

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 5th March 2012 at 7.30.pm

ATTENDANCE	M/s M. Monk, H. Raby, Mrs. S. Parkin, T. Pinner, District Councillor K. Baker, County Councillors Laine Kadic & Sir Peter Brown, two members of the public
OPEN MEETING	<p>Mrs Sly vacated the meeting for this session. Mr. David Mead a planning consultant for Mr. & Mrs. Sly addressed the council with reference to application No 1200242FUL for a replacement dwelling in Green End. He said extensions to the existing would give a larger area but that the existing dwelling which was one and a half stories high had been built with nine inch solid walls and was not at all fuel efficient, however this would not have required full permission. The new proposal was further onto the site, thus further away from neighbouring dwellings and although two story, only marginally higher than the existing. Mr. Monk enquired whether the existing building would be scheduled for demolition, he was told this would be a natural progression if planning was granted, he asked for assurances that this would be the case via planning conditions.</p> <p>The chairman reported a letter from a Mrs. Hinchcliffe complaining about commercial vehicles parking on the footpath in Park View, he said he had referred the issue to the police PCSO for attention.</p> <p>He also informed members of the recent death of Mrs Middleton of Mill Road, the wife of retired Councillor Derek Middleton, a card of commiseration was to be sent on behalf of members.</p>
APOLOGIES	Were received from M/s P. Ryan & R. Hulstrom who were both on vacation.
164.MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mr. Monk the minutes of the meeting of 6 th February 2012 were approved and were then signed by the Chairman.
166. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mrs. Sly declared an interest in the planning application referred to in agenda item 169(b) and left the meeting both in the 'open session' and whilst this agenda item was discussed.
167. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>Councillor Brown said he had nothing significant to report other than the fact that the County Council were continuing their representations to central government about the funding required for the A.14. improvements.</p> <p>Councillor Kadic enquired whether the Parish had appointment a Highway Warden, the clerk said he had attended the briefing on the councils behalf and that Mr. Reynolds had offered his services as that warden, the clerk was instructed to accept Mr. Reynolds offer.</p>
168.DISTRICT ISSUES	<p>Mr. Baker informed members that the District were now supporting the continuation of the CCTV program but on a limited scale, he said District support for voluntary organisations would be reduced and that as an unfortunate circumstance some of these would not be able to survive.</p> <p>He reported that it is now confirmed that a potential buyer for the Pathfinder House building has been identified and that negotiations were in progress.</p>
169. PLANNING	<p>The members considered the following two applications.</p> <p>Application No 1200106FUL for the refurbishment of building 586, the fitness centre, at RAF Alconbury. Members considered that they were pleased to receive these plans but that because of it's location felt that it was not appropriate to make any planning based comment other than to Approve the application.</p> <p>Application No 1200242FUL for a replacement dwelling at 23 Green End, Gt. Stukeley. Mrs Sly declared her interest and left the meeting. Mr. Monk said that because Mrs. Sly was a Councillor and that everyone knew her, he had</p>

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	<p>approached Colin Meadowcroft, the District Solicitor, for guidance. This had not been helpful but it is suggested that all members should consider whether they had a close enough relationship with the Sly family as to make their participation in the adjudication process subject to prejudice, he said personally he felt able to take part in the process as did the remainder of the members. Mr. then proposed that the development should be approved but with two conditions, (i) The existing building should be subject to the condition that it is safely demolished within a specified time following the completion of the new dwelling. (ii) An adequate landscaping scheme is provided for the site, accepting the fact that it is a rear development in open countryside even though it is a replacement proposal.</p>	
170. ACCOUNTS	<p>(a)The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mrs Parkin, seconded by Mr. Hobson and approved by the meeting EON Electric for March supply £59.16. Easiprint for March magazine £160.00. M. J. Newman, clerks February Salary £159.57. net. Also holiday entitlement for 2011/12 of £197. 19. net. Plus agreed allowances £28.00 and expenses for the period Dec 2011 to March 2012 £55.16. Great Stukeley village hall for hire charges 2011/12 £90.00. T&S Gardening for maintenance work £48. 00. MP Windows for bus shelter cleaning £50. 00. HMRC for Income Tax due £168.97.</p> <p>(b) The issue of replacement of the Council computer was discussed along with broadband provision. Mr. Hulstrom had provided detail of a lap-top which he recommended, this was endorsed by Mr. Vincent. The Lap-Top in question was from Sainsbury's Supermarket, it was an Acer 5724Z priced at £350 including VAT(net £290.83) This model was agreed as capable and on a proposition by Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Monk and supported by members it was agreed that this be purchased by the clerk in April so it was accredited to the fiscal year 2012/13. With regard to broadband, as the offer referred to by Mr. Hulstrom had now expired it was agreed to leave that issue until his return.</p>	
171. RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>Mr. Raby reported that the talks with Alconbury were ongoing in regard of the re-introduction of footpath two between Lt. Stukeley and Alconbury. He said also that he had the marker post for footpath eight at Nook Farm and that a site for it's erection had been agreed with the landowner.</p>	
172.ALLOTMENTS	<p>There was no report on this item as Mr. Ryan was not present.</p>	
173.TRAFFIC ISSUES	<p>Mr. Monk reported that there had been no group meeting since the last Council meeting, he however reported that he and Mrs. Gee were intending to go to the next Huntingdon Neighbourhood Forum meeting to raise the issue of Hunts; DC light vehicles travelling through the villages and the unwillingness of the Head of Operations to address the Parish Councils concerns. He was accorded the support of his fellow members.</p>	
174. PARISH WEBSITE	<p>Mr. Monk said he felt it was inappropriate for Urban & Civic to have access to the Council website as it could be construed that the Council could be promoting their plans for the old airbase, however he suggested that a link to that site may be advantageous as long as it contained all the necessary disclaimers etc; This recommendation was given unanimous support.</p>	
176. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mrs Sly raised the matter of the recent 'crisis' meeting that the Gt. Stukeley village hall committee felt the need to hold and the impression held by some attendees of the nature of how the Parish Council may become involved financially. Although not on the agenda it was felt appropriate that this issue be addressed with some urgency, as the continued functioning of this village amenity was considered imperative. It was agreed that because of the uncertainty about involvement existed that the Chairwoman, the vice-chairman</p>	

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	<p>and the treasurer of the hall committee be invited to the next meeting of the Council, where this issue would be an agenda item, to avail members of the exact nature of the urgent refurbishments that were required, some idea of the costs and how much financial help may be required, if available, from the Council, this approach was given unanimous support by members.</p> <p>Mrs. Sly also reported the plans to introduce a professionally supported table tennis club to the village, but this also would require some financial support, she was advised to invite the organiser to attend the next meeting to outline plans, costs and finance proposals.</p> <p>Mr. Monk advised members that he had filed with the clerk the minutes for the Joint Parish Councils Liaison Group held on 21st February 2012, this copy the clerk agreed to file in the Parish Minute Book.</p> <p>Mr. Vincent reported that he had recently had to remove graphite from the new equipment at Great Stukeley, an action for which he was complimented by the chairman.</p> <p>The Chairman advised members that the wife of ex councillor Derek Middleton of Little Stukeley, had died today, it was agreed that the clerk send a condolence card from the council.</p>	
177. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 2nd April 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley, will be the ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING commencing at 7.30pm. to be preceded by the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING commencing at 7.00pm</p> <p>On Monday 7th May 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 11th June 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2nd July 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p>	