

**A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.00.pm.**

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, M.Monk, R. Hulstrom, P. Hobson, P. Vincent, P. Ryan, H. Raby & Mrs. S. Smith. County Councillors Sir Peter Brown and Peter Ashcroft, District Councillor K. Baker, Ms. Rebecca Britton of U&C, Paul Mumford from HDC and two members of the public.
<b>OPEN MEETING HIGHWAYS AGENCY</b>	<p>M/s James Lindsay from Atkins and Mike Evans from the Highways Agency addressed members on the proposals for the new A.14 Upgrade through Cambridgeshire. It was explained that 85.000 vehicles per day presently used this road with 25% being heavy goods vehicles, also there was to be a predicted rise of 26% by 2025. The prime expectation of the proposals was to get the right traffic on the right roads and with the de-trunking of the existing A.14 and its handover to the Cambs County Council which should facilitate better access for local facilities including pedestrians and cyclists. The A.1 would be widened from Alconbury to the Brampton Hut with three lanes in both directions similar to the new A.14 proposals. It was stated that it was a central government idea to toll the new road, with charges being applied between 6am and 10pm, it was envisaged that charges could be in the region of £1 for cars and £2 for lorries, passes would be available in local facilities and directly from the agency, the entire system would be monitored by a number plate recognition system thus eliminating the necessity for toll booths on the highway. The viaduct would be removed. The existing route would be de-trunked and would then be the responsibility of the County Council who would receive a 'dowry' for future maintenance. Any refurbishment of the Ouse viaduct would ultimately be the responsibility of the County Council. One of the greatest concerns, among many others was the possibility of 'rat running' on local roads through our villages to avoid the charges, once again the HA stated that this was not their responsibility to monitor and address, but the of the County Council.</p> <p>Many more questions were posed by both members and public, these being answered with varying degrees of satisfaction. At this point the chairman wound up the proceedings and thanked the Highway officials for attending.</p>
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	There were no apologies.
<b>94. MINUTES</b>	On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the minutes of the meeting of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2013 were approved and signed by the chairman.
<b>95. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b>	Both Mr. Ryan & Mr. Hulstrom declared a non prejudicial interest in matters relating to Urban & Civic because of their involvement in the promotion of the 10k run staged on their land at Alconbury Weald.
<b>96. COUNTY ISSUES</b>	It was reported that there were no outstanding issues to comment on but that an update on Council matters would be made at the next meeting.
<b>97. DISTRICT ISSUES</b>	Mr. Baker reported that the full council had now approved the District budget for the next financial year and this would incur a 2% Council Tax increase for the period. He reported that budget cuts were becoming increasingly difficult to source.
<b>98. ACCOUNTS</b>	1.(a)The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom and approved by members after the relevant invoices and cheques had been examined and approved by the finance committee. EON Electric for September supply £58. 35. Easiprint for October Magazine £180.00. M. J. Newman, clerks August Salary of 26 hours @ £10.55. = £219.50 nett. Plus agreed office space allowances £28.00. The

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	<p>Clerk for office expenditure September £23.70.. T&amp;S Gardening for grass maintenance £1032.72. The National Allotment Association for fees £66.00. Cambs ACRE</p> <p>Real time wages £37.44. MP Windows for bus shelter cleaning £50.00. A.C. Summerfield for grass cutting £450.00. Huntree Fencing for rabbit fencing at playing field £7931.88. K&amp;M Lighting for light repairs £729.60. Wyton Garden Centre for water pipe for allotments £6.58. J. Etienne refund of key deposit £10.00. HMRC Income Tax £39.80.</p> <p>The Council also agreed to use their Section 137 powers to purchase two wreaths for remembrance Sunday from the Royal British Legion for £40.00.</p> <p><b>RECEIPTS</b></p> <p>2. Magazine Adverts                    £12.00</p> <p>3. Five allotment rentals            £90.00.</p> <p>    Five key deposits                    £50.00.</p>	
<b>99. NEW CLERK</b>	It was revealed that due to the unavailability for interview of one of the selected candidates these interviews would now take place in late October.	
<b>100. PLANNING</b>	<p>A. As the Housing Needs Survey had been received to late for inclusion in this months agenda it was decided to include it on the December meeting Agenda if that were convenient for Cambs ACRE.</p> <p>B. Application No 1201158OUT Alconbury Weald, it was reported that following an informal meeting with officers of HDC planning a revised response had been forwarded by the Planning Group under the chairman’s delegated powers after it had been circulated to and agreed by all members, it was also agreed that Mr. Ryan should represent the Council at the Development Control meeting in October to speak on the Councils behalf about concerns that still existed.</p>	
<b>101. A.14 UPGRADE</b>	It was agreed that due to the lack of time available, a response has to be with the Highways Agency by 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2013, that Mr. Ryan prepare a response highlighting the Councils general support for the scheme because it has the scope to bring welcome benefits to the Huntingdon and surrounding areas, including the improvement to amenity of the Town, removal of strategic through-traffic from main local routes and additional road capacity to support the large amounts of employment and residential development that is expected around Huntingdon. It was to be stressed that tolling of the road may seriously erode many of the benefits of amenity to Huntingdon and it’s immediate area, with the potential for many to use, and seriously congest local roads in an effort to avoid the tolls, the removal of the A.14 viaduct over the railway has the potential to have many advantages including the removal of through traffic from the town. It was also to be suggested that funding and plans should be provided for mitigation measures on the C.339 through the Stukeley villages reducing the attraction of this route to through traffic and HGV’s who tend to ignore the existing weight limit restriction. It was also noted that there was a need for improvements to the A.141 northern by-pass which is another alternative route to avoid tolling and will carry additional traffic because of proposed local developments and landscaping to recover the amenity of Views Common, with the removal of the embanked section of the existing A.14. The full text of the response can be viewed at the clerks home in Low Road.	
<b>102. BUILDINGS OF CHARACTER</b>	By their response to the Parish Councils request to form a listing for these buildings it was obvious that the District had no intention of producing such a list. Does the Parish proceed with our investigations of the possibility of	

