

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 6th June 2011 at 7.30pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s M. Monk, T. Pinner, P. Ryan, H. Raby, P. Hobson, R. Hulstrom, Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, County Councillor Laine Kadic and District Councillor Keith Baker. Rebecca Britton from Urban & Civic attended purely to meet and observe the full Council.
APOLOGIES	Were received from Mr. Vincent who was unavoidably detained on business and County Councillor Sir Peter Brown who had a prior engagement
OPEN FORUM	There were no members of the public present.
34.MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mrs. Parkin the minutes of the meeting of 9 th May 2011 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.
36. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Ryan declared again his charity work and its use of facilities at the Alconbury site, this was noted.
37. COUNTY ISSUES	Each member of the Council received a copy of the County Councillors annual report and the clerk had copy to file for the records. Ms Kadic was questioned again about the overgrown hedges in both villages, she said that both residents had been visited and both had been written to, to request that they cut the offending hedges back to an acceptable distance where it no longer obstructed the adjacent footpath, Mr. Pinner said the one in Church Way had been attended too but probably not sufficiently. Ms Kadic said that after fourteen days if the work had not been completed there would be a second letter informing that if it were not done within a further fourteen days the County would complete the task and 'bill' the resident.
38. DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Baker reported that the District had been informed of the Councils concern about the number of District Council vehicles travelling through the villages at specific times, outward in the morning and inward in the afternoon, Mr. Monk had recently seen as many as seven vehicles in an hour in one afternoon. A copy of correspondence from Mr. Kendall, Head of Operations said that vehicles were advised to use the A.14 for northern journeys where possible and only to use the C.339 when working within the villages, he added that although HGV's had tracking devices fitted, the smaller vehicles did not, although he thought that it was pure 'coincidence' that so many vehicles had been seen on that particular afternoon. It was universally agreed that this was not 'coincidence' as members considered it was a regular daily occurrence and although they accepted that some vehicles could be working in the area occasionally, certainly not in the numbers seen on a regular basis, to this end the clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Kendall to register their opinion that it was not really a 'coincidence' as the vehicles in question had been seen travelling towards Huntingdon at the same time on two consecutive days in similar numbers and to request that he inform 'all' drivers that it is not permissible to travel through the villages in such large numbers on such a regular basis.
39.PLAYING FIELD	Mr. Pinner reported that he had removed all the rubbish from the pond, but that he had noticed that someone had been using a 'metal detector' in the area and that the turfs replaced had died in the dry weather and also had been dragged about by rabbits, a note was to be inserted in the magazine to request that the practice ceases immediately. It was generally agreed that some enhancement to the area would be beneficial and after discussion it was agreed that the field committee should inspect and hopefully come up with an affordable scheme, to hopefully naturalise the area with trees, wild flowers and bushes, possibly a seat and also look into the

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	<p>feasibility of having the pond ‘dredged’, this last item could easily qualify for some sought of grant aid.</p> <p>Mr. Pinner also said there was a problem with bird faeces on the new play equipment and that after a report he had cleaned them, the members were challenged to think of a method in which birds could be discouraged from perching on the equipment frame.</p> <p>Mr. Pinner also reported an enquiry from Alconbury Colts about summer and possibly winter use of the field for the team, it was agreed that because there was a village presence in the team that this would be possible but that an official letter would be required furnishing insurance details and recognising the fact that the club would be responsible for grounds maintenance and that there would be no liability attributed to the Parish Council.</p> <p>The clerk informed members that Mr. Cox from Owl End had requested entry to the field to remove a fallen tree from his boundary hedge, this permission was given with clerk to unlock gate.</p>	
40. ACCOUNTS	<p>The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mrs. Parkin and approved by the meeting EON Electric for June supply £59.16. Easiprint for June magazine £90.00. M. J. Newman, clerks June Salary £159.59. net, also office expenditure, supply and varnish village signs and purchase Geraniums for under said signs April/May £173.96. T&S Gardening maintenance for May £205.00. Three Horse Shoes for re-cycling credits £21.08. Canalbs for Internal Audit £124.20.</p> <p>The following income for the month was notified. Magazine Advertising £318.00. County Council, grass cutting grant £923.69 and HDC for re-cycling credits £210.84.</p> <p>There was a reported balance in the Bank current account at the 31st May 2011 of £5472.63.</p> <p>The question of the clerks salary and allowances was the next agenda item, the clerk was at this point asked to leave the meeting whilst the issue was discussed. On his return he was informed that now the Council was registered with HMRC as an employer his salary from the 1st June would be as before £199.46 for a nominal 19hour month which would be liable to Income Tax at the 20% rate and then on top of this he would be paid allowances in lieu of room provision for office, % of Council tax, heating, lighting and motoring expenses the sum of £28 per month. The clerk registered his gratitude for this allowance.</p>	
41. RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that many of the Parish rights of way had been walked recently and that there were no significant problems to report. He suggested that there could be a slight problem with the closed gate on the bridleway through Lodge Farm at Great Stukeley, especially with the signage appended indicting private road, and although the chairman indicated the reasoning was to discourage vehicular passage through the route, it was agreed that as soon as practical a ‘bridleway’ sign should be erected in the vicinity to indicate that there was a right of way. He also reported that discussions were still ongoing with U&C about the re-routing of footpath eleven at Grange Farm and that a joint Parish, County and U&C meeting on site was envisaged shortly to finalise the plans to re-route as a footpath and that when that was achieved it could at the owners behest be upgraded to bridleway status.</p>	
42. PLAY EQUIPMENT	<p>In the absence of Mr. Vincent the clerk reported that the Council, through Mr. Vincent’s efforts had achieved grant aid for the proposed equipment at Little Stukeley from the National Lottery amounting to £5006 and now it was a matter of waiting for notification from the Woodford Group as to whether they would provide a recycling grant to cover the remainder of the funds required, it was</p>	

