

The Annual Parish Council Meeting held in the village hall at Great Stukeley on Monday 4th April 2011 at 7.30pm

ATTENDANCE	M/s T. Pinner, P. Ryan, R. Hulstrom, P. Hobson, H. Raby, P. Vincent, M. Monk, Mrs Sue Parkin together with District Councillor Keith Baker, Mr. Tim Slater and four members of the public.	
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	Mr. Robinson said that he had communicated with the base authorities about his reservations over the new proposed access to the base north of Lt. Stukeley. He said that their reply indicated that they were not prepared to consider using the base northern entrance owned by Urban & Civic because they could not use a 'shared' access. Mr. Monk reported that he considered that they were unlikely to change this approach especially as their proposals intimated a reduction in traffic levels through the two villages, this being assisted by their traffic management proposals for the entrance/exit. He said that the Parish Council would submit several points including the enhancement of the facility with new environmental measures such as planting. A resident of Pringle Way said that dog fouling was still a problem in Church Way and Pringle Way even though the matter had improved of late, the clerk was to highlight the issue in his magazine report.	
1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN	The clerk asked for nominations. Mr. Pinner was proposed by Mrs. Parkin and seconded by Mr. Monk. Mr. Hulstrom proposed himself and was seconded by Mr. Ryan, in the ballot that followed Mr. Pinner received three votes and Mr. Hulstrom two with two abstentions, Mr. Pinner was duly elected to stand.	
APOLOGIES	There was an apology received from County Councillors Laine Kadic & Sir Peter Brown who were away on business as also was Mrs N. Sly.	
2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN	Mr. Monk proposed Mrs Parkin, this was supported by Mr. Raby and as there were no other nominations she was elected unopposed.	
3. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS	<p><u>Rights of Way Committee.</u> The following agreed to serve and were duly re-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 re-elected.</p> <p><u>Planning Group.</u> Members listed below were proposed and agreed to serve. M/s R. Hulstrom, M. Monk P. Ryan & Mrs N. Sly</p> <p><u>Tree Officer</u> Mrs Parkin was proposed and agreed to continue so was duly re-elected.</p> <p><u>Dog Officer.</u> Mr. Hulstrom agreed to continue in this role and was duly appointed.</p>	
4. MINUTES	On a proposition by Mrs. Parkin, seconded by Mr. Ryan the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th March 2011 were	

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	approved and signed by the chairman.	
6. ANY MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST.	There were no such declarations for the evenings meeting.	
7. ACCOUNTS	(1)On a proposition by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hobson the following accounts were passed for settlement by the clerk. EON Energy for April electric £59.16, Easiprint for April Magazine £90.00. M.J. Newman, clerks salary for April £199.46. T&S Gardening for maintenance work £102.16. Lt. Stukeley village hall hire £51.00. Gt. Stukeley village hall hire £47.50. Digley Associates for play equipment inspection. £48.00. (2)The clerk reported no monthly receipts.	
8. COUNTY ISSUES	No County Councillor was present.	
9. DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Baker said that he had reported the Parish Councils concerns over, District vehicles travelling along Ermine Street through the villages in contravention to the condition that the Parish recommended to the Planning approval for the new District depot, to the District Operations manager, Eric Kendall, who said he would investigate the matter, he implied that he would ‘chase up’ the matter this week. Mr. Baker also said that the new Council leader had said that he would try to eliminate all Community Grant cuts previously agreed with the hope that all present services could be maintained at least until 2013. Mr. Baker was asked to enquire of the District Planning Authority what the latest situation was with the application for ‘legal use’,(Ref 1000374CLED) of buildings at Grange Farm, Green End as the matter had now gone on for several months, this he agreed to investigate.	
10. ALCONBURY	Mr. Monk introduced Mr. Tim Slater the Planning Consultant chosen jointly by the Planning Group and Urban and Civic from a shortlist of two candidates, to represent the Parish Councils interests in the applications to be made by Urban and Civic, sometime later this year, for the re-development of the Alconbury Airfield site and that although working on the Parishes behalf that Mr. Slater would be remunerated wholly by Urban & Civic. He reported that this appointment was the result of several meetings with the developer and was primarily to assist the Council with their understanding of the implications of any such planning proposals. He emphasised that the appointment was specifically to assist the application process and not to obstruct it. He said Mr. Slater’s full terms of reference still had to be finalised as although most points had been agreed, the issues surrounding the wording of matters relating to the maintenance of the separate identity of the development from the rural settings of both villages still had to be finalised and agreed with Urban & Civic. Before inviting Mr. Slater to address members Mr. Monk advised that the Planning	

