

**A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 7.30pm.**

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| ATTENDANCE | M/s M. Monk, P. Ryan, P. Hobson, R. Hulstrom, P.Vincent Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, County Councillors Laine Kadic & Sir Peter Brown, Colonel Mike Reiner the American Base Commander at Alconbury, his assistant Civil Engineer Dave Mitchell, Rebecca Britton of Urban & Civic and one member of the public.   |
| APOLOGIES  | Were received from Mr. Raby who was unavoidably detained on business and District Councillor Keith Baker who had a prior engagement   |
| OPEN FORUM | <p>The chairman introduced Col: Reiner and his engineer to the meeting and explained that they had requested to attend to try and allay the fears expressed by the planning group in response to the planning application 1100318FUL for a new entrance to the airbase American enclave area which was to be north of Little Stukeley on Ermine Street.</p> <p>The Colonel explained that the new entrance for construction and some other categories of vehicle was an effort by the American authorities to try and alleviate the amount of heavy traffic travelling through the villages and eliminate the queues that sometimes occur on Ermine street, especially at peak times, during lorry searches. He said the sole reason that the existing entrance would remain was because there were insufficient funds to cover an expected 12 to 14 million dollar cost to build a new 'full up' entrance, which would contain many extra buildings and facilities as well as full security measures as well on the new site, which was what they originally wanted. He said that the application had now been seriously delayed by the issues surrounding the conservation of the 'crested newt' population, but that if permission was quick to arrive it would be hoped that this facility could be open by Christmas this year, and that that should eliminate all the heavy dirt transporting lorries that we are experiencing at present. He also added that it was envisaged that the work on the new medical facility would be finished by 2013 at which time the RAF Upwood facility would be returned back to the British Authorities. He said finally, the American authorities at this stage had only requested what they could afford to pay for. He did however assure that with the other concerns that had been raised over signage, cycle-ways and landscaping he was hopeful all these could be addressed satisfactorily and within their financial constraints. Mr. Monk said that the landscaping of the area was a significant issue for this council as he felt that the scheme that was to be devised with Urban &amp; Civic for the remainder of Ermine Street should be complimented by 'soft screening' of the new facility to lessen its impact on the rural scene, he asked also that the new developments within the base be similarly screened to also lessen their impact on the village horizon.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan observed that he thought that the proposed signage for the new entrance was rather contradictory in many aspects and that it should be emphasised in the wider District that there was no right turn off Ermine Street into the entrance and similarly no left turn on exiting the base, he also said he had concerns that no adequate provisions had been shown for an uninterrupted route for cycle-way 12 running north along Ermine Street, the Colonel explained that he did not have sufficient knowledge of this matter and had been advised that this was an issue for the local highway authority. Both Mr Monk and then the chairman thanked the two gentlemen for their frank comments and assured that the Stukeley's Parish Council was broadly in favour of the new entrance providing that their concerns over signage, cycle-ways and landscaping could be shown to have been addressed. The Colonel and his engineer, after thanking</p> |

