

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 1st October 2012 at 7.30.pm.

ATTENDANCE	Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N Sly, Mrs. S. Smith, R. Hulstrom and P Hobson, H.Raby, P.Ryan, P.Vincent, M.Monk, County Councillors Sir Peter Brown and Laine Kadic, District Councillor K.Baker, Rebecca Britton from Urban & Civic and two members of the public.
OPEN MEETING	<p>Mr. Juggins addressed the members on his proposals for some limited development in Green End, his proposal concerned developing a plot on the north western end of the lane with 50% of the plots being available to the Parish Council in aid to build affordable or assisted housing for the needs of village residents, he said his 50% would enable finance for him to build a retirement home on the site for himself. He said that he fully appreciated, after discussion with a planning officer at the District, that unless he had Parish support the scheme had no future. He added that he thought that the Neighbourhood and Localism agenda set up by government catered for this type of additional development providing it had the support of the local community and that setting up a management trust, perhaps with a local housing association could present a way forward for renting or shared equity. He said ideally he envisaged a 'Farmyard' style development that would blend more easily into the local environment.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom said he could appreciate the sentiment but found it difficult to envisage where the Parish Council could access that type of funding, probably in the region of £60.000 per unit. Mr. Monk ventured that even if the council supported the idea it would be necessary to consult the entire community before any decisions were reached. It was agreed that decisions how to forward the issue could be addressed when members went 'into committee'.</p> <p>Mr. Outteridge, through Mr. Ryan, said on visiting the recent HDC meetings to explain U&C's outline plans for Alconbury Weald had objected to the new access proposed onto Ermine Street which was just north of the newly introduced base commercial entrance north of Little Stukeley, his concerns were similar to those of the members, that this entrance/exit would encourage further transit through the villages, he said he would probably have no issues if it were downgraded to an emergency access/exit only.</p> <p>Another matter raised was a letter received by the chairman raising concern that the acquisition of Grange Farm by U&C may lead to the loss of bridleway 10, this is vehemently denied by them and as the Parish Council believe that the plans to make large swathes of the area common land add weight to this statement. The chairman agreed to respond to the letter to say the Parish Council was confident that all ROW's in the area were to be retained.</p>
APOLOGIES	The only apologies received were from officials of the SMYFC who through reasons of health and work could not attend, but mooted that they would attend the November meeting if needed.
91.MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the minutes of the meeting of the 3 rd September 2012 were approved by members and signed by the chairman.
92. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Mr. Hulstrom and Mrs Sly declared a possible interest in agenda item 97b, Preliminary enquiry by St. John's College for land off Ermine Street as they lived in Green End but declared their intention to vote on the issue as councillors representing that area. Both also declared an interest in agenda item 103, Mr. Juggins proposals for Green End, Mr. Hulstrom declared he would both take part in discussion and voting, whereas Mrs Sly stated that although

