

**A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 at 7.30.pm.**

ATTENDANCE	Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. S. Smith, H.Raby, P.Ryan, M.Monk, P. Vincent, R. Hulstrom(arriving late)County Councillors Sir Peter Brown and Laine Kadic, District Councillor K. Baker, Rebecca Britton and six members of the public.
APOLOGIES	Were received from P. Hobson & Mrs. N. Sly both for personal reasons..
OPEN MEETING	<p>Mr. Hudson and two others who were renting space at the Grange Farm Industrial units enquired whether the Parish Council, who had discussed the units at a previous meeting, could explain why they had been given notice to quit the site by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012, as they felt that their regular movements of two to three journeys per week would make little difference whereas as the wood working unit employing some twenty people were being allowed to stay. Mr. Monk on behalf of the Council agreed that the matter had been raised in a complaint by Green End residents about the volume and speed of traffic accessing the site, but however the decision to give notice was not that of the Council, he advised that they should take the matter up with their landlords. M/s Britton explained that alternative sites had been offered by Urban &amp; Civic and that the District Council had also identified alternative sites. Ms Kadic added that she had also been contacted by the complainants and was making enquiries on their behalf.</p> <p>Dr. James of Owl End said he had attended the recent exhibition by M/s Savills which was held to explain to the public what their intentions were for the Washingley Farm Business Park, he had already sent the following comments in letter form to the Parish Council. He said he felt their traffic flow information was completely flawed in that, in particular, it seemed to take no note of the congestion already at the Spittals roundabout with current traffic levels and no account of the extra traffic flows caused by regular traffic flow interruptions on the A.14, he added that to say the majority of the proposed 2200 jobs created would be accessed by traffic coming from Huntingdon area was belied by the fact that a good majority of the traffic generated by the existing Ermine Street Business Park already came from the northerly direction along Ermine Street through the villages. He was of the opinion that if this were to be permitted it should only be if an access/exit was provided directly onto the A.141 further to the north east by the Motor sales outlet site. Another point he added was that the ESBP was not at present fully occupied so where was the need. All the existing traffic congestion was already to be impacted on by the proposed Alconbury Weald development proposals and that there was still planning applications live for the 1200 houses on the Northbridge site on the opposite side of Ermine Street he concluded that the present road infrastructure could not possibly cope and that the proposals should be strenuously resisted.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan said that there were several consultations taking place at present which broadly covered the possible future development of Huntingdon and the area to the north, he added that the Council had responded to these robustly suggesting that one of the critical issues concerning the Stukeleys was traffic generation.</p> <p>Mr. Monk replied that the Council fully supported all the points he had raised and that they had invited M/s Savills to attend the Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January so that the public reaction to their exhibition could be analysed, he also recommended that Dr. James copy his letter to both District and County Councils as well as the local MP. Mr. Monk added that this Council would</p>

