

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 2nd July 2012 at 7.30.pm.

ATTENDANCE	M/s H. Raby, Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N Sly, Mrs. S. Smith, M/s P. Ryan, R. Hulstrom, P. Vincent and P Hobson, M. Monk and two members of public
OPEN MEETING	The two members of the public, both from Great Stukeley were complaining about the standard of grass cutting around the village and specifically the work by operatives working for Luminus, they also complained about the fact that road gutters and path edges were becoming overgrown with weeds. A secondary issue was one of an overgrown garden. The initial issue and the last one they were advised to refer again to Luminus in a formal complaint and to advise the council of their progress. The issue of weed control was to be referred to the District Council and the clerk said he would supply contact detail on Tuesday morning after he had established the officer in charge of the operation.
APOLOGIES	Were received from both County Councillors and the District Councillor reported that he would be late arriving as he had another meeting.
NEW COUNCILLOR	Mrs Sally Smith of Little Stukeley was welcomed by the chairman and introduced to all the other members.
48.MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Raby, the minutes of the meeting of the 6 th June 2012 were approved by members and signed by the chairman.
50. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Ryan declared a possible interest in both agenda item 55 & 56 due to his charitable work for a group that hired space from Urban & Civic at the Alconbury airbase site, and also due to his close proximity to a disputed footpath in Owl End.
51. COUNTY ISSUES	M/s Kadic reported via email that a complaint of dumping rotten potatoes too close to properties in Low Road had been investigated by a District Officer who had reported no significant problem.
52.DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Baker reported that the District had been informed by central government that their 'Benefit' budget must be reduced by 15% but that vulnerable groups must be excluded, he observed that it was going to be extremely difficult and that they had not been advised of who the 'vulnerable groups' comprised of.
53. ACCOUNTS	(a)The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mrs. Sly, seconded by Mr. Vincent and approved by the meeting EON Electric for May supply £58.35. Easiprint for June Magazine £160.00. M. J. Newman, clerks May Salary £159.57. net. Plus agreed office space allowances £28.00. T&S Gardening for Grass maintenance work £773. 29. HMRC Income Tax £119.67. Digley Associates for play equipment inspections £120.00. (b) Income The clerk reported the following income for the period. Magazine Adverts £205.32. On a related issue Mr. Hulstrom said the magazine editor had enquired whether there had been any 'feedback' to the colour factor in the magazine, the answer was no but all councillors felt that the introduction of colour had aesthetically improved the look of the magazine and that its use should continue until a better idea was seen as to the economics of the venture through increased advertising charges.

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54. PLANNING	<p>Application No 1200797FUL for the change of use from vacant land to provide six permanent pitches for gypsies and travellers at the old Megatron site on Ermine Street, Alconbury. The clerk explained that as it was outside the parish we were not statutory consultees and had not received hard copy plans, but that this fact did not preclude our commenting on the proposals. After much discussion it was agreed that Mr. Ryan would respond to declare the Parish Councils objection to these proposals on the following grounds.</p> <p>It was thought that the site was not appropriate for residential development as it was surrounded by main roads and therefore unsafe environment for young children.</p> <p>There was no safe route for accessing local services such as Doctor, Shop and School especially with the latest announcement of bus service withdrawal. Visually intrusive development into open countryside.</p> <p>Inappropriate facility to develop at the entrance to the Flagship Enterprise Zone.</p> <p>The Parish Council had a clear mandate from residents who posed objections to a previous application.</p> <p>It was noted that the applicants noise survey appears to exclude significant peak hours and the night time measurements did not include early morning vehicle movements that are common in this location. Mr. Ryan observed that the survey identifies a need for noise mitigation but it is doubted whether they practicable on this site. Further, it relies on sound attenuation by windows of the homes, but does not account of the low attenuation of their walls and roofs. Hence the noise nuisance would be worse than estimated.</p> <p>There was not considered to be sufficient space for travelling families, who conduct a large part of their businesses from home, to conduct their operations as well as living in the same site.</p> <p>Mr Monk said that the members should consider over the next few weeks before the next meeting any appropriate projects that could be forwarded to the District for consideration under the new CIL regulations for Parish Projects.</p>	
55. ALCONBURY	<p>It was reported that the exhibition meetings held by Urban & Civic to display their plans for ‘Alconbury Weald’ were well presented by the company and well attended by residents in both villages.</p> <p>There were however several areas of concern, the fact that the proposed transport hub was really getting too close to Prestley Wood, even though it would be ‘guarded’ by green space it was considered that this may represent the ‘development creep’ that the Council was initially afraid of. Similarly the education hub was closer to the Huntingdon area boundary than the members had envisaged. Another issue which was traffic related was the proposed new entrances on Ermine Street and the A.141, the first of which would cause much concern over possible increase in traffic volumes on the C.339. Overall traffic generation appeared to be the main concern of all that attended. It was agreed after discussion that a letter should be sent to U&C to congratulate them on their efforts and also to raise with them what members considered to be the main issues that arose from the exhibitions. As many councillors also attended it was agreed that they notify Mr. Monk ASAP of any issues they witnessed together with their own observations so that he could formulate a response to the company, supply copy to all for approval prior to the clerk sending this via email prior to the submission by the company of proposals to the District Council later this month.</p> <p>The Local Plan review Response was agreed after Mr. Ryan had circulated amongst members the planning groups proposals, it was confirmed that Mr.</p>	

