

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 1st November at 7.30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s R. Hulstrom, M. Monk, P. Hobson, H. Raby, T. Pinner, P. Ryan, P. Vincent, Mrs. N. Sly, Mrs. S. Parkin, District Councillor K. Baker and four members of the public
APOLOGIES	Were received from County Councillors Laine Kadic and Sir Peter Brown.
85. OPEN MEETING	Mr. Woolcock from Green End registered his concerns over the proposals to develop a site beside Holly House in the area, planning reference 1001325FUL. the size of the plot the proposal for a shared driveway that was directly opposite his entrance and also the extra traffic generated. Mr. Dean also from Green End registered similar concerns and also referred to the close proximity of the overhead power lines that would require moving, if so where too. Ms Morris registered via a letter her similar concerns together with the fact that the area was being potentially overdeveloped. They were all assured that these issues would be considered in the Councils deliberations on the application. Mrs Helme from Waterloo registered her objections to her neighbours plans (ref; 1001608FUL) to continue erecting a four foot fence on top of the boundary wall between the farmyard and the Waterloo Farmhouse, she asserted that the wall was her property and that the proposed fence had the potential to adversely affect the airflow to the adjacent barns and the products stored within. She also said it was untrue that agrochemicals were stored at the farm. She was advised similarly to the previous parishioners but that she should also elicit independent proof of these facts in her letter of objection to the District Planning Authority.
86. MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Raby and approved by the meeting the minutes for the 4 th October were signed as true and correct by the Chairman.
88. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Monk said that he would have to declare an interest in item 93(iii) of the evening agenda, similar declarations were made by Mr. Pinner, Mr. Raby and Mr. Hobson. Mr. Hulstrom declared an interest in item 93(ii) of the same agenda
89. ACCOUNTS	The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Sly and approved by the meeting EON Electric for November supply £59.16. Easiprint for November magazine £80.00. M. J. Newman, clerks November Salary £199.46. M. J. Newman for the purchase and planting of flowers at two village signs £55.00. Royal British Legion for wreaths £40.00. Three Horse Shoes for % of recycling credits £29.62. The Clerk notified the following income for the period being Hunts District Council for recycling credits £296.23 and Hunts District Council for Precept payment £6000.00.
90. RIGHTS OF WAY	The clerk reported an email from the County Council enquiring of the status of footpath nine between Alconbury and Little Stukeley, they reported it as still 'live' but obstructed and impassable as a result of the construction of the A.14., the Parish Council were asked to request that the Highways Agency removed any 'obstructions' to this pathway and also to consider the use of a farmers access under path as the route for this path, this matter was to be put in the hands of the footpath committee to decide upon an appropriate response. Mr. Hobson asked how members felt about the definitive footpath map being copied into the Parish Magazine, Mr. Raby said he was concerned that it may not be totally correct in some respects, Mr. Ryan said he agreed and that some routes were not totally practicable, but that the responsibility for the information lay with the County Council who had issued the map in September 2008. After much deliberation it was agreed that the map be published, but before this Mr. Hobson was to get assurance from the County that the map was 'up to date'