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	<p>she would enter the discussions she would not vote as the site in question bordered her property. Mr. Ryan declared his interest with Alconbury Weald issues as he was part of a group who received preferential building rental arrangements on the site.</p>	
93. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>Sir Peter said that he had little to report other than the bus service discussed. At the last meeting, he said funding was live until next April and that the changes were still 'bedding in', he said they had received many positive comments as well as some complaints. He added that a house to house survey had been undertaken of Alconbury residents about the service and that the responses were now being collated. Ms Kadic reported that recent meetings had revealed that the District Council may be considering putting a 'charge' on householders second green waste bin and that this had the potential of raising £200,000 yearly revenue, it was generally agreed that this may be a retrograde step as it could encourage a return to dumping in the countryside.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom enquired whether Ms Kadic had heard anything about the 'strengthening' of the road in Green End, she replied no, he went on to say that there were still issues with traffic on the road, Ms Britton explained that her enquiries had not provided any positive evidence of people living in mobile homes at Grange Farm or of 'illegal' businesses but that her enquiries would continue and that she would report to the next meeting, further discussion ensued until another member ventured 'that as the matter was not an agenda item it could not be further discussed, Mr. Hulstrom registered his disapproval of this and insisted the issue was included on next months agenda.</p>	
94. DISTRICT ISSUES	<p>Mr. Baker advised that the District Council was considering making a charge for the second green waste bin, but that this was still only a suggestion and that no charge had so far been agreed. He also said that the Councils decision to retain town centre CCTV had resulted in 175 prosecutions in the past twelve months so it had justified the cabinets change of mind.</p>	
95. ACCOUNTS	<p>(a) The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mrs. Sly, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom and approved by the meeting EON Electric for September supply £60.29. Easiprint for October Magazine £175.00. M. J. Newman, clerks September Salary £159.57. net. Plus agreed office space allowances £28.00. T&S Gardening for Grass maintenance work £868.77. Allotment Association Fees £66.00. HMRC Income Tax £119.67. K&M Lighting Services £72.00.</p> <p>(b) Income</p> <p>The clerk reported the following Magazine Advert Income of £621.00. The clerk produced for members approval, budget update figures for the quarterly period ended 30th September 2012 and bank reconciliation figures for the similar period.</p> <p>On another financially concerned issue the clerk said he had received a quotation of £160 for 'strimming' around the new young trees beside Ermine Street, this met with disapproval by some members and the clerk was summarily reminded that this issue was also not an agenda item.</p>	
97. PLANNING	<p>(a) Application No 1201390DEMDT for the demolition of a garage beside no 1 Low Road was supported as it was believed the demolition could only enhance the appearance of the listed Swan & Salmon building within the conservation area.</p> <p>(b) The preliminary enquiry by St. John's College for the possible development of land beside Ermine Street and adjacent to Green End. As members felt that the development proposals for Alconbury Weald had a significant bearing on any future proposals in the area especially in this area, they were dismayed that</p>	

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	<p>the District had not kept them informed of the type of discussions being conducted in this particularly sensitive area, especially as the Parish Council had always made it abundantly clear that they were passionately in support of retaining a green ‘buffer’ belt between Huntingdon and the villages as they had been on the west side of Ermine Street with reference to the ‘Northbridge’ proposals and there insistence of the site green space areas being specifically at the northern end of that site. On Mr. Monks proposal, supported by Mr. Ryan and supported by six members with one abstention, it was agreed that a letter in the strongest possible terms should be written to St. John’s College, there agents Savills, to register the councils great indignation that as the local Parish, they had not been informed of the colleges intentions and to invite them to make it clear to this council their aspirations for the site in question, this letter was to be copied to the District Planning Office. On a proposal by Mr. Ryan, supported by Mr. Monk it was also agreed that he should follow up with a ‘freedom of information’ enquiry into the whole issue.</p> <p>(c) Alconbury Weald.</p> <p>Mr. Monk reported a Planning Group meeting at which the Councils Planning advisor Tim Slater had agreed to draft a initial ‘report’ for members on the recent outline planning application No 1201158OUT by Urban & Civic for Alconbury Weald. It was agreed that a full Council committee meeting should be held to allow him to brief members on the Alconbury Weald planning application and to present his initial report, this should assist members to be more informed prior to the public meetings that had been advertised, as it was revealed that there were no suitable dates at either village halls, prior to those open parish meetings to be held on 29th and 31st October it was agreed after much discussion that this meeting be held, subject to Tim Slater’s availability at either Mrs. Parkin’s house on Wednesday 10th October or Mr. Monk’s house on Thursday 11th October 2012 with start time of 7.30pm for either date.</p> <p>Mr. Monk also reported that he had received a request from another Parish Council, who was a member of the Parish Liaison Group for a sight of Mr. Slater’s report, as the sharing of this document had been approved in the early stages of this process he was informed this would be permissible.</p> <p>(d) Market Town Transport Strategy.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan reported attending the latest meeting, a transcript of which he had circulated to fellow members, he said he said that he still had significant concerns that there was no definitive transport strategy going forward, just, in his words, ‘bits and pieces’ he said he believed the strategy should be more clearly set out so as to provide a constructive way forward. He highlighted the vague proposals for the ‘Iron Bridge’ junction, also of how finance could be raised for the proposed ‘dualling’ of the A.141. He also reported promoting a suggestion of a cycleway along the Hartford road. It was agreed by members that he compose a response to the strategy for the Council, circulate this to all members for approval prior to dispatch to the enquiry panel.</p>	
98. RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>The chairman invited Ms Britton to address members on this agenda item. Ms Britton said there was better news on the diversion of footpath 11 at the Grange Farm, she together with representatives of the archaeological & heritage departments at the County had walked the diversion route and that they had reached a compromise agreement on the line which addresses the issues of the protection of the ridge and furrow element as well as the raised housing platform, so she hoped now that the diversion proposals could be processed quickly. She also said that the ‘gate’ for bridleway 10 was still with the design department as there was no precedent to follow. She also advised</p>	

