

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 4th July 2011 at 7.30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s M. Monk, P. Ryan, H. Raby, P. Hobson, R. Hulstrom, P. Vincent Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, County Councillors Laine Kadic & Sir Peter Brown together with one member of the public
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mr. Pinner who was unavoidably detained on business and District Councillor Keith Baker who had a prior engagement
OPEN FORUM	Mr. Dean from 1A Low Road, Little Stukeley raised the issue of speeding vehicles through the villages and highlighted the fact that a large amount of these were taxis, Councillor Kadic said that she was aware of this and that the issue had been brought to the attention of the 'Neighbourhood Forum' last month and that through this channel the police were obliged to report their findings and what action was likely to be put in place at the next meeting scheduled for this coming Wednesday, she said she would report the outcome to Mr. Dean personally and also brief the Parish Council.
49. MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mr. Ryan the minutes of the meeting of 9 th May 2011 were approved after some minor alterations were made to Mr. Ryan's traffic flow data in relation to Owl End and the likely impact of introducing an allotment site in that area, and were then signed by the Chairman.
51. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Ryan declared again his charity work and its use of facilities at the Alconbury site, also a prejudicial interest in any discussions with reference to footpath nine in the Parish, these were noted.
52. COUNTY ISSUES	Councillor Kadic was assured that the Council had been made aware, that because of the unusually dry season, that the grass maintenance schedule would be 'put back' a month. Also the changes proposed to 'local' speed limit decision making.
53. DISTRICT ISSUES	Although Mr Baker was not present the clerk read a letter from Mr. Kendall, the Head of Operations at the District Council in which he said that he could find no documentary evidence in the planning archives to suggest that District Council vehicles were not allowed to use the C.339 as a thoroughfare to all points north, and also until such evidence could be produced it would be impossible to cease the practice, as it made no operational sense. Mr. Monk said that he had attended the Planning meeting where permission was agreed for the new operations headquarters at Latham Road, at which he was given verbal assurances of the condition to be imposed on the application, namely that HDC vehicles would be advised not to use the C.339 unless working within the Parishes of the Stukeleys. He said he was intending to pursue the matter further and would report his progress to fellow members.
54. ACCOUNTS	The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mr. Monk and approved by the meeting EON Electric for July supply £59.16. Easiprint for July magazine £95.00. M. J. Newman, clerks July Salary £119.68. net. Plus agreed allowances £28.00. T&S Gardening maintenance for June £374.03. Came & Co, war memorial insurance £89.41. HMRC for income Tax £119.67. The following income for the month was notified. Magazine Advertising £143.50. The clerk produced for members a budget update for the three months ending 30 th June which revealed spending below budget especially in grass maintenance, this due to the exceptionally dry spring and early summer. He also supplied Bank reconciliation figures for a similar period.

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55.RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>Mr. Ryan gave an extensive report on various ROW through the villages, he said with footpath eleven, U&C, the County Council and the Parish Council had met on site and there was agreement that it was appropriate to divert this path onto the existing farm track from Lodge Farm through to Green End, it was envisaged that there would be a 2m grass strip added to the track to yield a total width of 5m with the hope of Bridleway status in the future, he added that U&C were 'minded' to back this strategy, in connection with this it was believed that the County should intimate that enforcement action may be required to clear the blockage on the present path line. Mr. Raby advised, it only needed one objection to block these plans, but it was advised that the County could take the view that the proposed diversion was in the 'public interest'. It was agreed that the minutes of this joint meeting should be included in the Parish Minute Book. Footpath 8 was reported to be difficult to traverse as the farmer had not 'sprayed off' his crop to highlight the route, Mr. Raby said it was now close to harvest, when the matter would be resolved, but that he would have a chat with the landowner.</p> <p>Footpaths 5 & 19 are still obstructed by a crop of standing wheat, Mr. Monk agreed to speak with Mr. Pinner to see if he could liaise with the landowner about action on this route for future years as it would now appear too late this season, it was generally agreed that as both these paths served the same ending and were only a short distance apart it may be a good idea to suggest to the owner that the Parish Council could possibly support the closure of one path, to facilitate easier farming operations, providing the owner gave assurances that the remaining path would be kept open and walkable.</p> <p>Footpaths 9 & 24, at which stage Mr. Ryan left the meeting, was the next topic. It was agreed that path nine had been blocked by the erection of the bungalow, Meadow View, several years ago and that a problem existed, it was thought that U &C would be likely to consider the diversion of this path onto the 'Grange Farm' site with a linkage to footpath 24, although at present these paths only went as far as the base perimeter it was envisaged in the future that the network could be continued across the base and link eventually with the Great Fen project, Mrs Kadic agreed to speak with the owner of the bungalow to sound out his reactions, then report back to the Council.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan then returned to speak, supported by Mr. Hobson on issues surrounding the blockage of footpath 2 from Mill Road to the Alconbury Bridleway, it was agreed that a site meeting was needed and the clerk, who had lived in Low Road all his life, was asked to attend to offer local knowledge. Footpath 13 from Ermine Street to Beech Avenue, it was reported that the developer of the land over which the footpath runs have offered the Parish Council the opportunity to take over the footpath area and the maintenance thereon before the plot is sold on. As it was not entirely clear what this might involve the ROW Committee was asked to arrange an onsite meeting with the developer to discuss options such as a maintenance donation for the path and the possible replacement of the steps off Ermine Street and the replacement of the gate into Beech Avenue, before this meeting was arranged it was agreed that Mr. Ryan speak to John Cooper of the County Council to get his advice on the issue. The developer was also to be asked to remove the tree 'toppings' that had been 'dumped' on the path by either them or their contractors.</p>	
56.PLAY EQUIPMENT	<p>Mr. Vincent confirmed to members that he had received notification of a grant award amounting to £5006 from the National Lottery, one condition was that funds have to be used within twelve months, he added that the result of the Woodford Community grant application would be known in mid August. He</p>	

