

The Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall at Little Stukeley on Monday 14th June 2010 at 7.30pm

ITEM	DETAIL	ACTION
ATTENDANCE	M/s T. Pinner, P. Ryan, R. Hulstrom, P. Hobson, H. Raby, P. Vincent, M. Monk, Mrs Sue Parkin & Mrs Nicola Sly together with County Councillor. Sir Peter Brown, District Councillor Keith Baker and twelve members of the public.	
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	<p>This was held at 7.00pm prior to the full Council meeting, there were twelve members of the public present who were welcomed by Mr. Pinner, chairman for this meeting, he then asked for questions. Mr. Pratt from Little Stukeley asked what the Councils view was on the proposal for a Transit gypsy site on the site of the old 'McDonalds' at Alconbury. At this stage Mr. Monk declared an interest because of a potential conflict of interest with his consultancy work for the District Council and left the meeting. On behalf of the Council Mr. Ryan explained that the Council had a very difficult case to deal with because what ever objections are to be made must have a sound planning basis. He explained that government legislation suggested that Huntingdonshire area should provide 20 to 25 such pitches of which 10 should be transit sites and that the Core Strategy had agreed that such sites should be provided. Assessment of sites should identify, need and suitability, the availability of local services and the offer of the land owner. The District Council had identified this as a possible transit site but not for permanent use. The differentiation being transit would mean short stays of up to possibly 28 days. Mrs Gee remarked that the vendors had told her that the site had not been sold, she wondered whether the 'community' could raise money to buy the site, she also remarked on the heavy traffic load still using the road, in particular lorries with the inherent associated safety issues. Mr. Dean said his experience in Essex had shown transit sites soon became permanent. Mr. Ryan advised the site was earmarked for six pitches. The discussion raised several issues that could be relevant in this case if the Council decided to object to the proposals, these being, site drainage, particularly sewage, safety, local services and effect on the adjacent window business, these, members would consider 'in Council'. Mr. Saulsbery once again raised the issue of grass cutting, Mr. Pinner explained that all grass that was listed by the County would be cut four times a year, the rest of the cutting was discretionary and that the possibility was, that with the reduction in funding the discretionary cutting would be severely reduced next year. There were no more questions and Mr. Monk returned to the room.</p>	
27. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN	The clerk asked for nominations. Mr. Pinner was proposed by Mr. Raby and seconded by Mr. Hobson and as there were no other nominations Mr. Pinner was duly elected.	

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APOLOGIES	There was an apology received from County Councillor Laine Kadic who was away on business.	
28. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN	Mr. Monk proposed Mrs Parkin, this was supported by Mrs. Sly and as there were no other nominations she too was elected unopposed.	
29. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS	<p><u>Rights of Way Committee.</u> The following agreed to serve and were duly elected. M/s. P. Ryan, H. Raby and P. Hobson.</p> <p><u>Lighting Committee.</u> The under mentioned members were proposed and agreed to serve. Mrs. Nicola Sly and R. Hulstrom with the Clerk to be responsible at Lt. Stukeley.</p> <p><u>Playing Field Committee</u> Mrs. Sly and Mr. Vincent agreed to serve and were duly elected.</p> <p><u>Planning Group.</u> Members listed below were proposed and agreed to serve. M/s R. Hulstrom, M. Monk and P. Ryan.</p> <p><u>Tree Officer</u> Mrs Parkin was proposed and agreed to continue so was duly elected.</p> <p><u>Dog Officer.</u> Mr. Hulstrom agreed to continue in this role and was duly appointed.</p> <p>A discussion ensued as to whether non Council members could be co-opted onto committees, the Clerk thought this was the case but with no power of voting, he agreed to check before the next meeting.</p>	
30. MINUTES	On a proposition by Mrs. Parkin, seconded by Mr. Ryan the minutes of the meeting held on 10 th May 2010 were approved and signed by the chairman.	
32. ANY MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST.	Mr. Monk advised that he was declaring an interest, for reasons previously minuted in item 35(d) on the Agenda. Mr. Ryan advised that he may have an interest in an issue in the Items to Report section of the Agenda.	
33. ACCOUNTS	<p>(1)On a proposition by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hobson the following accounts were passed for settlement by the clerk. EON Energy for June electric £59.16, Printing Matters for June magazine £100.80. M.J. Newman, clerks salary for June £199.46. Clerks office expenditure March to June £54.19. T&S Gardening for maintenance work £50.00. CANALBS Ltd for Internal Audit £75.45.</p> <p>(2)The clerk reported the following monthly receipts. Magazine advertising £276.00. Cambs CC Tumuli maintenance grant £250.00. HMRC for VAT refund £1236.46.</p> <p>(3) The appointment of new cheque signatories and the signage of relevant documentation for the bank. Mr. Raby and Mr. Monk were proposed as replacements for Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Turpin by Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mrs Parkin and supported by all members.</p> <p>(4) The Model Code of Conduct document was handed to all members and after a brief resume by Mr. Ryan was adopted by all members present.</p> <p>(5) It was agreed unanimously to continue with Council policy of meeting on the first Monday of each month, excepting Bank Holidays, in alternate village halls with</p>	

