

**A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.00pm.**

ATTENDANCE	M/s M. Monk, P. Vincent, P. Hobson, H. Raby, Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, P.Ryan, T. Pinner, R. Hulstrom, District Councillor K. Baker, Tim Leathes & Rebecca Britton of Urban & Civic, Andy Fisher of David Lock Associates, planning consultants to U&C, Steve Ingram, Head of Planning Services & Paul Mumford, Case Officer from Hunts District Council , Tim Slater the SPC planning advisor together with observers from Abbots Ripton and Alconbury Parish Councils.
APOLOGIES	Were received from M/s Sir Peter Brown & Laine Kadic who were unavoidably involved in County Council business.
138. ALCONBURY	<p>Tim Leathes opened the discussion for Urban &amp; Civic by explaining that he was there to field any questions the Council may have on the Enabling Application which was before the Council at this time. He said the plans were for enabling works on the north western part of the area which was part of the designated Enterprise Zone(EZ in future) it was their strategy to invest in the infrastructure so that they were able to market the site to ambitious forward thinking companies who may consider re-locating there in future. He said to process this venture as a 'dynamic' site the applications were to include, New Construction and service access, Alterations to existing main access, Three new gatehouses, Creation of a Boulevard access within the site, Demolition of existing buildings, Landscaping, Alterations to Fencing and removal of hard standing, he also added that the early introduction of native tree planting schemes was also an effort to enhance the site, he said the area involved would amount to approximately 25-30% of the total EZ area.</p> <p>He said that the new entrance, some 600m to the north of the existing was required primarily so that the existing entrance could be completely re-furbished to create the image they were endeavouring to portray.</p> <p>Demolition was sought for some fifty-three buildings but that this element would be 'phased', in other words not all were to be demolished at once because existing leases had to be honoured until such time as re-location on the site could be negotiated. He said this area had been particularly chosen as it was considered that less work was required here and that it was closest to the local road network to achieve their early ambitions for the site that were also being greatly encouraged by central government. He said the new entrance was designed primarily to depict an overall impression of the total site and to how it is going to function. With this in mind the design of the new gatehouses has been the work of considerable consultation with the design consultants, the result was it was hoped the 'Statement of a big bold building' made up of containers stacked five high and covered with a weathering material, it was emphasised that only the first two floors were operational and that the top area would be lit with LED lighting, covered with opaque glass in the effort to prevent too much light pollution, this would eventually be serviced with environmentally produced, on site, power. Finally he said that these plans were designed to set the tone for the whole site in the future.</p> <p>Steve Ingram of the District said he and his colleague were there to help members with any queries they may have and because the plans had been announced on 16<sup>th</sup> December and the Xmas period of two weeks following it had been decided to extend the consultation period beyond the normal three weeks allowed. He emphasised that this application must be viewed as a 'Stand Alone' application and not judged in conjunction with anything that it may</p>

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	<p>considered that would follow, he also said that any decisions on this application would not set a precedent for any future applications.</p> <p>Tim Slater the PC Consultant said that in his opinion the following issues should probably be those that the members should concentrate most on 1. Visual impact and scale of gatehouses. 2. Impact of new access road. 3. Illumination. 4. Loss of trees. 5. Replacement landscaping.</p> <p>In a question to DC officers Mr. Monk asked that due to the complexities of this important application could extra time be allowed for the Parish to formulate a response, after much discussion it was agreed with officials that the Parish should make it's decisions no later than the Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February and inform the District officials early the following day. Mr. Monk thanked him for that and he added that this would now allow any issues to be discussed also at the Joint Parish Council Liaison meeting tomorrow evening so that our neighbours points of view could be heard.</p> <p>Mr. Ingram explained that the introduction of an LDO was largely about the process and that European Law on environmental Issues had to be addressed, a process likely to take at least four months, he explained that LDO's gave the ability to 'fast track' proposals within an EZ, a process that did not necessarily require consultation with outside bodies including Parish Councils.</p> <p>He confirmed that there was extreme pressure from central government to get the EZ 'up and running' as soon as practicable in a concerted effort to promote job creation. Although the application was 'stand alone' Mr. Ingram said that the Local Plan would have to be re-visited to see if in future further development in the wider area be allowed.</p> <p>Mr. Monk enquired about the policy for demolition material, Mr. Leathes stated that it was their ambition to re-cycle on site and re-use as much material as practicable, although a certain amount of hazardous waste would have to be disposed of 'off site', he did however concede that there may be at times a certain amount of debris material stored in heaps on the site but that this would be short term as the visual impact would not be acceptable in the overall concept for the area. It was noted that conditions would be attached to any permissions to deal with the transport, storage and disposal of construction waste resulting from the demolitions.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan observed that he liked the concept of the green space and cricket pitch but wondered whether enough consideration had been given to accessing the area, across the newly proposed Boulevard, he was advised that that was an issue for future discussion but not in the present context. He also questioned any possible light pollution from the 'very high' lighting standards to be erected alongside the said Boulevard and wondered whether a larger amount of smaller units would possibly be more acceptable, he was assured investigations would be conducted.</p> <p>The chairman then thanked the guests for attending and helping the Council with their policy for recommendations and then they all left.</p> <p>On a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Monk it was agreed that the planning group use the available extra time to examine the proposals fully again, liaise with neighbouring Parish Councils for their opinions and then formulate a set of proposals to form the basis of the Councils response to the District Planning Authority, to set before members for approval, as an agenda item for the Parish Council meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012.</p>	
OPEN FORUM	There were no members of the public in attendance.	
139.MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mr. Ryan the minutes of the meeting of 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2011 were approved and were then signed by the Chairman.	

