

**A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 at 7.30.pm.**

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. S. Smith, Mrs. N. Sly, P.Ryan, M.Monk, R. Hulstrom, P. Hobson, H. Raby, County Councillor Sir Peter Brown, Rebecca Britton and three members of the public.
<b>OPEN MEETING</b>	<p>There were no questions from the public present, but Mr. Ryan suggested that congratulations were in order for Urban &amp; Civic who had achieved the next stage in the central government Enterprise Zone funding bidding process, this Ms Britton explained, if it comes to fruition, would mean that the construction of the proposed Southern Access onto the A.141 could be brought forward as the prospective significant award amounting to some £4.8M would cover the introduction of this feature, she added however the proposals were subject to planning approval as was the link road from this feature to the Enterprise Zone and when questioned on timing, she added, once the current application is approved ! It was universally agreed that the entrance onto the A.141 had the potential to greatly reduce any increase in traffic flows on Ermine Street and was warmly welcomed, when questioned about the second access onto Ermine Street just north of Little Stukeley which was strongly opposed by the Parish Council, her response was it was still on their planning agenda.</p> <p>Mr. Ryan, in his capacity as resident, moved to sit with the public to explain why he required planning permission for a new access to his paddock in Owl End, he explained this had become necessary as he could find no one who had animals to graze the field and thus a machinery entrance was required to allow the cutting of the grass.</p>
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Were received from P. Vincent, away on holiday.
<b>46. MINUTES</b>	On a proposal by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the minutes of the meeting of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2013 were approved by members and signed by the chairman.
<b>47. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b>	Several declarations of a non prejudicial nature were registered. Mr. Hulstrom on agenda items 52.B, C &D. Mrs Sly C & D and Mr. Ryan a prejudicial interest in agenda item 52F. All members declared a non prejudicial interest in agenda item 52F. All these declarations were accepted by the meeting.
<b>48. COUNTY ISSUES</b>	<p>Sir Peter Brown informed members of his pleasure in the notice that the A.14 upgrade was scheduled to start by 2016 but his dismay that the HA were still undertaking the strengthening works at the railway station at an estimated cost of twenty five million pounds. He added however that the County were now looking at a 10% reduction in central government funding next year which would inevitably lead to more service reductions, however he added that he would strive hard to protect rural services within that budget. He concluded by saying that the new council was working quite well even though it now comprised five different elements within it's structure.</p> <p>On questioning from Mr. Ryan he revealed the members in department charge were Mr. Maguire on highways and Mr. Bates on transport.</p>
<b>49. DISTRICT ISSUES</b>	As Mr. Baker was not present there was no report. The clerk however read a response from District Councillor D. Tysoe on the issue of a second bin charge, he defended rigorously the implementation of such a charge. It was added by Mr. Hulstrom that the present return rate had reached 47% which meant that the increase no longer was cost efficient and that when this figure reached 60% this would actually trigger an extra cost factor to HDC, Mr. Monk, in support, added, this is just as the PC had concluded in their original investigations and is why the return of second bins had been recommended to local residents.

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<b>50. ACCOUNTS</b>	<p>1.(a)The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom and approved by the meeting EON Electric for June supply £58.35. Easiprint for July Magazine £195.00. M. J. Newman, clerks June Salary £159.46. net. Plus agreed office space allowances £28.00. The Clerk for office expenditure Apl/Jun £60.59. T&amp;S Gardening for grass maintenance £696.10</p> <p>RECEIPTS</p> <p>2.Nil</p> <p>3. Accounts update, the clerk supplied by email a complete budget update for the period ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and for a similar period a bank reconcilliation, he asked members if the had any questions as he felt it was imperative that they all understood that by adopting these figures they were admitting liability for their authenticity. On a proposal by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mrs Sly the figures supplied were adopted as a true and correct record.</p> <p>The clerk then said he was completely dissatisfied with the scrutiny level required by central government, he added that this was backed up by events over recent years where council money had been misappropriated by clerks/responsible financial officers. In the unproductive discussion that followed Mr. Hobson suggested that a finance committee be formed to liaise with the clerk on the production and inspection of financial data, unfortunately this was met with no enthusiasm at all as most councillors felt that they were far too busy to consider standing on ‘another’ committee even though it may only be required to meet as little as three/four times per year, however Mr. Hobson felt that it should be an item for further discussion on the August agenda.</p>	
<b>51.COUNCIL COMPUTER</b>	<p>It was agreed that this purchase be put on hold, in line with a request from the clerk.</p>	
<b>52. PLANNING</b>	<p>A. In light of the meeting held with Paul Foice of the District Council Housing Department and Mark Deas from Cambs Acre prior to the evenings official business and their agreement to circulate a questionnaire on our behalf which would seek to identify the need for Social housing specifically for village residents, members resolved to delay their project until the response detail was received from this questionnaire.</p> <p>B. It was agreed that this was also to be deferred until after the planning group had met with Tim Slater on Thursday evening 4<sup>th</sup> July, a meeting to which all other members were invited to attend as well, to discuss the response needed from the Council, this response could then be dealt with by delegated powers from the Council providing all members had seen it prior to dispatch.</p> <p>C. Application 1300730OUT was also deferred to the next meeting to allow more time to assess the detail supplied, this even though it was universally agreed that the Council should object to this proposal in the strongest way possible.</p> <p>D. Application 1300681FUL for a greenhouse type structure at College Farm, Owl End was approved on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Monk. It was thought to be sympathetically designed and could only compliment the adjacent listed building, no problems with street scene as development was not visible from the road, it may actually enhance the curtilage of the listed building and there is no adverse impact on neighbours or the area in general.</p> <p>E. Draft Huntingdonshire Local Plan, the planning group was given delegated powers to respond to this consultation after formally releasing the proposed response to other members.</p>	