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	<p>favour no development of the site but if it were to happen a mixed development would be the 'lesser of two evils', he also pointed out that the impact of the proposals would pose a serious threat of the erosion of the separation of the villages and the Urban District.</p> <p>Mr. Shaun Pond of Lodge Farm, Great Stukeley asked what the latest position was on the promised planning application for the new track at Grange Farm, Mr. Monk advised that even though the District Council had advised that no application was required Urban &amp; Civic had made the decision, after discussion with the authorities officers to make a retrospective application. Ms Britton on behalf of U&amp;C explained that because of the public alarm over the track they had decided to make the application to show good faith and that it should be available to inspect soon after it was lodged, hopefully prior to Christmas, she added that no existing access rights would be affected in any way. Julie Magnus from Lodge Farm enquired whether all the materials that were used in construction had the necessary clearance documentation, Ms Britton answered that the crushed material used came from the same site and had all the necessary clearances, she also advised that the track would most definitely not be used for the transport of construction materials but only for inter site journeys and for Mr. Smith to cut grass on the old air base site, thus negating the use of public roads. Ms Britton was questioned as to whether this route would form part of the new access road to the A.141, she replied, that it was a possibility but that if it were it would be subject to due consultation process. Ms Magnus intimated that the planning issue for the track was not the 'grey area' suggested as there was clear regulations that required any farm track proposals to be the subject of an enquiry to the Local Planning Authority who had, then 28 days to advise as to whether the proposals required an official planning application, she also complained that as neighbours to the site they should be informed of any planning proposals made in that area, which thus far had not been the case, Ms Britton said that she could only apologise for the oversight and that measures would be put in place to ensure that they were informed in future.</p>	
120.MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the minutes of the meeting of the 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2012 were approved by members and signed by the chairman.	
121. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST	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.	
122.COUNTY ISSUES	Sir. Peter Brown advised that the new police commissioner elections had been completed with a turn-out of 18% and that the new commissioner would work from his office in Cambourne, he has also appointed an assistant. He said that the government grant settlement was awaited, probably just prior to Christmas and when it did it would enable the finalisation of the service level for next year. Ms Kadic advised that the viaduct on the A.14 was to undergo necessary strengthening repairs shortly which would involve 'lowering the carriageway' slightly, she added that she had been assured by the authorities that this would not negate the possibility of improvements in the future and that the repairs were both urgent and necessary.	
123.DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Baker told members that the Cabinet proposed 'second' bin charge had been called in, he also advised that the Districts support of the voluntary sector would continue next year but on a reduced level with some applicants being refused support as there was a total need to make extra savings of £2.3m.	
124. ACCOUNTS	(a)The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by	

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	<p>Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ryan and approved by the meeting EON Electric for October supply £60.29. Easiprint for November Magazine £132.00. M. J. Newman, clerks October Salary £159.57. net. Plus agreed office space allowances £28.00. T&amp;S Gardening for Grass maintenance work £240.69. KM Lighting Services for light repairs £144.00.</p> <p>(b) Income NIL</p> <p>(c) The clerk then left the meeting whilst a proposal by the Chairman and vice chairman to pay him an honorarium of £100 for extra work involved in setting up and servicing the Alconbury Weald Proposals meetings. It was agreed unanimously on a proposal by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mr. Ryan that this amount should be paid subject to tax deductions at the appropriate rate.</p> <p>(d) The Precept for the period ended March 2014 was discussed at length and it was agreed on a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs Smith that the increase for the year should be inflation proofed which would result in a figure of £16.500 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.</p>	
125.PLANNING	<p>A. The members considered the two proposals, one for Green End the other for Ermine Street Little Stukeley to provide affordable housing specifically to fulfil the needs of any local applicants, a long discussion took place on each site's merits and it was agreed that consultation of a broader nature was required with local residents to establish their thoughts on the future development of our two villages, it was also agreed that the planning group should draft a questionnaire on the matter to bring to the next meeting for the Councils agreement before it is circulated among the community for their response.</p> <p>B. St. Johns Land at Great Stukeley, this issue was fully discussed at the open session and it was agreed that Savills should attend the January meeting to inform members and the public of what their intentions were in order to mitigate the very great concerns about the impact of these proposals.</p> <p>C. Green End. Although discussed at length in the open session Mr. Hulstrom emphasised the concern among residents of the area about the volume as well as speed of traffic in the area, he was supportive of the idea that a number of the occupants had been given notice and he added that the main offender was the courier service vans who made up to 30 journeys daily, he said he had no objection to storage facilities on site which required limited journeys or the joinery business whose employees arrived for six in the morning and left by four in the afternoon even though it generated the most heavy vehicle movements. He asked Ms Britton whether it would be possible to 'vet' any future prospective tenants to establish their suitability for the site, a practice Mr. Raby advised was strictly observed with his industrial units at Brookfield Farm.</p> <p>D. The matter of the newly constructed track at Grange Farm had also been fully discussed in the open session prior to the full council meeting.</p>	
126.RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>The problems associated with footpath 13 between Ermine Street and Beech Avenue were discussed fully with the clerk providing members with T&amp;S Gardening's quote of £2450 for the refurbishment of it to provide a solid surface. It was generally agreed that it was an important link path and that every effort should be made to have the work done. Investigations had revealed that the County Council, although the responsible body, had insufficient funds available to do the work and suggested an application for a grant from the 'Local Highway Improvement' grant scheme 2013/14. Mr. Raby said that he believed the County should pay for the work but that realistically this probably was not going to happen. As the steps onto the path from Ermine Street were now very slippery and the hand rail had broken Mr. Pond was to be asked to</p>	