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	<p>Group had agreed to an informal meeting with Council representatives from Alconbury, Alconbury Weston, Woodwalton and Abbots Ripton to discuss issues common to all parties, this was provisionally arranged for 19th April 2011 at Salix House, Alconbury Weston. He also informed members that it had been the Chairman's express wish that the Planning Group 'fronted' all these preparatory meetings on the full Councils behalf.</p> <p>Mr. Slater informed members that his business was based in Peterborough and too that end provided each member with his business card. He clarified that his remit was to work for and report solely to the Stukeleys Parish Council and to Urban & Civic on necessary points. He said he did not have a problem answering questions from other Parishes but these must always be channelled through the Stukeleys. He said that when the application and master plan was submitted by Urban & Civic his job would be to examine all of the many facets, he said this would involve a huge number of documents, and then report 'in layman's terms' the implications and benefits of the proposals to the full Council. As a matter of information Mr. Slater reported that he also worked for M/s Persimmon Homes as a consultant, but not on their 'Northbridge' site.</p> <p>Mr. Raby enquired of Mr. Monk whether because the area was not mentioned in the District Councils 'Employment Land Proposals' document there could be a planning issue, Mr. Monk said the planning group were at present reviewing that document and that one of their recommendations would be that the District carried out a selective review of their 'Core Strategy' to take account of this 'Brownfield' site, possibly in relation to a replacement to current thoughts of an extension to the Ermine Street Business Park northwards towards the Stukeleys.</p> <p>At this point Mr. Pinner thanked Mr. Slater for attending and he left the meeting.</p>	
11. CONSTITUTION	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that he and Mr. Hulstrom were still working on the final detail for the Standing Orders and other associate documents and that although a draft had been circulated this was still incomplete, he asked if members were satisfied thus far and he was given the full support of the entire Council, he said that a further draft would be circulated prior to the May meeting. The circulated Financial Regulations were approved and adopted by the Council on a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Raby and endorsed by the entire membership.</p>	
12. PLANNING	<p>Mr. Monk reported that the response to the application for a new base entrance had been agreed by the planning group and circulated to all members, there had been no issues raised so these recommendations for approval with</p>	

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	<p>several set conditions had been forwarded to the District Council by the Clerk.</p> <p>Employment Land Revue; as reported previously the Planning group were in the process of studying this document which had to be replied to by 26th April 2011 the following points were the main issues that were of concern to the Council.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To question the District Council about their earlier study by Landscape Design Associates on peripheral sites around market towns , which intimated that housing would be unsuitable, but question why warehousing and large office buildings could be better. 2. Press the issue that north/west direction of employment out of Huntingdon is now better realised on the ‘brownfield’ site at RAF Alconbury. 3. Press for a selective review of the Core Strategy to take account of Alconbury which could mean the site south of Green End is no longer needed. <p>He was thanked for this information and the planning group was authorised by the full Council to proceed along those lines.</p>	
13. PLAY EQUIPMENT	<p>Mr. Vincent advised members that Hunts District Council had no grant funds available and that contact with Woodford Environmental revealed that they would be looking for contributions over and above the Parishes of monies in the region of £5000. He said he was investigating other sources including another East Anglian based Environmental Group to see if they had any funding opportunities. He emphasised that the insurance inspection had indicated that an extension to use was allowable until September when a decision would have to be made to either replace existing equipment or remove it, their suggested temporary repair schedule was to be investigated by him and Mr. Pinner with a view to instructing T & S Gardening to carry out the remedial works.</p>	
14. RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>Mr. Ryan reported a fruitful meeting with County Officials and Urban & Civic in relation to through routes across the airfield site, including a through route to the ‘Great Fen Project’ among others that may be feasible to incorporate within their planning strategy, the same logic was applied to Grange Farm and particular reference was made to the possible diversion and upgrading of footpath 11, he said Urban & Civic were quite receptive to the idea but that Mr. Smith as tenant would still need to be consulted. The diversion would require a formal order but the upgrading to bridleway status could be achieved with the owners permission only. It had been agreed that the ideal result to be requested was the existing roadway with the addition of a two meter strip. Mr. Raby said he felt</p>	

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	that it was paramount that the Parish worked 'with' Urban & Civic in the effort to integrate these ideas into their proposals.	
15. ALLOTMENTS	Mr. Ryan said that he now has six people showing an interest in the provision of allotments within the villages and this being the case that we were now obliged to investigate the feasibility of such a provision and the availability of suitable land, preferably with a water supply on site. He said that the area that immediately sprung to mind was on the n/e side of Owl End just prior to its junction with the bridleway to Abbots Ripton and that he was intending to contact Urban & Civic to seek their views on this site.	
16. ITEMS TO REPORT	Mr. Vincent said that the goal posts in the Playing field were now in disrepair, the chairman said he would try to find a reputable scrap dealer to remove them and remunerate the Council accordingly. Mr. Pinner also asked if he could instruct Mr. Pond to remove the salt bins to storage, this was agreed. Mr. Hulstrom asked if a future Charity Event through the villages could be raised on next months agenda.	
17. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS	Monday 9 th May 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm Monday 6 th June 2011 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Gt. Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm Monday 4 th July 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Lt. Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm Monday 5 th September 2011 at the village hall , Ermine Street, Gt. Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm Monday 3 rd October 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Lt. Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.	