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	<p>that Urban and Civic were still looking at issues surrounding ‘permissive’ rights of way they had been severed by the base perimeter fence and whether diversions were possible to allow uses of existing access routes to re-introduce cross site paths.</p>	
99.ALLOTMENTS	<p>Ms Britton also spoke to members on this matter, she said that a draft agreement had already been penned and that one for the open space which procured some maintenance program as defined at the previous meeting, where the parish would share responsibility and not accept it all, to add to this she circulated a projected maintenance schedule for members perusal prior to receiving the draft documentation, she did however state that there were still issues surrounding the provision of ‘sustainable water supply/dependable water supply’ that still required resolution with regard to the establishment of the allotment area.</p> <p>Mrs Parkin informed members that the trees for the ‘community wood’ would arrive early November, be ‘heeled in’ at the Godmanchester nursery prior to planting when conditions were suitable.</p>	
100. TRAFFIC ISSUES	<p>Mr. Monk reported that he and Mr. Hobson had reported to the traffic group meeting on 17th September their observations on the Eye/Castor road calming schemes. He said the County had released a list of available measures for Ermine Street and also costings. AS far as cost is concerned Mr. Monk urged that the Council, when the time comes, to seek substantial section 106 support from local developments and substantial CIL contributions from the wider area. He also suggested that once a need has been established it was essential that the Council engaged with local residents through a consultation process, to establish what priority requirement was highest on their agenda. He also envisaged and hoped that County and District Officials could attend these proposed meetings to advise what was possible and what could be achieved, he intimated that through the traffic group he would broach the idea to Stuart Bell and Emma Murden from those councils.</p>	
101. PLAYING FIELD	<p>Mr. Hulstrom revealed that he had not been able to establish an agreement on terms of the SMYFC use of the playing field and also it had been mooted to him that they may like to think about floodlighting the pitch area as they were doing to the practice pitches behind the Three Horse Shoes, this suggestion did not meet with the approval of the members.</p>	
102.CORRESPONDENCE	<p>The Clerk reported a letter from David Lock Associates, consultants working for U&C, to which was appended some missing pages from the applications original Environmental Statement, it was agreed to give this document to Mr. Monk so he could pass it on to Mr. Slater for his information.</p>	
103.ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mrs Sly raised an issue of residents complaints about magazine content, specifically one person dominating many pages, after much discussion it was agreed that the editor had the final say on content, but Mr. Hulstrom agreed to talk informally with him on this returning issue.</p> <p>Mrs. Smith enquired what had been done about the overgrown hedges in the villages, Mrs. Parkin explained that she had put an open letter on this very subject in the October magazine, it was agreed to await the results.</p> <p>Mr. Monk reported a faulty gate and barrier at the junction of Montagu Road and Ermine Street, this was to be reported to our Highways Warden, Mr. Reynolds for action.</p> <p>Mrs Parkin reported issues with troublesome neighbours in Great Stukeley, after discussion revealing that the person involved lived in a Luminus property it was agreed that that company should be written to for them to take the appropriate action.</p>	

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104. NEXT MEETINGS	<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> <p>On Monday 7th January 2013 at the village hall Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 4th February 2013 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 4th March 2013 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 1st April 2013 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 13th May 2013 the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING followed by the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.00pm.</p>	