

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 7th February 2011 at 7.30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s M. Monk, T. Pinner, P. Ryan, P. Hobson, P. Vincent, Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, County Councilors Laine Kadic & Sir Peter Brown and District Councillor Keith Baker, Tim Leathes, Contract Director for Urban & Civic at RAF Alconbury, Squadron Leader Andy Thayne, RAF Base Commander at Alconbury and eleven members of the public.
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mr. Hulstrom who was away on business and Mr. Raby who was on holiday
OPEN FORUM	<p>Mrs. Helme asked whether consideration could be given to the 'foul water' disposal from the development proposal 1002055FUL adjacent to 67 Ermine Street, Gt. Stukeley, she was advised, that as no decision would be made this evening, to contact members of the planning group after the meeting to explain in full her concerns to them before they made any recommendations to the full Council.</p> <p>Mrs. Gee registered concern about HGV traffic issues surrounding base access, she was informed that these matters would be discussed in items 131 and 132 on the agenda.</p> <p>Mr. S. Juggins explained that his original planning proposals for four new properties in Green End, had on advice been withdrawn. He did however propose to make a new application but would appreciate the Councils input prior to this as he had no wish to contravene any issues that members may have, he had been advised that in the District Authority view, Green End was outside the 'village envelope' and specific issues may prevail, it was agreed that he could meet with the planning group to discuss any relevant issues sometime at a mutual convenience.</p> <p>Mr. Soinne enquired of the effectiveness of the HGV restrictions along Ermine Street, Mr Monk said that the only way to help address the problem was by forming a monitoring group who were prepared in shifts to monitor and record with registration details, all HGV movements in a given period, this information could then be forwarded to the relevant authority for action, he said that he would be prepared to assist if such a group was formed.</p>
131. RAF ALCONBURY	<p>The chairman introduced Squadron Leader Andy Thayne who had attended to update the Council on the latest position with development proposals at the Base. He said that the American forces were guests by invitation of the RAF and as such tenants at the base and that he was the 'landlord'. He said that the prime objective of the proposals was a consolidation of resources that at present consisted of operational intelligence operations at Molesworth supported by Alconbury, he said consolidation would remove transport needs to a large degree and should have an effect of drastically reducing traffic flows through the villages. Developments in phase one which already had funding at present were the upgrading of base housing facilities and refurbishment of the BX facility. It was hoped that in July of this year all the permissions would be in hand to forge a new entrance to the base north of Lt. Stukeley, this would comprise a 'T' junction facility with no entry for traffic from the South and no exit to the left when leaving the base, this alone should alleviate much HGV traffic from the village. The main function of this entrance in the initial stages was to facilitate entrance for all the construction traffic involved in the building of the new schools and medical facility, on the issue of schools Mr. Monk remarked that this would present a wonderful opportunity to introduce some significant new effective screening of these buildings, this was generally thought to be</p>

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	<p>practicable by the Squadron Leader. In phase two proposals, which are not at present funded by the American government in Washington was for a complete upgraded, roundabout facility a new fitness centre and administration facility together with the transfer of ‘campus’ facility from Molesworth to Alconbury, it was not envisaged that this phase, even if funding was achieved, could commence before 2016, if this happens, and only then the main existing entrance could be closed to regular use and only used in emergencies.</p> <p>It was said that once the medical and dental facilities were in place it was likely that Upwood would be handed back to the British Authorities and that the facilities there offered to the NHS. Mr Ryan enquired whether the proposals would mean more or less traffic movements, he was informed that in the early stages there would be less but later, if all went ahead there could be more because many of the families would be housed within local communities because the Americans considered this the cheaper option, rather than building more new housing on the base, but he emphasised that the proposals had a clear objective to reduce traffic flows through our two villages. Mr. Monk enquired whether, if the new upgraded entrance was funded, would it be constricted by the same entry and exit regulations, he was told that would be a matter to be determined by the Highways Agencies. The Squadron Leader was then thanked for his input by the chairman.</p>	
132.ALCONBURY	<p>The Chairman introduced Tim Leathes, the Contract Director for Urban and Civic at Alconbury who proceeded to update the members on his companies hopes and aspirations for the site.</p> <p>He said that 800 people were now employed on the site and that the temporary permissions had been extended for five years which meant both full and temporary permissions would now expire in 2014.</p> <p>He said schemes in planning were for Transformation employment which included good high quality jobs in Hi-Tec, Office and manufacturing with the focus on skill, up-skilling and apprenticeship training, for this purpose the right environment had to be created and that would be a prime concern.</p> <p>He reported that Grange Farm had now been purchased and that this was not for ‘development creep’ but mainly for access land to provide links to the main east coast railway line the A 141 and Huntingdon without travelling through the villages, the remainder of the land would provide the opportunity for wooded areas, public open spaces and possibly through footpath links, eventually to link up with the Great Fen Project, there could also be the possibility for allotment allocation in the future as well as Community Woodland, he also reported that in the short term, 3 years, the land had been leased back to Mr. Smith for agricultural use.</p> <p>Mr. Leathes also said that long and protracted negotiations were still ongoing with Network Rail on the possibilities of a new Huntingdon North passenger rail station, this together with the provision of a fourth line to Peterborough to facilitate this. Talks had also taken place with the guided bus operators to see if this could feature in future planning.</p> <p>He also added that all future development on site was to be Low Carb; and sustainable in the commercial sense, biodiversity with the use of water and conservation in co-operation with the wildlife trust, including tree and hedge planting projects, was also a prime target. A Heritage and Ecology team was now in place on site to best insure that the site blends acceptably within the environment.</p> <p>A Master Plan would be produced and it was hoped to demonstrate how housing goes with employment with an eventual goal to produce four to six thousand</p>	