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	<p>the exception of the month of August when there would be no meeting.</p> <p>(6) The Clerk advised members of the Internal Auditors report which specifically stated that no non agenda item or expenditure can be discussed or approved at a meeting, particular attention was brought to the members responsibility with regard to the authorisation of the chairman's signature to declarations on page two of the Annual Return to the Auditor and the likely penalties. The Councils liability insurance should be confirmed at £10,000,000. Mr. Ryan agreed to review the financial regulations in time for the next meeting.</p>	
34.FOOTPATHS & BRIDLEWAYS	<p>The clerk reported a letter from an agent acting on behalf of Mr. Smith from Grange Farm, in it was a request for Council support for a diversion to footpath 11 to navigate the development which had been built on the line of the original path, the clerk reported that contact enquiring why the proposal did not suggest diversion onto the metaled roadway as promised had been met with the reply that that offer had now been withdrawn. After much discussion a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Monk approved the clerk writing back to say the diversion as stated would not be supported and that the only two options were either demolish the building or divert the path as originally suggested onto the metaled farm roadway as this option in particular was considered to be of significant benefit to all parties.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom then raised an issue regarding path 16 across West View and the fact that the owner of Andy Pat cottage No 9 Church road was denying access across his gravel driveway(over which in the Councils opinion the path runs), after discussion the clerk was asked to contact the legal department of the District, who own the land, the County and District footpath officers to endeavour to establish the correct line of the ROW and in fact whether the owner has any rights to deny access</p>	
35.PLANNING	<p>The Members adjudicated on the applications listed below as follows.</p> <p>(a) Application No 1000692REP for the replacement of application number TWA/99/APP/13 for proposed rail facilities and rail link to the east coast mainline to extend the timescale for commencement, as set out in condition 2.(planning reference:9701500OUT) at RAF Alconbury this application was adjudicated upon together with Application No. 1000739S73 for variation of condition 1 of planning permission 0801867FUL for extension to time limit to allow the temporary uses to continue for a further five years, this also at RAF Alconbury. The Council discussed this issue at length and the following resolution by Mr. Hulstrom, supported by Mr. Ryan was approved by members. The Parish Council feel that although</p>	

