

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 4th February 2013 at 7.30.pm.

ATTENDANCE	Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. S. Smith, P.Ryan, M.Monk, P. Vincent, R. Hulstrom, Mrs. N. Sly, Rebecca Britton, Tim Slater, the County Councillors, the District Councillor and six members of the public.
OPEN MEETING	Mr. Wilson of Church Way reported that the roadside drain outside the 'old school' was blocked with water flowing all over the road and that had become especially hazardous during the recent freezing spell, the clerk agreed to report the matter to the County Council for attention.
APOLOGIES	Were received from P. Hobson for personal reasons and Mr. H. Raby who was away on holiday.
146.MINUTES	On a proposal by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the minutes of the meeting of the 7 th January 2013 were approved by members and signed by the chairman.
147. 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, Mr. Hulstrom and Mrs Sly declared an interest in agenda item no 151Aa but as councillors for the area declared their intention to take part in the discussion on that matter.
148.COUNTY ISSUES	Sir Peter advised that the Council cabinet were likely to support a Council Tax rise of 1.99% at their forthcoming meeting. He was questioned by Mr. Monk as to whether it was still council policy to support infrastructure implementation before development as he was concerned that central government was pressing very hard for housing development in Cambridgeshire even without the required improvements to the local infrastructure, a particular case in question was the future of the A.14 because he added he felt it was critical that the viaduct section was removed as that would eliminate through traffic and its ramifications for the villages. Sir Peter responded by saying that he would identify the County Councils policy position in regard of the A.14 but that he felt that as the Highways Agency were reported to be spending in the region of 12 million pounds on strengthening the viaduct they as an authority had no immediate plans for the replacement of the facility. He explained that there was shortly to be a meeting convened to discuss what finance levels would be required of the District and County Councils to initiate any consideration of the implementation of any major rebuilding project for the A.14.
149.DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Baker informed that the District Council who had one of the lowest council taxes were proposing a minimal increase per band 'D' property, in their council tax demand for 2013/14.
150. ACCOUNTS	(a)The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ryan and approved by the meeting EON Electric for January supply £60.29. Easiprint for February Magazine £230.00. M. J. Newman, clerks January Salary £159.57. net. Plus agreed office space allowances £28.00. Printerbase for ink cartridges £100.98. T&S Gardening for maintenance £60.00. K&M Lighting for lighting repairs £72.00. HMRC for income tax £139.67. (b) The clerk reported to members that HMRC required from 1 st April 2013 that all salary accounts must be computerised in 'Real Time' and for one employee this appeared to be extreme, as members fully agreed, Mr. Monk proposed, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom and fully supported by members that Cambs ACRE be contracted to conduct the councils salary payments and tax payments on an annual contract at a quoted cost of £76.40 plus VAT

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151.PLANNING	<p>A.a&b. Mr. Monk referred to the draft questionnaire that had been circulated to all members and asked for any comments, it was universally agreed that the documents asked all the relevant questions that had been previously discussed and as such on a proposal by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Vincent that format was adopted. After discussion on circulation of the document to achieve the optimum response it was further agreed that the questionnaire should be distributed by members of the council and the clerk to each household with the instruction that the completed document was collected a week after it was delivered or that it could be delivered to either a council member or to the clerk, this to be agreed between the distributors and the recipients at the point of delivery.</p> <p>B. ALCONBURY WEALD. Mr. Monk reported that the JPCLG had now received and discussed the responses from the District Planning Authority and the Highways Authority on the plans submitted by Urban & Civic. The District Council had asked U&C to respond to the Parish Councils comments (these were promised within the next two weeks). The responses received were to be filed with the minutes and published on the Parish Council Website.</p> <p>C. Application No 1202036FUL for a track at Grange Farm. It was agreed after much discussion to approve this application with the following comments. The Parish Council restates its grave concern that the applicant circumvented the proper planning procedures in constructing this track ahead of submitting a planning application giving rise to anxieties from the Parish Council and local residents that full evaluation of its impact had not been thoroughly explored. It is to be hoped that the applicant will not repeat this high handed approach. Local residents have raised technical concerns about which the Parish Council does not have the technical resources to assess and therefore seeks reassurance from the District Council that it will take into account these concerns together with any responses from the applicant before making a decision on the application.</p> <p>Subject to reassurances on these points the Parish Council would recommend approval subject to the following condition, namely, That the track is only used for agricultural purposes, site maintenance and occasional access for technical and other site visits. This submission was approved on a proposal by Mr. Monk and seconded by Mrs Sly with five members in favour and one abstention. The Council debated how the proposed green space could be preserved in perpetuity , but it was generally agreed that the best way to secure the green space impertuity was probably by setting up a dedicated trust, a method reportedly favoured by Urban & Civic, it was agreed that this matter should be pursued.</p> <p>D. Application No 1201975FUL for a bungalow north of Pringle Farm in Little Stukeley, this application had with it several letters of support from adjacent property owners. The Council on a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom resolved to approve the application for the following reasons. The proposed bungalow will provide a form of supported living housing of which there is limited supply within the village.</p> <p>It relates well to the existing built up area. Although outside the previously defined village framework, it is considered that it forms a natural extension to the village fabric being effectively surrounded by buildings on three sides; its impact on open countryside is therefore minimal and does not outweigh the benefits of the development.</p> <p>The design and materials proposed are sympathetic to the locality and, together with the proposed landscaping, would enhance the character of the Little</p>	

