise Zone status, he also advised that Paul Mumford the DC officer handling this matter was prepared to come to the Council January meeting to discuss the issues surrounding this matter. Mr. Monk was asked to officially invite Mr. Mumford to that meeting, he said that he felt that Ms Britton, Tim Leathes and Tim Slater should also be asked to attend as there was much information to be gained, this also was supported.</p> | |
| 133.TRAFFIC ISSUES | <p>Mr. Monk reported that the recent group meeting was poorly attended by the qualified officers invited. He said it had been agreed that the speed limit proposals of the last Council meeting should be followed up, he hoped that the meeting scheduled for 20th January would be better attended by the officers so that this issue may be progressed, together with any possible speed reducing measures that may also be introduced. He said that he was not particularly happy with the response from the RAF Base Commander and was indeed surprised by the inference that the most traffic generated by US vehicles was that to and from Molesworth, he said he intended to ask what evidence the Commander had that this was the case, as visually there did appear to be large volumes of traffic entering and leaving the Alconbury Base. Another point made by the Sqdn; Leader was his desire to continue his dialogue with the chairman, it was agreed that this was positive but the chairman was asked to keep members fully informed of these meeting contents so that any issues discussed can be officially minuted. Mr. Monk said he would continue to keep the Sqdn Leader informed of the minutes of the Traffic Group meetings and also dates and times.</p> <p>The chairman informed members that some of the facilitation works on the new entrance were now taking place and that the traffic control may cause some delays at peak times, he also warned that the major part of the process would start in mid January and last for a period of approximately ten days.</p> <p>Mr. Monk, supported by Mr. Ryan was still concerned about the new signage for the entrance and whether in fact it would indicate turning left only leaving the base and that there would be no right turn into the base travelling north from Little Stukeley, Mr. Monk's suggestion that the Sqdn; Leader be invited to the Traffic Group on 20th January to verify signage detail was supported by</p> | |

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| 134.VILLAGE ISSUES | <p>all.</p> <p>Correspondence was received from the Luminus Group who apologised for the distress caused by the recent events and assured that it is definitely not their policy to use the properties for the housing of problem families, members accepted this explanation.</p> <p>Two letters of complaint were read that both complained of the standard of grass cutting at St. Bartholomew's on 11th November and the fact that several poppy wreaths had been destroyed by the grass cutters strimming activity, in association with this a letter was read from the contractor who admitted responsibility and apologised profusely, offering recompense for the damage, considering the excellent work completed by Mr. Pond throughout the rest of the season it was considered that a letter advising him of the councils displeasure and warning that any future such incidents would meet with stronger measures was sufficient action at this time. The two complainants were to be sent letters of apology along with a copy of the contractors apology and offer of recompense.</p> | |
| 136.ITEMS TO REPORT | <p>Mr. Raby said that he had received a request for a further salt bin to be placed on the right hand bend in Park View, this was to be done and Mr. Pond asked to place salt in it.</p> | |
| 137. NEXT MEETINGS | <p>On Monday 9th January 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.00pm.</p> <p>On Monday 6th February 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 5th March 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2nd April 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> | |