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	<p>they fully support the re development of this significant ‘brownfield’ site, it is in danger of becoming a permanent development based on temporary permissions, this has now been in the planning process for ten years, a further five would mean fifteen years. The site is undoubtedly a major provider for the local workforce and is in that instant very important to the local economy. The Council believe that it now time for some ‘concrete’ proposals for the sites development to be put forward so that the development can progress on a permanent basis. To this end the members decided to refuse both applications in their present form but would respectfully suggest a twelve month extension so that Urban and Civic have an opportunity to inform Local Authorities and communities of their intentions for this strategically important site.</p> <p>(e)Application No 1000827LBC for the retention of a velux roof window in the south facing roof at Waterloo Farm was approved on a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom, supported by Mrs. Parkin even though it was retrospective the Council saw no problems with either impact or amenity.</p> <p>(c) Application No 1000844FUL for a small extension to a property at 10 Green End was approved on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom seconded by Mr. Raby as in context and no adverse impact on neighbouring properties.</p> <p>(d) A consultation document was put before members by Mr. Ryan, being Local Development Framework: strategic housing land availability(SHLAA) Update: Part C: Site Assessment for Gypsy and Traveller Sites- Public Consultation. This issue was extensively discussed and previous public comment noted. The following response was approved by members.</p> <p>(1) It is believed that the site has a long standing drainage problem, specifically with sewage, this will need a thorough investigation.</p> <p>(2) Close proximity to highly trafficked roundabout with slow moving caravan and vehicle units entering or leaving site has potential for safety , is there a need for a speed reduction measure.</p> <p>(3) There is concern for pedestrian and cycle users taking into account that local services are within walking and cycling distance, the road having to be crossed to access pavement, necessity for speed limit and possibly pedestrian crossings.</p> <p>(4) It is understood that the site will be ‘transit’ with visitors being limited to stays of approximately twenty eight days with this being monitored by District Officials, as it is not suitable in the District opinion for a Permanent site, is it going to be possible to enforce</p>	

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	'transit-use' only.	
36.PLAY EQUIPMENT	<p>Mr. Vincent reported that he is still awaiting the result of his grant application with reference to the proposed Gt. Stukeley equipment project.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he is working with Mrs. Sally Smith of Little Stukeley in the formulation of a scheme for Little Stukeley area and that all concerned are aware that if the scheme produced does not achieve grant aid the Council has no funds to support it in full, it is borne in mind that the cost to replace the 'condemned' swing unit is in the region of £2500 which would have to be financed if the area is to be retained.</p> <p>Members agreed on inspection that T&S Gardening be asked to refurbish the area by removing vegetation and scarifying the underlying bark.</p>	
37. COUNTY REPORT	Sir Peter Brown reported that unfortunately the mobile library service would only visit rural areas once a month but it would stay in each location longer.	
37.DISTRICT REPORT	<p>Mr. Baker reported a 2.9% increase in Council Tax. He reported that Urban and Civic had indicated that they are keen on housing development at RAF Alconbury and that HDC are not keen, but are supportive of the present industrial uses. Northbridge seems to be on hold!</p> <p>Pathfinder House is now complete and operational. The Truck Stop is now fully operational and well supported although there are still problems in places with roadside parking. He hoped that the new government would refrain from further Post Office closures. He assured members that the District are working hard to effect cost savings all over the spectrum with major capital expenditure on redevelopment being delayed. Waste contacting services being shared brought about a saving of £300.000 in the last fiscal period. He finished by saying that he look forward to working with members to mutual benefit for a further four years.</p>	
37.COUNTY REPORT	Sir Peter Brown said it had been a busy year and one that had involved cost cutting measures in many areas, he reported that the rural mobile library service would now only visit on a monthly basis. He was to thank Laine Kadic for all her efforts in bringing into force the new traffic calming measures and also many other tasks which she had successfully completed on the Councils behalf.	
38.ITEMS TO REPORT	A letter was read by the clerk which was a complaint by a resident of Great Stukeley about his neighbour, a council member ,who was not named by the clerk, obstructing a right of way, as no member had any knowledge of the so described right of way and bearing mind the complainant had not asked for Council action, also it was considered a private matter between neighbours, the clerk was asked to file the letter. Mrs Parkin said she still required volunteers for the community tree planting, the clerk said it would appear in the magazine in July issue with contact details.	
39. DATES OF NEXT	Monday 5 th July 2010 at Great Stukeley village hall	

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MEETINGS	<p>commencing at 7.30pm Monday 6th September 2010 at Lt. Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm Monday 4th October 2010 at Gt. Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm. Monday 1st November 2010 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm Monday 6th December 2010 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	

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