

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 6th December 2010 at 7.00pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s R. Hulstrom, M. Monk, H. Raby, T. Pinner, P. Ryan, P. Vincent, Mrs. S. Parkin, County Councilors Laine Kadic & Sir Peter Brown together with M/s W. Allwood, B. Lanaway and P. Braysher representing John Martin Associates.
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mr. Hobson, away on holiday, Mrs N. Sly due to illness and District Council K. Baker.
100. PLANNING	<p>The three gentlemen representing John Martin Associates were introduced to the Council by the chairman as he invited them to address members on their proposals outline in Application No 1001712OUT, to develop 1021 houses on the site known as 'Northbridge'</p> <p>They explained that their plans would ensure that the development was not seen from the villages by virtue of the 'tree belt' planted beside the Brookfield driveway some thirteen years ago becoming fully established.</p> <p>It was clearly stated that the introduction of a satisfactory travel plan was a key issue in the progressing of this application, because it was essential that the development limited the traffic generated by the development, it was explained that by a series of upgrades to the local network and extensive travel measures were aimed to have a 'nil' impact on the network. There would be a signalled junction at the sites only entrance opposite the Ermine Street Business Park and the section of carriageway from there to the nearby roundabout on the A.141 would be duelled. A new bus service with three buses per hour in both directions would be introduced to overcome the 'barrier' posed by the A.14 to people travelling to employment areas in Hinchingbrooke Park and similarly for those travelling in the opposite direction for work in Ermine Street Business Park and similar facilities in the St. Peters Hill area of Huntingdon, it was envisaged that this high grade network would encourage personnel who have to cross the A.14 to access workplaces to use the service, it was hinted that the service could be provided free of charge in the first year. It was explained that the cycle pedestrian bridge across the A.141 towards Huntingdon was another key factor in the efforts to discourage car travel and that negotiations were ongoing with relevant authorities for the upgrade of existing cycleway and pedestrian pathways especially those that would serve the Hinchingbrooke area of Huntingdon. They advised that it could be demonstrated that these measures have the potential to work to achieve the main aim of 'nil' detriment to the local network and that the plan will be monitored by an on site team throughout the development to ensure that it is having the desired effect. A plan will also be submitted to restrict the HGV movements during the development phase, research undertaken has revealed that the busiest times for the network were between 8am and 11am then from 2pm until 7pm, it was suggested that no deliveries or exits from the site would be allowed during those times and that if it was perceived as pertinent these journeys could be scheduled during the night. No lorries will be allowed to access the site using Ermine Street through the villages of Great and Little Stukeley.</p> <p>At this stage the chairman invited any questions from the Council members. Mr. Monk enquired, how over a period of years has the development progressed from 600 units in 2006 to today's figure of 1021, This increase was due to government minimum density requirements for new developments it was explained, but Mr. Monk suggested that the latest government regulations have removed this stipulation, a point that was not specifically answered. Mr. Monk also enquired why the new proposals showed that all properties on the eastern</p>

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	<p>boundary, facing Ermine Street were parallel to that route, whereas previously the development had suggested a gradual increase in the verge area as the northern boundary was approach, a fact supported by the Parish as in their view it did help signify the approach toward a more rural area, he also enquired why the development showed more low line type houses toward the western boundary and more high rise type of houses towards the northern boundary. It was explained that in forming these proposals it had been the idea to promote a design layout similar to those found in Stukeley Meadows and the Victoria Square area of Huntingdon also that all the houses on the eastern boundary ‘faced’ Ermine Street which they considered enhanced the overall impact of the road scene, the development of more low line toward the west was to lessen the impact against the A.14 and open countryside, these answers did not meet with any approval and Mr. Monk remarked that the proposals had the opportunity to ‘balance’ the effect of the Oxmoor development on Huntingdon and also of the opportunity to build a development to be of less density which would compliment Huntingdon and give the impression, as with Hartford, of the approach toward a more rural scene.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan observed that he had studied the travel plan proposals but still had great difficulty in envisaging them actually producing ‘Nil’ detriment, principally as there was an existing ‘overload’ situation on the local road network to which the development could only contribute. They advised that they considered that these measures by bus provision and enhanced cycle routes and the cycle/pedestrian bridge would encourage travel by means other than the car and this could alleviate problems in the wider area so that the local infrastructure would by essence become less trafficked, Mr. Ryan, supported by members suggested that the census research done to justify these measures ‘had to be flawed’ as in his opinion it would be very difficult to enforce either cycle use, pedestrian acceptance and more pertinent the successful use of any provision of a bus service.</p> <p>Mrs Parkin questioned whether the HGV restrictions could be made to work and would it be possible to keep all heavy vehicles off the road through the villages, she was advised that monitoring would be strict and that any transgressions would result in the relevant Company loosing any contract with the developers. She was also advised that the census used in the compilation of the travel plan was in 2002 and that all recommended update procedures had been factored in the final calculations. She was also advised that the Highways agency agreed that the principles of the travel plan had the potential to deliver ‘nil’ detriment to the road system but they want these measures to be fully costed and demonstrated to deliver before they will give their complete acceptance.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom enquired as whether any thought had been given top using an alternative entrance/exit to the Ermine Street Business Park, such as the presently closed off roadway adjacent to the ‘Vindis’ roundabout on the A.141 as this could be a possible means of reducing congestion at the Ermine Street Entrance, this suggestion was to be investigated by the developers.</p> <p>Mr. Monk raised a further question about the timing of the landscaping features and suggested that there should be some advance planting before construction started, he was informed that these would not be put in place until the first phase of construction of 74 houses commenced. Mr. Monk was informed that there was no written policy for the disposal of ‘spoil’ from the site but that the issue raised would be investigated.</p>	
101.MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Raby and approved by the meeting the minutes for the 1 st November were signed as true and correct by the	