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	<p>Stukeley conservation area.</p> <p>There is no adverse impact on the setting of the neighbouring Pringle Farmhouse, a grade two listed building, and indeed the landscaping proposed will enhance it's setting.</p> <p>E. Application No 1300051FUL for a new canopy at RAF Alconbury. In response to this application it was resolved on a proposal by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the application with the following conditions.</p> <p>The proposed development will require substantial soft landscaping between the canopy and Ermine Street and also to the open fields to the south. It is also suggested that the canopy should be of a colour that blends adequately with the surrounding landscape.</p> <p>It is also recommended that the canopy should not be over illuminated with flood lights during the hours of darkness.</p> <p>F. Application No H/05000/13/CW for various alterations and additions at buildings 110 &118 at Alconbury Airfield. It was agreed on a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom to pose not objections to this application as it had no adverse impact on the immediate locality.</p>	
152.RIGHTS OF WAY.	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that unfortunately there had been no progress in eliminating the ongoing problems with footpath 9 in Owl End, but that Ms Kadic was still investigating the situation. It was also reported that there was no further progress on the diversion of footpath 11 as the issue of its upgrading to bridleway status still had not be agreed.</p>	
153.ALLOTMENTS	<p>Mr. Ryan reported and then displayed photographs of the new proposed clubhouse for the site, he reflected what an admirable job Urban & Civics surveyors had done for the council, he intimated that these plans for the site were ready for submission as a planning application to the District Authority and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk when asked should provide a cheque amounting to approx £380 to support such an application as it was likely to be prior to the next council meeting in March.</p> <p>He also added that as far as the lease of the allotment area from U&C was concerned he and Mr. Hulstrom had visited a firm of solicitors and had now submitted the amended document back to the company, he added that some of these had been immediately adopted but that there were still some outstanding issues. The community woodland lease however was not at such a forward stage. It was generally agreed that neither lease should be signed until planning permission was achieved for the site.</p> <p>A special vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. Ryan for the immense amount of work he had undertaken to forward the project to this point. Similarly a vote of thanks were recorded to Rebecca Britton in particular for making all the necessary advice available and also to Urban & Civic for all the technical support they had facilitated in the project.</p>	
154.TRAFFIC ISSUES	<p>Mr. Monk said that he felt that traffic issues had been adequately covered in the item on the proposed village questionnaire.</p>	
155.PLAYING FIELD	<p>It was again discussed as to what the requirements were for rabbit fencing as there had been some alterations to the specification needed. It was agreed that quotations be sought for removing the old fence, siding back the existing hedge to allow the introduction of the new fence, the insertion of one 4 ft replacement gate, a new double gate at the eastern end to allow machinery access from the area behind the Three Horse Shoes Public House, one access gate to the pond and one to the Tumuli together with secondary gates at the main road entrance to avoid wire being attached to the existing 'WI' entrance</p>	

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	gates, the clerk and Mr. Vincent were to acquire new quotes before a grant application was submitted.	
157. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mrs Parkin reported a ‘nasty’ pothole at the southern entrance to Church Road. The clerk reported a special ‘Funding Fair’ at the Maple Centre in Huntingdon on Thursday 21st February 2013 from 10am to 2pm, M/s R. Hulstrom and P Ryan agreed to attend on the councils behalf.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan spoke at length about the refurbishment of the Council Website because as all appreciated the existing one was quite inadequate and difficult to manage. After a lengthy dialogue it was agreed, on a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Vincent that a newly constructed website should be arranged with Mr. Ryan’s chosen expert at a cost of £700 and that the extra cost of mobile handset access, although discussed could not be justified.</p>	
158. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 4th March 2013 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 8th 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> <p>On Monday 3rd June 2013 at the village hall Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 1st July 2013 at the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	