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	<p>quote to repair these as well. The clerk was then instructed, upon receipt of these figures submit a request for grant aid from the nominated scheme. The Clerk was also asked to write to the rights of way officer of the County Council to register the councils disappointment that they would not fund, as the responsible authority, this work, they were to be informed also that if and when this work was done the access gate to Beech Avenue will need replacing. Mr. Ryan informed members that the reported damaged bridge on footpath 13, caused by a bull, had been repaired by the County and also they had fitted an access gate to the bridge to stop any repetition of such damage. He also reported that the County archaeologists department had been urged to give a ruling on the status of footpath 11 proposed diversion plans before Christmas.</p>	
127.ALLOTMENTS	<p>Mr. Ryan stated that the allotment group had held a meeting with U&amp;C prior to this evenings council meeting, at this meeting the format of the new central building was discussed, draft plans have been produced that generally met favour from the group and it was envisaged that some form of planning application for a single central building will be submitted quite soon, this was envisaged as a low cost simple design. Issues in connection with water provision for the site were still causing some concern in certain sectors but investigations were to continue. Due to the narrow nature of Owl End it was probably going to be necessary to adjust the whole site accordingly to accommodate a turning area on site to facilitate large vehicles needed, probably to deliver compost.</p> <p>Mrs Parkin said she proposed to contact Philip Baker to see if he was prepared to allow some ‘infill’ planting in his spinney on the western boundary of the site, she also advised that the planting of the ‘jubilee wood’ would take place on the last three weekends of January and she was looking for conformation of volunteers to complete the task.</p>	
128.TRAFFIC ISSUES	<p>Mr. Monk said that he nothing to report.</p>	
129.PLAYING FIELD	<p>The issue of whether the field would benefit from ‘rabbit fencing’ round it’s boundary was fully discussed. Mr. Raby said he knew of several contractors who would be able to undertake the work and that he would supply Mr. Vincent with relevant details. Mr. Ryan said that Sport England were offering grant aid for leisure facility improvement, Mr. Hulstrom added that a survey by the local authority to establish exactly how advantageous any works may be to the community and how many people would benefit. Mr. Vincent was to be supplied with Sport England detail and he would approach the Sport &amp; Leisure department at the District Council to seek their advice on the project, he agreed to report progress to the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom reported several meetings with SMYFC about their tenancy details and that they were still considering what route they would like to pursue in regard of rent or lease.</p>	
131. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mrs. Parkin revealed that due to health issues had not been able to visit the Rose family with reference to quad bikes in the playing field, but that she would do this week.</p> <p>Overgrown hedges in Church Way, Lt. Stukeley &amp; Church Road, Gt. Stukeley were to be reported to the council Highway Warden, Mr. Reynolds.</p> <p>Groundwork’s in a paddock on the east side of Ermine Street, Lt. Stukeley were to be the subject of an enquiry by the clerk.</p> <p>The subject of the complaints about the Parish Website was reviewed and to whether it needs an update which could possibly cost in the region of £700. Both Mr. Ryan and Mr. Vincent were charged with investigating all the possibilities and probable costs and to report to fellow members at the January</p>	

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	<p>meeting.  The subject of the proposed lorry count on Ermine street was raised again and Mrs. Parkin, M/s P. Ryan, M. Monk and R. Hulstrom agreed that they would between them arrange a schedule and collate that information.</p>	
132. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.  On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.  On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.  On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.  On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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>	