

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 5th August 2013 at 7.30.pm.

ATTENDANCE	Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, M.Monk, R. Hulstrom, P. Hobson, H. Raby, P. Vincent, County Councillors Sir Peter Brown and Peter Ashcroft and one member of the public.
OPEN MEETING	Mr. Sly observed that he was opposed to the redevelopment of the site of the old gatehouse bungalow for Stukeley Hall on the grounds of the three proposed dwellings were too large for the site and that the loss of such a locally historic building should not be condoned.
APOLOGIES	Were received from P.Ryan, away on holiday and Sally Smith also away supporting her sons sporting efforts representing his country abroad.
61. MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Monk, the minutes of the meeting of the 1 st July 2013 were approved by members and signed by the chairman.
62. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	All members declared a non prejudicial interest in agenda item 68F as the applicant was a fellow councillor. Mr. Monk declared a similar interest as he was acquainted with both Mr. Ryan and his neighbour, who was objecting to the proposals. Mrs Sly declared a non prejudicial interest in agenda item 68C as she lives in close proximity to the development site. Mr. Hulstrom declared a similar interest in that agenda item also agenda item 68E because he had dealings with the applicant with their lease of the PC playing field. All these declarations were accepted by the meeting.
63. COUNTY ISSUES	Peter Brown informed that the Market Town Transport Strategy had now been adopted and that the first meeting was later this month, he said he would report at the September meeting. He added that the Fire Service members had serious issues with the governments pension proposals for their utility and that it was more than likely that national strike action would take place later this year. Mr. Monk asked, now that Laine Kadic was no longer a county councillor, who would represent the County on the Parish Traffic Group, both councillor Brown and Ashcroft indicated that they would be willing to participate, on questioning Peter Brown intimated that he thought, that if invited, Laine Kadic would also be prepared to participate in her role as chairman of the MTTS group. It was agreed that the traffic group send invitations to all three to attend the next meeting where various transport issues within the 'Alconbury Weald' application would be a significant agenda item. Mr. Ashcroft advised that he had attended a hastily convened meeting in Great Stukeley to decide with the County bridleways officer, the Stukeleys Footpath Committee and Rebecca Britton on what remedial work was advisable on footpath 13, how much it would cost and who would pay, especially as the County insist that at present they have no funds for this type of work.
64. DISTRICT ISSUES	As Mr. Baker was not present there was no report.
65. ACCOUNTS	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 £60.29. Easiprint for August Magazine £180.00. M. J. Newman, clerks July Salary together with holiday pay to employment end £241.56.net: Plus agreed office space allowances £28.00. The Clerk for office expenditure July £24.25. T&S Gardening for grass maintenance £951.00. I.C.O. for data protection £35.00. RECEIPTS 2.Magazine Adverts £954.00. 3. On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, who had researched the minute of July 2008

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	and suggested that this was the designated leaving package to which the clerk was entitled, seconded by Mrs. Sly the meeting agreed to pay Mr. Newman a gratuity of £559.93. in lieu of pension for his 38 years service.	
66. NEW CLERK	<p>The chairman advised, that to date there had only been two applications for the post. Mr. Hulstrom felt that the position should be advertised more widely in the hope of attracting more interest, he was supported by Mr. Monk, it was summarily agreed that an advert be placed in the local job centre and also the library with the closure date extended to 31st August 2013, it was also agreed that the chairman inform the two applicants who had already applied, of the extension to the dates, the full council endorsed these proposals.</p> <p>After a discussion it was agreed that when the applicant numbers are known, a panel consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Hulstrom should conduct initial interviews with prospective candidates and then report their recommendations to the full Council as soon as practicable, furthermore it was agreed that the present clerk should sit with that panel but only in an advisory capacity as required.</p>	
67. FINANCE	<p>Mr. Hobson had circulated his reasoning and a proposal that the council form a financial advisory committee to assist and liaise with the clerk on all council financial matters. On a proposal by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mr. Vincent the council agreed to form such a committee and that the members would be Mr. Hobson, Mr. Hulstrom and Mrs. Sly in her capacity as Vice Chairman, it was also decided that the clerk should be required to bring current financial details, including, invoices, cash book and latest bank statements to every meeting and that this issue would require those committee members to attend 15 minutes prior to the designated start time so that they could, together with the clerk, go through such records, also on a three monthly basis a more ‘in depth’ investigation should be undertaken.</p>	
68. PLANNING	<p>A. It was advised that the Cambs ACRE survey on village housing requirements had now been delivered, so while the results were being awaited, it was agreed that members should urge residents to complete the questionnaire so that relevant action could be considered.</p> <p>B. Further responses to the Alconbury Weald application had been confirmed to members via email and then with the chairman’s delegated powers these responses had been forwarded to the Planning Authority, the full response was filed in the Councils Planning file.</p> <p>C. Application 1300730OUT for the ‘Washingley Business Park’ this response was similarly confirmed via email and then with the chairman’s delegated powers forwarded to the Planning Authority with a copy kept in the Planning file.</p> <p>D. Application 1300972FUL for the demolition of a bungalow and the erection of three one & half storey dwellings with new access at 67 Ermine St. This application, after a lengthy discussion was recommended for refusal on a proposition by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom and supported by five members with one abstention. The Council resolved to recommend refusal of the application on the grounds that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It would result in overdevelopment of the site, leading to cramped development which would be out of character with other housing developments adjacent to the site. 2. The height of the dwellings along with the 1.8m perimeter fence would have a detrimental impact on the street scene at this important entrance to the main body of the village. 3. It would result in the loss of an historically important Edwardian/Tudor style 	