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	<p>added that the problem with birds perching on the equipment at Great Stukeley could be solved by applying a 'Bird Repellent' to the frame of the swing unit, this would cost approximately £13, he was advised to proceed.</p>	
57.ALCONBURY	<p>Mr Monk reported on the recent Joint Parish Liaison meeting at which he said the Parish Council would be concerned to learn that U&C were considering development on as much as 20% of the Grange Farm, whereas they had previously assured the Council that the land would only be used to gain access to the railway and A141. He was also concerned that the proposed number of jobs had risen from 5000 to 8000 and a further concern was that this would initiate a rise in the number of homes to be built. He also advised that the District Council were proposing that 150 hectares of the base be awarded 'Enterprise Zone' status, this he said could have some ramifications in the fact that the applying authority were also the authority who were to ultimately make the planning decisions for the site. On questioning he said that U&C had intimated that if the award was made then the container storage may leave the site entirely and they had no plans to relocate it elsewhere on the site. The Council were shown the tree planting proposals for Ermine Street, from the north gate to opposite where the village scheme commences, this included Oak trees, bushes and grass areas with tracks for pedestrians and also horse riders, the only concern at present was that these plans did not depict where any new entrance that U&C may require was to be sited, this in addition to the proposals by the base authorities for a new entrance of their own. Mr. Monk assured members that he would keep them informed of developments. It was agreed that the minutes of the latest Joint Meeting should be filed in the Parish Minute Book.</p>	
58.ALLOTMENTS	<p>Mr. Ryan informed members that he and Mrs. Sly had carried out another traffic flow survey in Owl End, this time outside Mrs. Sly's property this showed greater traffic flows than the survey Mr. Ryan carried out outside his property last month this increase was due to a large extent to the traffic generated by the Robinswood Nursery facility, it showed amongst other things that the chances of meeting a car travelling in the opposite direction increase from 1 in 26 to 1 in 23. It was agreed that this survey was necessary but that the increased flows associated with the allotment proposal were acceptable.</p> <p>He also reported that U&C consultants had produced some provisional ideas for layout for the facility but that consultations were to be sought with NSALG to obtain guidance on allotment layout and any associated car parking.</p> <p>As for water supply investigations were to be conducted on a pond system and the catchment of any water run off from any hard standing car park area and the likely costs involved in any such scheme, Mr. Vincent intimated that the water catchment from hard standing 'run off' was likely to be in the region of £2000.</p>	
60.ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mr. Hulstrom informed members that the recent 10k charity run through the villages had been a great success and that on the 11th July at the George Hotel in Huntingdon the £10,000 raised was to be distributed among several local charities, he said there had been a few problems but that it was hoped to run the event again next year even if on a slightly altered route. He thanked all councillors who assisted with the management of the run.</p> <p>Mrs Parkin brought a request to the Council, from some residents of Park View, to site a bench outside No 2/3 in that area in memory of a recently deceased resident of Park View, it was said that the Parish Council had no objections whatsoever but she was advised to tell the applicants that they had better consult with the County Council before actually siting the bench.</p>	
61. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 8th August 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	

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	<p>On Monday 5th September 2011 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p> <p>On Monday 3rd October 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 7th November 2011 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 5th December 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	