

A Meeting of the Stukeleys Parish Council held in the village hall at Little Stukeley on Monday 9th May 2011 at 7.30pm

ATTENDANCE	M/s T. Pinner, P. Ryan, R. Hulstrom, P. Hobson, H. Raby, P. Vincent, M. Monk, Mrs Sue Parkin	
APOLOGIES	There was an apology received Mrs N. Sly who was on holiday , District Councillor K. Baker who was also away and County Councillors Laine Kadic and Sir Peter Brown who were attending another meeting.	
OPEN MEETING	Mr. & Mrs. Bird of Lt. Stukeley complained of the overgrown state of a hedge on the north side of Church Way and how it was impeding safe transit for pedestrians, the chairman explained that it had been an ongoing problem since the footpath reconfiguration several years ago, it was agreed that because the owner seemed reluctant to take the remedial action needed that Laine Kadic be informed to see if she could get some action in this matter, she was also to be informed of a similar problem that was occurring on a footpath adjacent to the School House in Church Road, Great Stukeley.	
18. MINUTES	On a proposition by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mr. Ryan the minutes of the meeting held on 4 th April 2011 were approved and signed by the chairman.	
20. ANY MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST.	Mr. Ryan said he wished to declare the fact that he was a volunteer worker for a charity which had secured preferential rates for storage provided by Urban and Civic at Alconbury, he said the voluntary work was his only connection, members agreed that this did not represent a prejudicial interest.	
21. CHAIRMANS REPORT	The chairman's report had been circulated amongst members and it was adopted and filed with the minutes as a true record of the Councils activities during the fiscal year ended 31 st March 2011.	
22. COUNTY ISSUES	There was no representation at the meeting, thus no report, although when tendering apologies to the clerk Laine Kadic had informed that the new Youth Club in Alconbury was up and running and that Stukeley youth were welcome to attend.	
23. DISTRICT ISSUES	The District Councillors annual report was circulated, after members had studied this document it was agreed that Mr. Ryan contact Mr. Baker to advise that the Council wished to know what legislation the District had in place to remunerate Parish Councils in light of the suggested 'New Homes Bonus' as it looked at present that the District and County only would benefit from this proposed government aid.	
24. PLANNING	The issue of the newly erected signage at the Three Horse Shoes, Ermine Street, Gt. Stukeley, advertising overnight stay facilities for lorries had initiated several concerned enquiries from residents, Mr. Ryan reported that research with the District Council had not revealed any delegated permissions authorising such facilities, even though the	

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	<p>landlord had apparently been led to believe this was the case. As this was also causing some concern among members, even taking into account that it was not the Councils wish to obstruct trade to this village amenity, it was agreed that the chairman would speak with the landlord to advise him of the concerns that had been shown and to request that he remove the signage.</p> <p>M/s Ryan and Monk reported that the Planning group had responded to the Employment Land Assessment document supplied by the District Council.</p> <p>The main area of concern for the villages was that not enough heed had been paid in the 'Core Strategy' Document to the effects of the proposed redevelopment of the old RAF Alconbury site and as it was now considered that the proposed extension north easterly towards Gt. Stukeley of the Ermine Street Business Park would be rendered unnecessary and thus the Core Strategy should be reviewed to take this issue into account.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan reported that the TELEDET cabinet siting application in Lt. Stukeley had been refused on the grounds suggested by the members, namely, adverse effect on both the street scene and a conservation area.</p>	
25. ACCOUNTS	<p>(1)On a proposition by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hobson the following accounts were passed for settlement by the clerk. EON Energy for May electric £59.16, Easiprint for May Magazine £90.00. M.J. Newman, clerks salary for May £199.46. T&S Gardening for maintenance work £749.06. A. E Day & Son fertiliser £27.00.34SP.Com Council website expenditure £153.40. (this expenditure had become necessary as the previous website arranged by Mr. Cowdery had been allowed to lapse due to non receipt of an account for supply) After listening to recommendations by Mr. Hulstrom who had studied the 'late arriving' insurance premium demand (which had a due date of 1st June 2011) it was agreed that in these days of steeply rising premiums the Council should avail itself of the 'Three Year' discounted deal that was being offered, namely the requested premium of £1335.93. discounted down to £1269.13. Payment of the last mentioned figure was agreed on a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Monk. It was also agreed that the clerk should seek a quotation for the insurance of the war memorials, which were at present not covered in the present insurance schedule.</p> <p>(2)The clerk reported monthly receipts of Magazine adverts £522.00. District Council Precept £7500.00. and HMRC VAT refund £4111.91. He also reported that he had put the precept in the investment account, as at present there were sufficient funds in the current account to settle current debts.</p> <p>The Clerk had supplied all members with the Income and Expenditure Account, The Balance Sheet and Bank</p>	