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	<p>Ryan should send this response directly to the District.</p> <p>Urban & Civics enabling application was then discussed, specifically issues surrounding the newly received method statement proposals.</p> <p>It was generally agreed that some areas left a great deal to be desired, specifically in the Demolition Method Statement in relation to process, noise and movement of materials off-site. A survey of hazardous materials was included which indicates uncertainty of location and quality of significant categories; we might have expected more thorough information to be already available. Absence of a schedule for their investigation is a cause for concern. It was agreed that there was a need for a close review of all the documentation and it was also agreed that the planning group should undertake this task on the Councils behalf and make a report to members at the next meeting.</p>	
56. RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that the archaeologist had visited the area of the proposed diversion of footpath 11 and inferred that the ridge and furrow nature of the land was of some interest, this may further delay the diversion, so he said he had mentioned to U&C that Richard Halliday's expertise could be helpful. Footpath 24 was raised at the exhibition meeting and the possibility of a temporary diversion round the base perimeter to afford a reconnection with Abbots Ripton, this prior to a full reinstatement once the runway issues had been addressed.</p>	
57. ALLOTMENTS	<p>Mr. Vincent reported that a meeting of the society had been held and it had been agreed among the society how they could help with the development. The requirements of the central building, had also been agreed and these ideas passed to U&C. Following agreement with them on responsibility for elements of the development, detailed plans would be prepared and a planning application made, probably by the Parish Council. It is envisaged that grant funding would be sought by the society and/or the Council for construction of the central building. The progress of the community wood project would now be taken on by Mrs. Parkin who agreed to liaise with Rebecca Britton on this issue.</p>	
58. TRAFFIC ISSUES	<p>Mr. Monk said there was little to report as there had been no recent meeting however he was also to visit Eye & Castor to see how there de-engineering of a trunk route had worked and whether there was any template for Ermine Street through our two villages, he added that the 'modelling' of Alconbury Weald would ultimately determine what may be required.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom and Mrs Parkin reported attending a County Lighting meeting at which it was explained how the Council intended to address the need to reduce street lighting in future years. There was to be a 20% reduction overall but with trunk roads not being included this could mean a 30% reduction in rural lighting and if certain councils wished to maintain their lighting numbers this would involve a significant cost factor, they concluded their main concern was any potential reduction in units along Ermine Street through the villages for although it was no longer a dedicated trunk route it still retained the associated features and as such retained many of the issues that were of great concern to our parishes.</p>	
60. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>The clerk reported that a recent phone call may have revealed that there was a new 'Code of Conduct' introduced on 1st July, something he was totally unaware of, he was asked to find out ASAP. To that end it was suggested that members should consider rejoining CAPALC so that this information would be forwarded on a regular basis, the clerk agreed to source the required information before the next meeting at which this issue would be an agenda item.</p>	

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	<p>Mr. Hulstrom reported that the recent 10k charity run had been a financial success and that substantial funds had been raised for local charities, he however added that because of an issue with a motorist in Owl End, which caused the race to be halted, perhaps next year some thought will be given to an application for a road closure order for the race duration.</p> <p>It was also reported that both the clerk and the chairman had personally thanked Mr. Field for trimming the grass and rubbish around the newly planted trees on his boundary with Ermine Street through the villages.</p> <p>The chairman reported that she had recently attended the armed forces day celebrations in St. Neots and had a thoroughly enjoyable day.</p> <p>She also indicated that she was intending to fulfil her invitation to attend the 4th July celebrations at RAF Alconbury.</p> <p>After Mrs. Sly raised a concern over accessing the Council website via mobile phones, Mr. Ryan reported his investigation of options to improve accessibility. He identified three main options, with initial costings ranging from £250 to over £1500, in addition to annual maintenance costs. He indicated he would furnish members with full details via email prior to the next meeting when this issue would be an agenda item.</p> <p>Mr. Monk raised the issue of a planning application by Liddell's to build a supermarket in Stukeley Road, Huntingdon. At this point Mr. Hulstrom declared an interest and left the meeting. He said although it's not in our parish the traffic it would generate could dramatically affect traffic flows through the two villages and by the positioning of it's access road cause traffic chaos in an already heavily trafficked area close to the railway bridge & traffic lights, he felt the Council should register an objection, this did not receive total support from other members.</p> <p>The members had agreed to support the application by the Alconbury Thursday Club for a donation towards the purchase of four wheel chairs for use by the needy of the Alconbury's and the Stukeley's to the tune of £55.00. The cheque had been sent and the clerk had details of where the chairs were to be stored and a telephone contact number, which he was to publish in the next magazine.</p>	
61. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 6th August 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 3rd September 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 1st October 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 5th November 2012 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 3rd December 2012 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p>	