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	<p>hoped to hear sometime next month. The Council were unanimous in their praise for all Mr. Vincent's hard work on this project.</p>	
43.ALCONBURY	<p>Mr. Monk gave a resume of the Alconbury Airfield Joint Parish Council Liaison Group meeting held in Urban & Civics offices on 25th May 2011 and it was agreed that these minutes be included in the Parish minute book and distributed to members along with monthly meeting minutes and that they also should be placed on the Parish Council website.</p>	
44.ALLOTMENTS	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that talks with U&C about the Owl End site were progressing well and that initial reaction was positive as the company continued with its research on the possible site. Mr. Ryan added that he had carried out a simple traffic census from outside his house which had revealed fifteen daily movements in the twelve hour period in question, he said that as sixteen allotment plots were being considered it could be estimated that these could initiate up to twelve movements on any given day. Mrs Sly said she felt that the survey should be carried out earlier in Owl End road, somewhere in the vicinity of her property to get a more representative picture of the movements as this would cover the 'nursery school' site.</p> <p>Mrs Parkin said she would carry out such a census over a twelve hour period on a selected Thursday prior to the next meeting. Mr. Ryan observed that the likelihood of meeting another vehicle on the narrow part of the lane was one in twenty-four journeys.</p> <p>Mr. Monk said that he hoped to pursue with U&C the opportunity of establishing a community wood in the same area and wondered whether traffic flows for this should also be considered.</p>	
45.CONSTITUTION	<p>The recommendations of the Internal Auditor had been circulated among members and it was agreed that all of these should be adopted with the clerk to seek insurance cover on the two war memorials with valuation at £10,000 each, he was also to check the 'Hirers' liability of £2m and what reduction was allowable if deleted. The clerk was also to attend to 'balances' figure and break that down to delegated amounts for nominated reserves.</p> <p>The issues surrounding possible 'profits' made on the provision of the Parish Magazine were to be kept under review especially in these difficult economic times when advertising revenue may be expected to decline.</p>	
47.ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mr. Hulstrom advised members that the annual 10k charity run was to pass through the village of Great Stukeley on the morning of 19th June and that residents should be aware of the competitors also verbal support would be appreciated, he said it was hoped that there would be 500 competitors and that £20k would be raised for the charity.</p> <p>Mrs Parkin said that she wished to thank Mr. Pinner, Mr. Monk and the Clerk and his wife for the work they did in watering the newly planted trees recently, she reported that only ten trees had been lost out of the 160+ originally planted, Mr. Pinner said that he had accepted a payment from the District Council of £120 for providing two tractors, two water bowsers and also the water.</p> <p>Mr. Monk reported that after a short respite the American authorities were again discharging water through a hydrant out onto the C.339 through the southern entry gate at Great Stukeley, the chairman was to speak to the authorities again. Mr. Pinner reported that he was to ask the owner of an overgrown hedge in Pringle Way to cut it back as it was causing a danger to motorists on a 'blind' bend.</p>	
48. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 4th July 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 5th September 2011 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great</p>	

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	<p>Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm On Monday 3rd October 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 7th November 2011 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 5th December 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	