

**A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.30pm.**

ATTENDANCE	M/s R. Hulstrom, M. Monk, H. Raby, T. Pinner, P. Ryan, P. Hobson Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, County Councilors Laine Kadic & Sir Peter Brown and District Councillor Keith Baker together with twenty members of the general public.
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mr. Vincent who was away on business. Mr. Raby apologised in advance for not attending the beginning of the meeting.
OPEN MEETING	<p>The chairman addressed the public attending to inform them that a major item on the evenings agenda was the decision that had to be reached by members on the application to build 1021 houses and ancillary services on the site know as 'The Ermine Street Development' named in a previous application as Northbridge. He said that Councillor Monk would give a resume of the points on which the planning group were to advise the Council to refuse the application, this was to be assisted by 'slides' of the site shown by Mr. Ryan.</p> <p>Mr. Monk then went through a nine point document that formed the basis of the refusal proposal, this included, The Scale of the Development, Traffic Issues and the impact on the Highway, The Proposed Bus Service, The Form and Shape of the Development, Landscaping, Links to the Countryside, Education, Construction Traffic Management Plan and Construction Spoil Strategy. He addressed several questions, primarily in connection with traffic issues, which caused most concern, specifically 'nil' impact on the local highway network, it was generally considered that this was going to be impossible to achieve, because although an alternative bus service was to be provided it was difficult to believe all would use it. After lengthy discussion the public it was felt unanimously supported the principle that the Council should refuse this application, but Mr. Monk warned that the government inspector had selected this site for future development and that thus it was in the District Councils strategy for planning, and that it would be difficult to stop the development in some form, but he assured everyone the Parish Council would be doing all within their limited powers to mitigate the impact of these proposals on our local communities. At this stage the chairman closed the open forum.</p>
114. PLANNING	<p>Application No. 1001712OUT for the residential development of the Ermine Street site at Great Stukeley. The Planning group had circulated, prior to the meeting, a copy of a document which set out reasons that they felt the application should be refused in it's present form. It was unanimously agreed that the group had produced an excellent set of well thought out points upon which they had suggested that this application should be refused. After a further short discussion, Mr. Monk proposed, Mrs Parkin seconded a proposal that the application, indeed be refused, this received unanimous support from all members. The clerk was asked to forward the document suggesting refusal to the District Planners, as agreed, first thing on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011. For the record a copy of this document is appended to these minutes. This concluded this item and Mr. Raby arrived and took his seat for the remainder of the agenda.</p> <p>Application 1000374CLED for a certificate of lawful use at Grange Farm. Mr. Hulstrom said he was still extremely concerned as he felt this was unfinished business in his view, he said that information supplied since our previous assessment of this issue was still not, in his view, acceptable and he felt that the Parish should be allowed further comment on the application. At this stage the chairman asked him, in view of the fact that he lived in Green End, should he not declared a 'prejudicial interest'. Mr. Hulstrom declared that</p>

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	<p>although he lived in the area, his property was not adjacent to the farm, also he said that he had been elected to represent the wider area, as such he believed he was not required to declare an interest. The clerk informed the meeting that he had been informed that the matter was now in the hands of the District Legal Team who had to decide on the validity of the financial and timing information supplied by the applicant. Mr. Hulstrom said that he knew of several 'Statements' that had been lodged with the District challenging the information supplied. Mr. Monk replied that until this information could be displayed to members it was difficult to make further comment without this evidence, Mrs. Sly said that this evidence was not apparent on the District website pertaining to this application.</p> <p>It was decided however to support Mr. Hulstrom's request that the clerk write to the District to seek an update on the latest position of this application within their system.</p>	
115. MINUTES	<p>On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Parkin and approved by the meeting the minutes for the meetings on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 were signed as true and correct by the Chairman.</p>	
117. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>Mr. Raby had declared in advance an interest in the first agenda item and said he would arrive in time for the remainder of the nights business.</p>	
118. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>The County Councillors were introduced to the members of the public attending and several questions were posed. Mr. Gee said the traffic calming through the villages was not aggressive enough and therefore not working, he also asked why the pads in Gt. Stukeley were slightly wider than those in Lt. Stukeley. Ms Kadic said she would advise the second issue via e-mail to him and the first issue was one of policy with regard to public and emergency services. Mr. Gee also advised that the 30pmh sign at the entrance to Lt. Stukeley 'gateway' had been knocked down and that it had been replaced with a 50mph sign, she said she would report the matter to the County Divisional officer.</p> <p>They were also questioned on the recent media reports about expansion at RAF Alconbury, they said they were in a similar position to the Parish with little detailed information being released, but it was advised that it was a military establishment and that funding was being sought from the American Government, so if this was forthcoming it would be likely to proceed, they advised that the new roundabout to the north of Lt. Stukeley to facilitate a new base entrance was also within the same scheme and also very likely to proceed.</p>	
119. DISTRICT ISSUES	<p>Mr. Baker was questioned about the situation with the gypsy site proposals, he said that he had been led to understand that the site at Alconbury was unlikely to come into existence, Mr. Monk added that there had been no planning application for the site and that the District Planning Authority were waiting to see what the new governments strategy was going to be on such sites.</p> <p>Mr. Baker also stated that there would be no rise in Council Tax this year, but most members said they were fearful of the size and affects of the service cuts that would be necessary to address the loss in central government funding.</p>	
120. ACCOUNTS	<p>The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Parkin and approved by the meeting EON Electric for January supply £59.16. Easiprint for January magazine £80.00. M. J. Newman, clerks January Salary £199.46. Terry Pond for salt bin filling £45.00. Digley Associates for inspection fees £205.63. K. Fergusons for grass maintenance £2166.86. There was no income notified for the period. The clerk supplied budget update figures for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 and a bank reconciliation for a similar period, these were approved by members on a</p>	