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91. PLAY EQUIPMENT	<p>Mr. Vincent reported that there had been a poor response to the questionnaire in the magazine for renewing facilities in Little Stukeley, he intended to put two plans together for price quotation purposes, one for replacement equipment and one for a new type of equipment as at Great Stukeley, all this had to be achieved by 29th November for grant application purposes, these plans would be circulated to see which scheme was most acceptable prior to any final decision, all these plans were dependant on grant availability. If this fails then replacement swings will be considered.</p> <p>At Great Stukeley, he reported that a start was imminent, he had a site meeting this Thursday the 4th November to decide actual positioning, it was agreed that the closer to the 'shelter' the better, as this afforded shelter and was further away from Ermine Street, he said that erection work would start on Monday 8th November 2010. His hard work was acknowledged by the chairman and he was heartily thanked by all members.</p>	
92.TREE PLANTING	<p>Mrs Parkin that a few more volunteers had come forward, but more were still needed, she added that she was to meet Mr. Field shortly to ask him if he could harrow and spray the sites for her, she assured those concerned that the marker posts were only indicative for Mr. Field to approve positioning and that actual positioning would be re-measured at the time of planting, the provisional dates being 22nd and 29th January 2011.Mr. Baker said that Alconbury had used help from RAF Alconbury with some success, Mr. Hulstrom said that 'youth' help may be available from American personnel on RAF Alconbury and that he would supply Mrs. Parkin with contact details.</p>	
93. PLANNING	<p>The following applications were discussed and adjudicated upon;</p> <p>(i) Application No 1001638FUL for a conservatory extension at 12 Ermine Street, Great Stukeley, Mr. Ryan stated that it was to the rear of the property and had no significant adverse impact on either the street scene or adjacent neighbours, he said the planning group recommended approval, this motion was supported by the entire Council.</p> <p>(ii) Application No. 1001325FUL for the erection of a dwelling and detached garage in Green End. The planning group through Mr. Monk suggested that this development could have a significant detrimental effect on the rural nature of Green End as the area was considered to have reached 'saturation point'. It was also considered that there was a serious adverse effect on the setting of Holly House and that the positioning of the garage to the front of the development had an adverse effect on the street scene of Green End, to this end they suggested refusal of this application, this opinion was supported by the remainder of members qualified to vote.</p> <p>(iii) Application No. 1001608FUL for the retention of a fence on top of an existing wall at Waterloo Farmhouse. This application was fully discussed by those members who had not already declared an interest and on a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Ryan and supported by all who were available to vote it was decided to refuse the application on the grounds that the fence had a serious adverse effect on the curtilage of the listed farmhouse known as Waterloo Farmhouse, it was also considered that there may be the potential, by means of lack of air flow, of an adverse effect on materials storage at the neighbouring farm business. It was also acknowledged that there may not be agrochemicals stored on the site as was inferred.</p>	
94.STANDING ORDERS	<p>Mr. Ryan informed members that these required updating to conform with new legislation, most changes advised by the NALC model were simple and straightforward, however there were certain issues surrounding confidentiality that required further thought, it was agreed after considerable debate that the</p>	

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	<p>phrase most suitable for the Stukeleys PC was; ‘ Confidential information is kept confidential unless there is an over riding public interest’. Another was that discussion items must be placed on the agenda. These changes together with the complete text of the Standing Orders, distributed to all members prior to the meeting, was proposed for adoption by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom and supported by all members. It was agreed that this final document be published on the Parish Website for all too see. Mr. Ryan then informed members that the Financial regulations also needed amending as did several other statutory regulations and possibly putting together in one single document, this together with minute distribution procedure was to be an item on next months agenda. The Chairman thanked Mr. Ryan for the immense amount of work he had undertaken on fellow members behalf, this was echoed by all present.</p>	
95. DISTRICT ISSUES	<p>Mr. Baker reported that the issues about provision of Gypsy sites has been put on ‘the backburner’ by the District Council until such time as the new governments proposals for these issues are verified.</p> <p>He reported that the District Council were to make budget cuts over the next few years up to 2014/15 in which it was hoped to save some 6.4 million pounds without having too dramatic effect on services provided.</p> <p>On a point raised by Mr. Hulstrom he agreed to remind the District that when the Parish agreed to re-siting the District Maintenance Depot one of the agreed conditions was that District services vehicles would not use Ermine Street as a thoroughfare but use A.14 only for journeys north and that this was not the case at present.</p>	
96. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>There were no County representatives to make a report. The clerk was asked by Mr. Monk to report to Councillor Kadic that the hedges that had previously been requested for trimming still had not been attended to and had now become seriously overgrown.</p>	
98.ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>The Chairman asked members to give thought to his suggestion that the members attend a special meeting dedicated solely to a discussion about Parish Council finances and budgets for future years especially in light of recent government cuts to local council budget incomes.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to ask Mr. Pond to site the salt bins in the regular places within the villages and to ensure they were ‘topped up’ by the County prior to any bad weather. The chairman asked all members to consider attending the wreath laying ceremonies on Remembrance Sunday for which he advised times. The new outline planning application details were advised to all members and most said that they would inspect them on the District Website, Mr. Hulstrom actually took the documents and agreed to pass them on to Mrs. Parkin when he had studied them, it was also agreed that the clerk should endeavour to arrange a consultation meeting with District Planning Officials before any final submission is agreed. Mr. Ryan agreed that he would inspect the District Council ‘Open Space’ strategy document and then make any comment needed after he had circulated his findings to his fellow Councillors.</p> <p>Mr. Monk reported that the Councils requests for hedges to be cut in Great Stukeley remained outstanding, the clerk agreed to contact the County again. He also asked that the issue of ‘Advanced Strategic Landscaping’ at RAF Alconbury be added to the December agenda, along with any considerations members may have for the celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee.</p>	
99. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 6th December 2010 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at <u>7.00pm Prompt.</u></p> <p>On Monday 10th January 2011 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at</p>	

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	<p>7.30pm. On Monday 7th February 2011 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 7th March 2011 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 4th April 2011 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.00pm with the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.</p>	