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	<p>F. Application No 1300883FUL, Mr. Ryan left the meeting whilst this application was discussed. After reading a potential objection by a solicitor on behalf of a neighbouring property owner a decision on this application was also deferred to the August meeting to give that party the opportunity to present their case to members, the solicitor and his client were to be invited by the clerk to attend that meeting.</p>	
<b>53. RIGHTS OF WAY</b>	<p>Mr. Ryan said that the Council had failed in their bid for grant aid to refurbish footpath 13 but that as in wet weather the path became impassable the work still required doing, Ms Britton explained that they had an arrangement with their contractors, that as part of their contract they were required to undertake some community work on behalf of local organisations, she said she would investigate whether it might be possible for one of them to carry out some refurbishment works on the councils behalf, she agreed to liaise with the footpath committee on this issue. Mr. Ryan was to check with the County to see if this type of arrangement was permissible.</p>	
<b>54. ALLOTMENTS</b>	<p>The problems experienced with Owl End being blocked by a resident when the allotment work started now appear to have been resolved. The initial ground works on the site are progressing well and it would appear that the contractor is on schedule to finish the works within the projected timescale. Ms Britton reported that U&amp;C had provided the allotment contractor with a template of the gate that was required to block off the access to Grange Farm in Owl End and that it was hoped that this could be in situ by the end of August.</p>	
<b>55. TRAFFIC ISSUES</b>	<p>Mr. Monk suggested that the traffic group needed to meet shortly as there were several issues that needed discussion, he said that HDC were working on a plan on how Ermine Street may look in the future with additional traffic measures in place.</p>	
<b>56. PLAYING FIELD</b>	<p>It was reported that Mr. Wright of College Farm was very unhappy about the boundary fence between his property and that of the Three Horse Shoes as the football club, during the construction of their training ground had allegedly pushed all the rubbish and surplus soil into the hedgerow and through onto his land. Although this land was not in the Councils ownership it was considered that by allowing SMYFC to use the adjacent playing field there was a moral responsibility to address this issue. It was agreed that the playing field committee should convene a meeting between all parties, SPC, SMYFC and Mr. Wright so that a resolution to Mr. Wrights complaints could hopefully be found that was acceptable to all parties.</p>	
<b>57. POCKET PARK</b>	<p>No further information.</p>	
<b>58. ITEMS TO REPORT</b>	<p>Mr. Ryan suggested that a response was required to the Local Infrastructure Plan, it was agreed on a proposal by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mr. Raby that the planning group be granted delegated powers to make that response.</p> <p>Mr. Hobson asked for two agenda items for next month, namely, to seek to suggest that Eurostar trains be continued from their existing terminus and on up the east coast main line, and, secondly that the Parish Council give formal consideration to the introduction of a Finance Committee to regulate and formulate council expenditure in the future.</p> <p>Mrs Smith advised of a complaint about a car parked on the pavement at the junction of Church Way and Ermine Street, it was suggested that photographic evidence of the car was sent to Joanna Grant at Cambridgeshire Police, the contact detail to be supplied by the clerk.</p> <p>For information purposes, Mr. Hulstrom reported to members that the 10k run had been a great success and that records were broken in both that race and the 3k run, a record 1100 competitors took part, he added that the police monitored</p>	

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	<p>Owl End during the race and no problems were experienced, finally he thanked U&amp;C for all there support which had contributed significantly in making the whole day a very enjoyable and successful one.</p> <p>Mrs. Smith told members that her son Tom had been selected to represent his Country in the World Dwarfism Games in America in both football and table tennis this coming August, the council members best wishes were to be conveyed to him.</p>	
<b>59. NEXT MEETINGS</b>	<p>On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 3013 at the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 in the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	