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	<p>high quality jobs along with this would come the necessity to build up to four thousand homes on site within the next twenty five years, these must be environmentally desirable, a place where people would wish to live, supporting infrastructure would be included including local facilities but there was no plan to develop a 'shopping complex' as competition was not wanted with the nearby facilities in Huntingdon. He said all the proposals would form part of a locally held exhibition at which local residents would be encouraged to comment and question, this event hopefully to be staged in June/July this year. He said the companies vowed intention was to consult and work with all local organisations and residents. To this end he once again said the open invitation still existed to make appointments to visit the site over the next few years. He emphasised also that his company were in for the 'long haul' and were committed to a high class development, if they had not been it would have been very rewarding in the short term for them to use the entire area for low labour requiring warehousing. In the following question session Mr. Monk and Mr Ryan raised rights of way issues and advanced screening of the site. Mr. Leathes agreed that screening similar to that planted by village residents would be advantageous along the western boundary just north of Little Stukeley, it was also agreed that the clerk liaise with Mr. Leathes to arrange a meeting for all interested Councillors to attend on and around the site, to discuss all options and possibilities. The chairman then thanked Mr. Leathes for attending the meeting.</p>	
133.MINUTES	<p>On a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Parkin and approved by the meeting the minutes for the meetings on the 10th January 2011 were signed as true and correct by the Chairman.</p>	
135. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>There were no such declarations.</p>	
136.PLANNING	<p>Application No 1001919FUL for a single storey side extension to a dwelling at 23 Park View was approved as in context and having no adverse impact on either neighbouring properties or the street scene, on a proposal by the planning group supported by the meeting.</p> <p>Application No 1000374CLED for a certificate of lawful use at Grange Farm, the clerk reported that a phone conversation that day had revealed that the matter was still in the hands of the District Legal department.</p> <p>Application No 1002055FUL for the erection of three detached residential dwellings with associated garaging(revised scheme) on land adjacent to 67 Ermine Street, Gt. Stukeley was referred to the planning group for a decision as the reply was required before the next Council meeting, they were asked to take note of comments made by Mrs. Helme of Waterloo and Mr. & Mrs Greif of Elm Drive.</p>	
137. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>Ms. Kadic was told that the interactive sign was still flashing continuously. She said she had received a request from Mr. Gee to introduce some speed checks through the village, the clerk was asked to contact the police to see if this was possible. Ms. Kadic agreed to report several failed County lights in Great Stukeley.</p>	
138. DISTRICT ISSUES	<p>There were no issues involving District Issues.</p>	
139. 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 February supply £59.16. Easiprint for February magazine £90.00. M. J. Newman, clerks February Salary £199.46. Easiprint for footpath maps £146.88 There was no income notified for the period.</p>	
140.RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that the issues surrounding footpath two to Alconbury were</p>	

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	<p>proving insurmountable as there were too many obstructions to the line as well as the A.14. He reported a similar position with footpath seven from Low Road to the Racecourse with route being obstructed by the brook and neither land owner keen on any diversion routes.</p>	
141.PLAY EQUIPMENT	<p>Mr. Vincent reported that he had done a litter pick round the Gt. Stukeley park and that a decision on the grant application at Lt. Stukeley was expected by the end of February.</p>	
142.TREE PLANTING	<p>Mrs. Parkin gave what she termed her final report in which she said that thanks were due to Mr. Outteridge of Lt. Stukeley for his idea and challenge in the first instant, the Field family for allowing the planting on their land, Bridget Halford of the District for her help and advice, the parishioners who helped, fifteen the first day and twenty two the second, her two grandsons and finally her right hand man, husband Ken. She said good planning, plenty of help and many hours of work had produced a result of which she thought the village of today could be proud and their successors grateful. She said discussions with Mr. Field had achieved an agreement, that in twenty years his family would remove the Crab Apple and Cherry trees as they would have served their purpose as companions to the Oaks while they got established.</p>	
143.QUEENS JUBILEE	<p>Some tentative arrangements were in place for both villages, but it was notified that celebrations were already in place for the Royal Wedding in April.</p>	
144.ALLOTMENTS	<p>Mr. Ryan said that although Mr. Leathes had intimated that Urban & Civic may make some land available, this was looking into the future, at least three years as that was the length of the present lease arrangements. He said he still considered that the best option to consider was still the recreation field which was easily accessible and in a central village location, the only problem being water, he asked whether the pond in the eastern edge may form a source but it was agreed that this could be an extensive operation to make it readily available. He agreed to place an article in the March magazine in an effort to establish the extent of the demand for such facilities.</p>	
146.ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>The clerk reported that the stop cock outside Denmark House would be attended to by AW by 17th February. Another offending hydrant was to be reported outside No 7 West View. Several failed County lights were reported to councillor Kadic. Squadron Leader Thayne was to be questioned about the increase in military aircraft flying over the villages. The chairman reported that the base commander had intimated that he would deal with the hydrant flushing issue through the northern gate of the base.</p>	
147. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 7th March 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 4th April 2011 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.00pm with the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. On Monday 9th May 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 6th June 2011 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 4th July 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	

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