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	<p>Reconciliation for the period ended 31st March 2011, on a proposition by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mrs Parkin these accounts were adopted.</p> <p>The Clerk then informed members of the Annual Return requirement, he read out the financial aspect and then read to members the entire section headed The Annual Governance Statement which referred to Council procedures during the period. After this it was proposed by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Vincent that the chairman and the clerk sign both parts as a true record prior to dispatch to the Auditor for inspection.</p>	
26. RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>Mr Ryan reported that there had been some progress on the diversion of footpath 11 at Grange Farm with Mr. Smith signifying to U&C that he was in agreement with such proposals, he added that U&C were now in the process of preparing the diversion document for the members inspection prior to filing with the County Council ROW department.</p> <p>In a further comment he advised that there did not appear to be an immediate solution to the reinstatement of either footpath 7 at the racecourse or footpath 2 to Alconbury as neither landowner was keen on providing land for diversions, it was agreed that he should inform the County that although the idea had not been discarded, at present there did not appear to be a viable solution.</p> <p>Mr. Raby remarked that there appeared to be a growing amount of cycle traffic on the footpath network, it was agreed that this was not permissible so a note was to be made in the magazine to advise that ‘Although cycling is permissible on the Bridleway network it is not allowed on the footpath network, especially across arable fields’ If this practice is being pursued by village residents would they please desist.</p>	
27.PLAY EQUIPMENT	<p>Mr. Vincent informed members that grant applications had been made to both the Lottery Fund and Woodford and that he was awaiting results. Mr. Pinner said that the village hall at Lt. Stukeley was at present not in a position to provide any funding, but that if circumstances changed they may be able to review their position, he said he had provided them with the assessors comments on the existing equipment.</p> <p>Mr. Vincent reported that a swing at Gt. Stukeley had been damaged and then repaired, Mr Raby said he had undertaken the repair.</p> <p>Mr. Pinner said the pond in the south eastern corner of the field was now virtually dry and that help was required to clear the rubbish out whilst this was the case, he was to supply tractor and trailer and members agreed to assist with the work.</p>	
28. ALCONBURY	Mr. Monk reported an informal meeting held with Alconbury Weston, Woodwalton and Abbots Ripton	

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	<p>Council representatives and U&C to discuss the redevelopment of the Alconbury site, he said that with the exception of Woodwalton the others were in agreement that the redevelopment of this brownfield site was inevitable and with this in mind it was agreed that these local Councils, together with Alconbury and Huntingdon should take a proactive lead in the staging of regular consultative meetings with U&C to forward the development in the best interests of all concerned parties. To this end the next formal meeting was arranged for 25th May 2011 at U&C offices at Alconbury site. It was agreed that even if the clerk was not to attend these meetings official minutes or notes should be recorded and filed for reference.</p>	
29.ALLOTMENTS	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that he now had nine registrations of interest including one from Lt. Stukeley and that it was now a matter of waiting on a decision by U&C on land availability in Owl End, although he enquired whether other sites should be investigated it was generally felt this was the best area, as some concerns had been registered on traffic flow increases he said he would conduct a 'count' and then estimate traffic movements that the allotments may generate and collate a final forecast. Mr. Pinner remarked that a parcel of land owned by St.Martins had been offered for allotments without one single enquiry, he said the land was now to be grassed over and have a seat placed on it as a public open space on which the Council would undertake maintenance of the grass and hedge if voluntary labour could not be acquired.</p>	
30.CONSTITUTION	<p>Mr. Ryan had circulated a document that contained all the other matters not contained within the financial regulations and the Standing Orders, he also enquired whether we should register under the 'Data Protection Act' it was agreed that this would be pertinent. On a proposal by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mr. Hobson it was agreed that the document be adopted and that the application be made to the Data Protection Agency. Mr. Ryan wondered whether it would be pertinent for the Council to use 'Internet Banking' especially with the recent rumours that the cheque payment method is soon to be dispensed with by the banks, after discussion and bearing in mind that the clerk was in favour of using the cheque system, at least until the service was withdrawn, it was decided to leave things as they were at present.</p>	
31.CORRESPONDENCE	None to be displayed	
32.ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mrs Parkin reported an 'Open Garden' day on 10th July 2011 in which it was envisaged as many as possible displays would be staged within St. Bartholomew's Church, she advised that a display of Parish Council work was proposed and asked if she could 'source' an early edition of the Parish Minute book from the County</p>	

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	<p>Council Archive department for display purposes, this was agreed.</p> <p>The clerk informed members that despite their objections the glass bank was to be removed from the Gt. Stukeley site in June after which there would be a 'doorstep' collection only, it was however proposed to replace it with a 'textile' bank, it was agreed that this should be accepted. When this was in place it was agreed that 'Planet Aid' be asked to remove their facility which had been placed there without permission.</p>	
33. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS	<p>Monday 6th June 2011 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Gt. Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p> <p>Monday 4th July 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Lt. Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p> <p>Monday 5th September 2011 at the village hall , Ermine Street, Gt. Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p> <p>Monday 3rd October 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Lt. Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Monday 7th November 2011 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p>	