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|                                     | <p>members for allowing them to clarify certain issues, then left the meeting. Ms Sue Stevens of Moorfield Way, Gt. Stukeley told the council how concerned her and her neighbours were about the new development proposals 1100813FUL for four new houses on a site between 4 &amp; 10 Ermine Street, especially as some access was to be via Moorfield Way which was an area primarily occupied by retired citizens, there was concern over drainage and the size of the houses, she handed to the clerk a petition signed by 90% of the residents objecting to the development, she was assured that this would be filed with the District Authorities when the Parish Council submitted its comments on the application.</p>   |        |
| 62.MINUTES                          | <p>On a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Monk the minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were approved and were then signed by the Chairman.</p>  |        |
| 64. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST | <p>Mr. Ryan declared again his charity work and its use of facilities at the Alconbury site, also a prejudicial interest in any discussions with reference to footpath nine in the Parish, these were noted. Mr. Pinner also declared a prejudicial interest in the planning application for a new entrance for the base, but it was agreed that he could still chair the discussion and would make no comments.</p>   |        |
| 65. COUNTY ISSUES                   | <p>Councillor Kadic reported that she had visited Mr. Baker in Owl End about footpath nine, he was away combining but after she made his spouse aware it was a significant and important issue she agreed that she would ask him to contact Ms Kadic this week, Ms Kadic said she made her aware that if there was no contact she would return to insist on some form of response. Sir Peter Brown at this juncture said he was unable to attend the September Council meeting.</p>  |        |
| 66.DISTRICT ISSUES                  | <p>With Councillor Baker away there was no report.</p>   |        |
| 67.PLANNING                         | <p>Application No.1100318FUL an amended application, following the original application in March this year, for a new base entrance, it was notified that the planning group had responded to this by the due date of 24<sup>th</sup> July, those comments are appended to the planning application file, after listening to the Colonels, address on the reasoning for the amended application it was agreed on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Sly that the following revised submission be forwarded to the District Planning Authority as soon as practicable. ‘At its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August the Parish Council met representatives of the Alconbury Airbase to discuss in more detail their proposed new North Gate. Following these discussions and having considered the content of the report to the Development Management Panel to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> August, the Parish Council wishes to advise you that the additional comments made to the ‘Amended Description’ for the application should be revised;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Parish Council now understands why the new North Gate cannot be used for all vehicles. Therefore the Council considers that Point 1 of it’s further submissions can now be withdrawn.</li> <li>2. The Officers report to the panel at paragraph 7.4 indicates that appropriate landscaping can be achieved by planning condition. Having considered the comments made by the Tree &amp; Landscape Officer in that paragraph, the Parish Council is satisfied that it’s objectives on this matter can be secured and therefore point 5 of its further submissions can also be withdrawn.</li> </ol> <p>We would be grateful if these changes can be drawn to the attention of the Panel at or before the meeting. The Parish Council considers it is not necessary to be represented at the Panel Meeting.</p> <p>Following the resolution on this application, the clerk on behalf of the chairman(declared interest) raised a procedural issue of whether the planning group had ‘delegated powers’ to make a decision on behalf of members without</p> |        |

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|                    | <p>notifying them of this decision and also whether the chairman should be informed of recommendations before they are released to the District Authority. After much discussion it was agreed that if a closure date was imposed that was prior to a Council monthly meeting, firstly the clerk should endeavour to get that date delayed to allow a decision after a meeting, or if this was not possible, inform all members so a decision can be made as to whether to authorise 'delegated powers' or call a special planning meeting. Mr. Monk for his part apologised to members if the group had 'overstepped the mark' but said it had been done in the true belief that they were acting in accordance with Councils views on the original application submitted in March of this year, he said it was an unfortunate and genuine mistake that all members had not been informed of the submission, he genuinely pressed the 'planning group' button on the computer rather than the one for the full Council, the chairman said he fully accepted this explanation as did other members present.</p> <p>Application No 1101183FUL for four new properties on a site between 4 &amp; 10 Ermine Street Gt. Stukeley was fully debated and on a proposition by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mr Hulstrom and fully supported by all members it was resolved to refuse the application on the following grounds.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Council are still not convinced that the surface drainage issues have been fully addressed.</li> <li>2. The tree survey is now four years out of date!</li> <li>3. It is considered that the physical size of the properties constitutes an overdevelopment of the site, specifically as the nearest surrounding properties are all single storey homes.</li> <li>4. By the nature of the previous comments the proposed developments would have an 'overbearing' and unacceptable impact on neighbouring properties by virtue of the fact that they were proposed on a site elevated above surrounding sites.</li> </ol> |        |
| 68. ACCOUNTS       | <p>The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Monk and approved by the meeting EON Electric for August supply £59.16. Easiprint for August magazine £95.00. M. J. Newman, clerks July Salary £159.57. net. Plus agreed allowances £28.00. T&amp;S Gardening maintenance for July £460.06. Printerbase for a new printer £112.70. The following income for the month was notified. Magazine Advertising NIL</p>  |        |
| 69. RIGHTS OF WAY  | <p>Mr. Ryan reported that there had been no significant developments and that he was still awaiting Urban &amp; Civics diversion proposals for footpath 11, ms Kadic had already dealt with issues around footpath 9.</p> <p>He reported a meeting with the developers, Liberty Homes, the County Council about the possible adoption by the Parish of the land crossed by footpath 13, it had been agreed that this was not feasible unless there were significant benefits for the council. It had been suggested that possibly the new owner of plot I and the developer retain ownership of the boundary hedge and the maintenance thereof. It was suggested that path surface improvements were desirable including replacing the steps at Ermine Street entrance, possibly undertaken by the developer with also the provision of a contribution of say £1000/£2000 towards ongoing maintenance costs. They agreed to make a written offer of some description to the Council sometime soon.</p> <p>Mr. Hobson reported attending a ROW meeting in Brampton recently, which he found very informative, he had picked up some very good leaflets on the subject also, he reported that the Brampton Parish Council were keen to combine discussions with the Stukeleys on ROW's that served both Parishes.</p>   |        |
| 70. PLAY EQUIPMENT | <p>Mr. Vincent reported that he had acquired the bird repellent grease but on</p>   |        |