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121.RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>proposition by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Raby.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan reported that the committee had informed the County that they would support the re-opening of footpath 9 from Lt. Stukeley to Alconbury but also agreed that this may be impracticable due to severance by the A.14, he wondered however if Mr. Ayres would allow a re-routed path to use his farm underpass, the chairman thought this unlikely but it was agreed he could be approached. With footpath 7 from Lt. Stukeley to Brampton and it's severance by the re-routed Alconbury Brook Mr. Raby advised that Mr. Field was still not keen on a diversion on his land, although there was a possibility that an environmental strip around his property may afford an opportunity if legislation allowed, he also reported that Mr. Sewell who owned the adjacent fishing lake, and who had experienced problems with 'poaching' was not keen on a diversion onto his land either. He said preliminary talks with Mr. Leathes of Urban &amp; Civic had revealed, that as the new owners of Grange farm they were likely to look favourably on the footpath 11 diversion previously considered, onto the farm track as a Bridleway/Footpath facility, discussions would be ongoing.</p>	
122.PLAY EQUIPMENT	Mr. Vincent not being present there was nothing to report.	
123.TREE PLANTING	<p>Mrs. Parkin informed members that the planned dates were still on schedule but that checks were being made by District officials as to availability due to lifting problems associated with the recent very frozen conditions at the nursery. Similar problems were an issue with site preparation by Mr. Pinner, but it was hoped that with milder weather forecast everything would progress as planned. Answering questions on maintenance, Mrs. Parkin said Bridget Halford and her would deal with this over the initial five years, Mr. Raby added that there should not be a significant weed problem if 'tree mats' were positioned when planting, Mrs Parkin intimated that this was the plan.</p>	
124.QUEENS JUBILEE	<p>Although some tentative arrangements were in place for both villages, Mrs Sly wondered whether the Council was likely, in some way, to sponsor any of these events, it was generally agreed that this was a possibility but that it was envisaged that the halls in both villages would be 'volunteered' to hold some type of festivity. It was also agreed that this matter together with any possible 'Royal Wedding' celebrations should be kept on next months agenda.</p>	
125.ALLOTMENTS	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that investigations had revealed that Alconbury's new facility was now, after a wet period, experiencing access difficulties. With this in mind he added that any site considered should have good access facilities and also the opportunity for 'running water' on site, this he explained was a potential difficulty when considering partial use of the eastern end of the recreation field at Great Stukeley. He asked all members to give serious consideration to what sites could have possibilities of availability, the matter was to continue on next months agenda.</p>	
126.OPEN SPACE STRATEGY	It was reported by Mr. Ryan that the land at West View Great Stukeley had now been officially included in this audit.	
127.ALCONBURY	<p>Mr. Monk had presented his document with reference to Advanced Structural Landscaping prior to any development of the Urban &amp; Civic site at Alconbury. Mr. Leathes the Project Director was to be invited to a future meeting to discuss this and also the significance of the recent acquisition of Grange Farm to their plans for the area, with special interest in the changes to the ROW network already proposed by this Council.</p> <p>On another Issue the RAF base Commander was to be asked to attend a future Council meeting to clarify the recent media reports on expansions proposed at the base by the American authorities.</p>	
129.ITEMS TO REPORT	After recent water main works outside Denmark House at Great Stukeley a stop	

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	cock cover had been left in what was considered a dangerously high state by the path in this area, the clerk was asked to report the matter to Anglian Water.	
130. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.00pm with the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p>On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at Little Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at Great Stukeley village hall commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	