

**A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.30.pm**

ATTENDANCE	M/s M. Monk, H. Raby, Mrs. S. Parkin, P.Ryan, T. Pinner, R. Hulstrom, District Councillor K. Baker, County Councillors Laine Kadic & Sir Peter Brown, Rebecca Britton of Urban & Civic, Tim Slater the SPC planning advisor together with one member of the public
APOLOGIES	Were received from M/s P. Vincent, P Hobson & Mrs. N Sly all of whom were indisposed.
OPEN FORUM	<p>Mrs. Gee of Little Stukeley enquired what the latest position was regarding the signage outside the new base entrance, she said the RAF Commander had stated at a Council meeting last year that the signage would be employed so as the traffic entering the base would be directed to do this travelling from the north, this means the sign leaving Little Stukeley indicating a right turn into the base was incorrect as well as being too large for that rural setting.</p> <p>Mr. Monk said the traffic group had recently, specifically discussed this very issue, and he together with Ms Kadic were examining the possible solutions. He said investigations had revealed that the large red signs were there only for a six month trial period when it was hoped to have them replaced with smaller black and white signs, this was dependant in part on the requested speed restrictions on that particular section of the highway. It was agreed that this did not resolve the issue of vehicles coming through the villages still to access the base, he intimated that discussions were ongoing with the County Council, the Base Authorities and Urban &amp; Civic to try to arrive at an acceptable solution. Mr. Ryan suggested that in the wider area perhaps warning signage indicating 'weight restrictions ahead' may be of some assistance, Mr. Monk agreed to take this suggestion to the next traffic Group meeting.</p>
151.MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mr. Monk the minutes of the meeting of 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 were approved and were then signed by the Chairman.
153. 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.
154. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>Councillor Brown reported that the County rate for 2012/13 would rise by a fraction under 3%, this in order to preserve services at the existing level and was brought about by the reduction in funding from central government. He said the County were still committed to the improvement to broadband services to rural parts of the county and that this process would be implemented from the end of 2012.</p> <p>On a question from Mr. Monk he said rural transport services were still being reviewed but that it was thought that the subsidy already withdrawn would not be reinstated but it was earnestly hoped that no further reductions would be required.</p> <p>Ms Kadic passed round the details of a new scheme from the County Council called Highway Wardens, where selected members of the community would be empowered to report to the authority and issues within their particular area. It was generally agreed that this was a good project and that the villages should have representation.</p> <p>Ms Kadic also advised that although negotiations with the landowner were proving challenging, they continued with regard to the diversion proposals for footpath 9.</p>
155.DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Baker told members that the District rate was to rise by 3.5% for the year, this represented a £4 increase on every Band 'D' property, and that this was in

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	<p>an effort to maintain services. Mr. Hulstrom asked Mr. Baker to enquire into why the HDC department with responsibility for the allocation of the budget to fund less popular sports had not replied to the two emails and phone calls that he, Mr. Hulstrom had sent to the department, Mr. Baker agreed to investigate.</p>	
156.PLANNING	<p>(a) Application No 1107564PENQ for EIA screening for the enabling works for all areas mentioned in the subsequent application. Mr. Ryan informed members that a response had been sent to the DC as had been authorised by the chairman when copy had been distributed among members on 25<sup>th</sup> January. The main points were as follows. Economic Analysis is too limited and should be expanded to include analysis of local labour market, implications thereon in the future. Impacts of in/out commuting.</p> <p>Transportation. Time gaps for analysis give too significant gaps between periods chosen, suggested six should be implemented as follows Phase 1 In construction. 2. Completion and similar for phases two and three.</p> <p>Noise levels from construction and end use activities, consideration given to more LA assessments during daylight and night hours also, especially regarding sensitive neighbouring areas such as Top Farm.</p> <p>Lighting there was a significant lack of information especially in the area of impact on rural receptors.</p> <p>Drainage. It was requested that more consideration be given to the impact of 'shed' water from the development on the Alconbury Brook.</p> <p>(c) Application No. 1102094FUL for enabling works for the Alconbury Enterprise Zone. Mr. Monk had again circularised the document produced by the Planning Group in which they made certain recommendations within the response to the DC in which overall approval was recommended, with the following caveats.</p> <p>An extension of the 50mph zone to encompass new entrance area.</p> <p>Noise mitigation for sensitive neighbouring areas.</p> <p>Consideration of a new route around the 'cricket pitch' and also further analysis on sustainability as a setting for the listed building.</p> <p>Each demolition to be required to provide individual statement.</p> <p>Quietest methods used to lessen impact.</p> <p>Hours of operation condition.</p> <p>How much demolition material will be re-used?</p> <p>Request that storage and re-use on site should be in close proximity.</p> <p>Where will crushing plant be located, hopefully adjacent to demolished building!</p> <p>Detail needed of noise and dust control, should be via conditions.</p> <p>Scale of hardstanding and taxiway to be removed/crushed should also be subject of a demolition statement.</p> <p>Concern in that area of taxiway demolition may reveal buried tanks! Details of mitigation must be conditioned in case of hazardous substances.</p> <p>With Lighting the layout was generally supported but concerns if an alternative light design was proposed, also concern about night time impact when viewed from local rural locations.</p> <p>Gatehouses Concern is expressed about the size and impact of gatehouse 2 and questions whether the design concept of a stack of containers makes an appropriate break with the sites unfortunate recent history, also it is questioned whether the design creates the desired impression for a high value development After a discussion Mr. Monk commended this response to the District Planning Authority, he was supported by Mr. Ryan and in a subsequent vote, by all Members in attendance. The clerk was to submit in the morning, 7<sup>th</sup> February,</p>	