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103. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Raby had declared an interest in the first agenda item but with the meetings permission was allowed to remain an observe, although take no part. He also declared an interest to item 104(ii) on the evenings agenda, this was noted although he was informed that there was to be no further discussion on that matter this evening.	
104.PLANNING	<p>(i) Application for the erection of 4 three bladed wind turbines up to 130.5m high an associated machinery involved in the project for a stated period of twenty-five years on land east of Whitleather Lodge, Wooley Hill, Ellington. The meeting decided to adhere to their original decision to suggest refusal of this application, namely, The development would have an unacceptable visual impact on the amenities of the two villages by nature of it's prominent positioning on the hills on the west side of a rolling rural valley on the skyline of both villages also that members are not convinced that they are an effective renewable resource.</p> <p>(ii) Decision on 1001712OUT at 'Northbridge was deferred for further discussions with District Planning Authority next week.</p> <p>(iii) Abolition of Regional Strategies. Mr. Monk advised that the Minister Mr. Pickles had advised that he intended to abandon this strategy but that certain developers had challenged this decision in court and the decision had been overturned, therefore the government housing targets are still in place for possibly another twelve months. Mr. Pickles has now introduced the 'Localism' bill which is an act that will eventually, if passed by the commons introduce an act which will abolish Regional Strategy Legislation, but as advised this could take up to twelve months.</p>	
105.COUNTY ISSUES	Sir Peter Brown advised that by the end of this week the extent of expenditure cuts will become apparent but that full detail won't be available until the new year. He also suggested that the new proposed localism bill which will devolve more responsibilities down to Parish Levels in the future, should lead to more dialogue between County and Local level about service delivery and what % of this could be adopted by Parish Councils in their locality, to that end he suggested an agenda item for February next year to specifically raise the issues involved in such a transfer. This members agreed was a sound proposal.	
106.DISTRICT ISSUES	As Councillor Baker was not present this issue was adjourned to the next meeting.	
107. ACCOUNTS	The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Vincent and approved by the meeting EON Electric for December supply £59.16. Easiprint for December magazine £90.00. M. J. Newman, clerks December Salary £199.46. M. J. Newman for Office Expenditure Set/Dec £82.03. Came & Co insurance for new play equipment £37.48. A. C. Summerfield for verge cutting £440 62. MHB Services for lighting repairs £52. 88. Terry Pond for salt bin distribution £55.00. Russell Leisure for the new play equipment at Great Stukeley £19.4167. 72. The Clerk notified the following income for the period being a BACS payment from WREN being the play equipment grant aid amounting to £14635.00.	
108.RIGHTS OF WAY	Mr. Ryan said that there were no significant issues to report. The clerk said that in consultation with Mr. Hobson and Martyn Fox the magazine editor it was agreed that the A4 map supplied by the County was totally inadequate. With the in mind the clerk had contacted the District Council officer Habbiba Ali to seek permission to reproduce their A2 rights of Way map, this had been given and the new larger version together with printed disclaimers was agreed to be far more useful, Mr. Ryan said he totally disagreed and felt that it was too big and that he	

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	<p>was not prepared to vote for this action, the chairman then asked for the general opinion and the clerks actions were fully supported by the remainder of the Council. The Clerk reported that the cost of producing 500 copies for the magazine was £125 plus VAT, this figure was accepted by members.</p>	
109.PLAY EQUIPMENT	<p>The chairman supported by all Council members commended Mr. Vincent for his magnificent effort in finalising the play equipment project at Great Stukeley everyone was sure it would be a great asset for many years for the children of the village. He was also praised for his efforts at Little Stukeley, especially for the work he had put in at the weekend in 'door knocking' round that village to establish the most popular scheme for that area, that had been achieved and a grant application had been filed with the 'Woodford Community & Environment Fund' to that effect with a guarantee of £2500 support from the Parish Council.</p>	
110.TREE PLANTING	<p>Mrs Parkin reported that contact with Bridget Halford of the District Council had revealed that due to the recent inclement weather the 'lifting' of the trees in the Lincolnshire nursery had been delayed so the 'whips' would not be delivered to the Council depot until after Christmas therefore they will not be available until mid January with this in mind the proposed Saturdays for tree planting will now be January 22nd and February 5th 2011. Mr. Field has been informed that Mr. Pinner will undertake the cultivating of the site areas as soon as it becomes practicable.</p>	
111.ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>The clerk reported that all the salt bins were in place and that the County had been asked to fill them, Laine Kadic said she would remind the Divisional Depot. The chairman informed members that there was still instances of dog owners putting their faeces bags in these receptacles which was a totally unacceptable practice, it was agreed that a letter from the Council in the magazine should suggest that if the practice continues the bins will be permanently removed. Mr. Ryan said he was investigating the provision of allotments within the villages, it was agreed that it was a good policy but that the provision of space may prove an obstruction, he agreed to continue his research. Mr. Vincent informed members that he was investigating the feasibility and costings of fencing the playing field to alleviate rabbit damage. At the request of Mr. Monk the issues of The Queens Jubilee, The Open Space Strategy and Allotment provision were to be put on the January agenda together with the outstanding planning application No 1000374CLED for certificate of lawful use at Grange Farm.</p>	
113. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 10th January 2011 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 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. On Monday 9th May 2011 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	

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