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	<p>building that is unique in the village and marks the entrance to one of the drives to Stukeley Hall, a Grade Two Listed Building and would damage it's important parkland setting.</p> <p>E. Application 1300739FUL for use of land behind the Three Horse Shoes public house for the siting of two portacabins. It was agreed on a proposal by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mrs. Sly that approval is recommended for this application because it has no adverse impact on the street scene, it is necessary to encourage the appropriate use of the site and the adjacent playing field. It will be of significant benefit to the community especially young sportspersons and will have a beneficial outcome for the nearby village facilities.</p> <p>F. Application 1300883FUL for a new field gateway in Owl End. Members were mindful of the applicants reasons for the gate and of the objection letter received from another resident in Owl End. After a great deal of deliberation it was agreed that there were no material planning reasons to refuse the application. On a proposal by Mrs. Sly, seconded by Mr. Vincent it was agreed to recommend approval of the application with a caveat that the gate should be a single agricultural gate and that access should only be for machinery required for the maintenance of the grass in the field.</p> <p>E. It was reported that the Council's response to the Huntingdonshire Draft Local Plan Review had been circulated to members by the planning group prior to it being sent to the District Planning Authority under the Chairman's delegated powers.</p>	
69. RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>A meeting referred to earlier in County Issues was arranged by the clerk, it was successful in the fact that it highlighted the problems associated with this footpath 13, what the ideal solution was, and hopefully with the assistance of a U&C employed contractor this work could be agreed, Ms Britton was to consult with her contractors to see if it were possible for them to undertake the work and what the costings would be, she was to keep everyone up to date with her progress.</p>	
70. ALLOTMENTS	<p>It was reported that the new allotments had been officially handed over to SPC last week with just the lease details to be finalised within the next few days, the clerk reported that it had been agreed with the solicitors for Urban & Civic that the documentation be signed by two councillors, namely Sue Parkin and Michael Monk, to be witnessed by the 'proper officer' (the clerk) as soon as they arrived at the clerks house, then returned to the solicitor by Friday 9th August 2013, this together with lease fees of £30 and first year rent of £10 giving a total of £48 inclusive of VAT, the chairman supported by all members authorised that a cheque for this amount be raised and sent to the agents for U&C, ie Savills(UK).</p> <p>It was reported and circulated that Mr. Hulstrom had finalised the document to agree a tenancy between the allotment holders and the council, this would be handed to each individual plot holder who would be required to fill in and sign and include first years rent (£25 full plot or £15 half plot) together with a key deposit of £10, cheques made out to Stukeley's Parish Council. He added that the agreement was not valid until such time as the money was paid, another condition was that at least two thirds of the plot must be in use to maintain the tenancy, this issue would be monitored by regular visual checks of the area.</p> <p>Mr. Vincent was to supply the clerk with a comprehensive list of numbered plots with the names of the individual tenants. These matters were proposed for acceptance by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Sly and adopted by members. Mr. Vincent also indicated that he had a tree that was too large for his plot and suggested that it is planted in an agreed position with a plaque to indicate that</p>	

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	<p>the whole site was only made possible with the considerable assistance and expertise of Urban & Civic.</p> <p>Mr. Monk asked that it be recorded that the Council deeply appreciated not only the contribution of Urban & Civic but also the considerable contribution made by several individual councillors in bringing this project into being.</p>	
71. TRAFFIC ISSUES	<p>Mr. Monk suggested that all relevant issues had been discussed under the 'County Issues' agenda item earlier.</p>	
72. PLAYING FIELD	<p>A. Mr. Vincent reported that the rabbit fencing work was to start next week and that he would monitor the projects progress.</p> <p>B. The issues between Mr. Wright and SMYFC were discussed fully and it was generally agreed that it was not in this councils interests to get involved.</p> <p>C. The figures circulated by the clerk regarding the rental fee for the playing field were discussed and it was agreed on a proposal by Mr. Raby, seconded by Mrs. Sly that SMYFC be advised that their new monthly rental figure starting on 1st September 2013 would be £35 this in order to reflect field maintenance costs.</p> <p>After a recent unfortunate incident where a player was injured it was agreed that SMYFC be informed that their agreement with the Parish Council allowed teams from that club to use the facility and that if any other club or organisation wished to use the facilities that would only be possible providing that SMYFC was in agreement and permission had been sought and granted by the Parish Council</p>	
74. POCKET PARK	<p>No further information.</p>	
75. EUROSTAR	<p>Mr. Hobson's suggestion that the council should approach the government with a proposal that thought is given to putting infrastructure in place to allow the Eurostar trains to access the main east coast line and then travel onwards towards Doncaster, was discussed, it was agreed that Mr. Hobson should draft letters to both The Secretary of State for Transport and the Chairman of Legal & General to say that this Council would be in support of any measures that made this an alternative to HS2 the very expensive project presently supported by central government. These letter should be circulated to all members for perusal prior to being dispatched under the Chairman's delegated powers.</p>	
76. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>It was reported that a new access had been forged into the paddock next to Denmark House, but as no works had been initiated on the footway or the road it was agreed to monitor the matter.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom reported that examination of Council records revealed that the Parish only leased a small parcel of land from the District in West View and not the complete grass area, the land was owned by the District Council and residents in that area had access rights over that land and did not actually own it, with this in mind it was appreciated that the general public had similar rights to use the footpath crossing that area.</p> <p>It was agreed that the proposers of the Abbots Ripton Wind Farm be invited to the next meeting to explain their rational for placing this facility on what appeared to be good agricultural land.</p>	
77. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 2nd September 2013 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 7th October 2013 in the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 4th November 2013 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2nd December 2013 in the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	

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