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157. ACCOUNTS	<p>to Mr. Paul Mumford the case officer, as agreed at the previous meeting.</p> <p>(a)The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mrs Parkin, seconded by Mr. Monk and approved by the meeting EON Electric for February supply £59.16. Easiprint for February magazine £160.00. M. J. Newman, clerks January Salary £159.57. net. Plus agreed allowances £28.00. Little Stukeley village hall for hire charges 2011/12 £60.00.</p> <p>(b) The issue of replacement of the Council computer was discussed along with broadband provision. It was generally agreed that a ‘lap top’ would now be the best way forward with a likely cost factor of £400 to £600. AS Mr. Hulstrom felt the Council were paying too much for broadband it was agreed that he would, although he was unable to attend, the Council with full costings for this project in time for the March Council meeting when if accepted a provision could be made for purchase in April of the next fiscal year.</p> <p>(c)The issues surrounding the production of some pages in colour in future magazines was discussed at length together with Martyn Fox’s(Editor) proposition for increases in advertising rates to pay for the extra costs. It was generally agreed that if the use of colour could be financed by increased charges that were acceptable to contributors then it was feasible to agree a trial period to see how it works. It was agreed also that some of the charges may have to be modified slightly so as not to deter future advertisement content, Mr. Hulstrom was delegated to agree future rates for this trial period with Mr. Fox.</p>	
158.RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>Mr. Ryan informed members that following discussions held with Mr. Raby, Mr. Field had agreed to the placing of a footpath marker on path No8 at Nook Farm, Low Road.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan reported that negotiations on footpath 9 were reported in County Issues.</p> <p>The issues surrounding the re-instatement of footpath 2 from Mill Road to Alconbury had been discussed by Mr. Ryan, with Mrs E. Elphick of Alconbury PC and it had been established that Alconbury were keen on reinstatement, it was perceived however that there may be some difficulties around convincing the land owner to allow the use of his underpass under the A.14. Mr. Ryan was asked to continue his dialogue.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan explained that because of archaeological complications there had been a hold up in the ratification of the diversion route for footpath 11 at Grange Farm, this it was thought was to be because of the suggestion of ‘historical’ artefacts in or around the ‘ridge &amp; furrow’ beside the access drive to the farm.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan says he wants to confirm the SPC as an intended continuing member of the Parish Paths Partnership of the County Council, this was approved by members.</p>	
159.ALLOTMENTS.	<p>With this issue Ms Britton representing Urban &amp; Civic was invited, on request, by the chairman to contribute to discussions. She reported that the issues around the erection of a gate across the entrance to the Bridleway 10 at it’s junction with Owl End had been resolved and it was hoped the official application could be finalised tomorrow.</p> <p>She said that the design of the allotments was proving to be quite complicated and that she was awaiting the results of a recent meeting involving the landscape design team and the water engineers but it was thought the next stage was imminent.</p> <p>It was reported that a ‘Diamond Jubilee’ wood was envisaged in conjunction with the ‘community wood’ and this with a edible forest next to the allotment space, it was also hoped that the American Scout organisation could be</p>	

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	<p>involved in a maintenance project for the total woodland area., this it is hoped will form a closer liaison link with our communities and our American neighbours. Ms Britton indicated that the ‘Diamond Jubilee phase would be delayed until the next stage of application for this status which was in November 2012.</p> <p>The matter of governance of the area was originally to be tied to that of the Total open space area of the site but as it was thought that this could delay the process it had been decided to de-couple this venture to stand alone, talks were ongoing with NSALG to formulate an acceptable document of conditions that could facilitate grounds for agreement between the Council and Urban &amp; Civic. Mr. Hulstrom said it would be good if a lease could be agreed at a ‘peppercorn’ rent for an agreed term.</p>	
160.TRAFFIC ISSUES	As the main issues discussed by this group had been discussed in the Open Session of the Council meeting, Mr. Monk asked for the minutes, supplied, for that meeting be filed in the Council minute book, this was agreed.	
162.ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>On a suggestion by Mr. Monk it was agreed that the Council should send a letter of commendation to Urban &amp; Civic in recognition of the substantial tree planting they have undertaken, specifically that along the western perimeter bank with Ermine Street. It was also to be added that the council complimented the conscientious and professional manner in which the contractors have completed the project</p> <p>As the Clerk had unfortunately made no agenda provision for ‘Alconbury’ Mr. Monk asked that the minutes of the Joint Parish Councils Liaison Group be filed along with the Parish Minutes in the minute book, this was agreed.</p> <p>On a suggestion by Mr. Ryan, after discussion, it was agreed that the minutes of this group, along with those of the Traffic Group, should be published on the Parish Website.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom again drew members attention to the annual 10k charity run to be staged at Alconbury, by kind permission of Urban &amp; Civic, on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012, he said there would be many side attractions on site and that any support would be most welcome.</p>	
163. NEXT MEETINGS	<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, will be the <b>ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING</b> commencing at <b>7.30pm</b>. to be preceded by the <b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</b> commencing at <b>7.00pm</b></p> <p>On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</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>	