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141. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr Ryan declared again an interest due to his charity work at the Alconbury site and also any issues that may arise from discussions about footpath nine in the village.	
142. COUNTY ISSUES	No County Members were present.	
143. DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Baker reported that the District were carrying out a consultation with all parties with reference to the closure of Acer Ward at Hinchingsbrooke hospital, the mental health unit, he said that many expressions of concern had been registered by former patients representatives about the fact that they now had to travel to Peterborough to access similar services, a long and expensive journey for local cases. He however added that he considered that a policy change may be difficult to achieve.	
144. ACCOUNTS	<p>(a)The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mrs Sly, seconded by Mr. Monk and approved by the meeting EON Electric for January supply £59.16. Easiprint for January magazine £95.00. M. J. Newman, clerks December Salary £159.57. net. Plus agreed allowances £28.00. Material costs for the refurbishment of the notice board at Great Stukeley £61.34</p> <p>(b)The Clerk produced for members the budget figures and Bank reconciliation figures for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, these were adopted on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom seconded by Mr. Ryan.</p> <p>(c) The clerk explained the difficulty he now experienced in transferring monies from one council account to another after there had been a change in management at the branch. A mandate was signed by registered signatories that in future will allow the clerk to do this simple accounting without having to resort to gaining three signatures, otherwise all cheques will still have to be signed by three members, this was supported by the entire Council.</p>	
145. RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that there was an issue raised by John Cooper of the County about the width of the diversion route in it's initial stages down the road to Grange Farm, it is hoped that this can be resolved quickly and the route change ratified without further delay.</p> <p>The cross field marker required on footpath eight towards the boundaries of Waterloo and Nook farms at Lt. Stukeley was put in the hands of Mr. Raby who was to agree a suitable spot, that did not affect farming operations, with Mr. Field.</p> <p>With Bridleway twelve and the issues of crossing the A.141, Mr. Ryan said he had spoken to County and it had been agreed that it may be advisable to wait until U&amp;C produced their masterplan, including access to Huntingdon from their site, to see if the work envisaged could be incorporated within that issue. With footpath two at Mill road it was reported that the County had written to residents of Mill Close with reference to a possible diversion but as yet his contact with Alconbury PC had not yielded a reply.</p>	
146. ALLOTMENTS	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that the police had raised no objection to the erection of a gate across Owl End at the junction with the bridleway, neither had Mr. Pond from Lodge Farm, provided he was given a key.</p> <p>He said discussions were ongoing about the form that any legal agreement would take between the Council and U&amp;C.</p> <p>He added that at some time a planning application would be required for the upgrade of the access and the erection of the intimated facilities, this would have to be supported by an associated traffic movement statement.</p>	
147. TRAFFIC ISSUES	<p>Mr. Monk said that the traffic group next meeting was on 20<sup>th</sup> January and that he hoped that the 'officers' of the County would attend this time as previous meetings had not been well supported.</p> <p>Mr. Pinner reported that the base authorities had reported to him that they had</p>	

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	<p>lost the facility of the Northern Gate when the base was sold and this was one specific reason the new entrance had been sought, this would facilitate an option for lorries and other construction traffic and hopefully reduce traffic flows through the villages and eliminate the hold up problems outside the main entrance. He said they had originally wanted a roundabout facility but that the recent reduction in USA spending had meant that that could no longer be afforded within their budget. The signage on Ermine street was at the direction of the County Council and the size was specific to that required in a fifty mile per hour zone, they added that their signage within the base indicated no left turn out of gate. As the Council had received several complaints about this signage and it's size, Mr. Monk was briefed to bring this issue to the attention of the group of which he was chairman, specifically to the County Officers.</p>	
149.ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mr. Raby said that he had received a request for a further salt bin to be placed on the junction of Owl End and Chestnut Grove, this was to be done and Mr. Pond asked to place salt in it.</p> <p>The situation about magazine distribution was raised now that Mrs. Bloomfield was leaving Great Stukeley, it was agreed to consult with Mr. Evans who co-ordinates the deliveries.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom remarked that there were now on offer some very good broadband deals, the clerk said that as his computer needed updating perhaps this was the time to consider both in conjunction, Mr. Hulstrom said he and Mr. Ryan would investigate possibilities.</p>	
150. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.00pm.</p> <p>On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p>	