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|                    | <p>inspection it had on label 'poisonous' so he had not used it. He also reported that Westley Ingle of Great Stukeley had been cleaning the equipment on a weekly basis of late.</p> <p>The clerk prior to the meeting had circulated a proposal for the acquisition procedure for the equipment at Lt. Stukeley, on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Sly it was agreed;</p> <p>'It is agreed by the Council that Mr. Vincent acquired three quotations for the supply of reliable, proven and value for money equipment and made time to ensure that the equipment was that desired by the young people of the village, furthermore it was agreed that the investment into this carefully selected equipment for Little Stukeley was fully dependant on full grant support being achieved from the National Lottery and the Woodfield Community Group in support of the £20.000 outlay and the Parish Council commitment would be limited to £2500 plus all the VAT, this could be achieved through the powers granted in the Local Government Act(miscellaneous provisions) 1976, section 19'. Furthermore it was agreed that if the scheme was fully funded the act of ordering the equipment should be advertised in the local press prior to the purchase as per the Councils Financial; Regulations(2010), section 11, 1b. this proposition was endorsed by the entire Council.</p> |        |
| 71.ALCONBURY       | <p>Mr. Monk reported that a Joint Parish Council meeting had been held recently but that the minutes were not yet available, as soon as they were he would circulate them. He intimated that Urban &amp; Civic were still progressing their plans and that it was still their intention to be in a position to present them to a Design Enquiry on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September 2011.</p> <p>He said that a presentation was to be made available by Urban &amp; Civic to the Parish Council at a specially convened Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Little Stukeley village hall at 7.30pm, the clerk to confirm a booking.</p>   |        |
| 72.ALLOTMENTS      | <p>Mr Ryan reported a site meeting with Urban &amp; Civic, their advisors RGA to discuss layout &amp; phasing, this meeting was also attended by Karen Kenny of the National Allotments Association in an advisory capacity. One suggestion by Ms Kenny was for a central storage facility rather than stores located on each individual plot. He also advised of the Open Allotments Meeting to be held in the village hall at Great Stukeley this coming Thursday at 7.30pm, a meeting at which Mr. Pinner agreed to take the chair, he also circulated among members the agenda for this meeting as well as a questionnaire for residents attending to complete. Mr. Monk, supported by Mr. Hulstrom and endorsed by all members proposed a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Ryan for all the hard work he had undertaken to get this project to this stage.</p>   |        |
| 75.ITEMS TO REPORT | <p>The Chairman requested that it was minuted that he had attended both the Great Stukeley Open Garden Event and the Annual Flower Show and he felt that the residents of Great Stukeley should be highly commended for the superb efforts they had made to ensure the high standards and success of both events.</p> <p>Mr. Monk advised members that the Stukeley's Heritage group were meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> August when Rebecca Britton of Urban &amp; Civic was to give a talk on the general history of the Alconbury Airfield site.</p> <p>Mrs. Parkin advised members that officers of both the County and District Councils had visited Park View and given the necessary permissions for the seat requested at last months meeting to be put in place.</p>  |        |
| 61. NEXT MEETINGS  | <p>On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p> <p>On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p>   |        |

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