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	<p>producing our own register. Mr. Monk referred to an acquaintance, Bet Davis, a noted expert on listed buildings, and the possibility of requesting her to carry out a village walk with the aim to identify any Buildings of Character that were not listed on the District Council Heritage Building List, and to ask what she considered was the best way forward. It was agreed by the members that Mr. Monk contact her to see if she was willing to undertake the survey.</p>	
<b>103. RIGHTS OF WAY</b>	<p>At this point to chairman closed the council meeting to allow Ms Britton to address members on various footpath issues. She said that in consideration of what type of restriction to put at the end of Owl End to restrict traffic from accessing bridleway 10 she said it was considered that a bollard control may be the most convenient to all users, Mr. Hulstrom proposed &amp; Mr. Monk seconded that this facility be erected, seven members supported the motion with one abstention. For footpath 13 she said that a raft/bridge over the section closest to the highway was proposed and that the remainder be surfaced with material agreed by the County, the cost was estimated at £3.500 with the County providing £2000, Urban &amp; Civic £1000 and Stukeleys PC the remainder. It was proposed by Mr. Raby &amp; seconded by Mr. Hobson and supported by members that this proposition was supported.</p> <p>Footpath 11 was still providing challenges with the diversion costs now being established, after meetings to establish the County requirements to approve any such diversion. The Council then returned into committee.</p>	
<b>104. ALLOTMENTS</b>	<p>Mr. Vincent informed members that all plots were now taken and paid for. A discussion followed on how the financing of the proposed new central building could be addressed. Mr. &amp; Mrs. Vincent were to be approached to see if they would lead the grant application process, Mr. Vincent implied that they were both very busy and would require some help, this assistance was volunteered by Mrs. Smith. Mr. Hulstrom proposed, seconded by Mr. Monk that in principle the Council would be able to raise £5000/6000 to put towards the building, this motion was supported by all members. Mr. Hulstrom then said he would obtain three individual quotations based on the design details already at hand, when these were all in hand the Council could discuss the matter further and decide on the way forward.</p>	
<b>105. TRAFFIC ISSUES</b>	<p>Mr. Monk informed members that the group would meet next on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 with the main agenda item involving discussion of the ‘traffic management’ system for the C.339 devised by Stuart Bell of HDC, he agreed to report detail at next months meeting.</p>	
<b>106. PLAYING FIELD</b>	<p>This matter was discussed at length, with the main issue of whether the newly erected fence, with wire sunk at 100mm and not turned laterally, was suitable for purpose, as it was advised that to protect reasonably the wire should have been 300mm deep and 300mm laterally. After much deliberation it was decided to with-hold the payment of the account until a meeting on site had been held with the contractor to discuss whether the work done was of the correct specification.</p> <p>Mrs Parkin reported a response from SMYFC chairman informing of the secretaries illness and apologising for the delay in that response, it did thank all members for their support for their project. A very blurred picture of the offending dog owner exercising her pet in the playing field, was circulated to all members for identification purposes</p>	
<b>107. AMERICAN LIASION</b>	<p>Mrs Parkin reported that the offer was for assistance from young single American service personnel to carry out two visits in a year, at the councils request to carry out small maintenance projects such as path clearing, litter picking and hedge trimming, all this as an effort to build community</p>	

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	relationships. It was agreed that this was an excellent proposition and Mrs. Parkin was asked to respond to Jackie Ireland at the base to seek further information and to intimate that the Council accepted in principle this generous offer and to arrange a face to face an informal meeting to discuss how the proposition could be best forwarded.	
<b>108. CORRESPONDENCE</b>	This had been sent to members electronically and there were no issues rising.	
<b>109. POCKET PARK</b>	No further information.	
<b>110. EUROSTAR</b>	It was reported that a response had now been received from Department of Transport which was similar in contact to that received from the local MP. It was however learnt that the ECML franchise which was now open for tender had received an application from Eurostar to run the service.	
<b>111. KERBSIDE RECYCLING</b>	The offer of kerbside re-cycling collection by a St. Ives based company was discussed and it was thought to be prudent that the Parishes that were claimed to be involved should be contacted for their experiences of the service.	
<b>112. ITEMS TO REPORT</b>	<p>Mr. Wormsley-Carter contacted the chairman to advise he still had issues with an anti-social neighbour, it was to be explained that the PC had no powers in this matter but they would wish to be kept in touch with events as they progressed, in the event of further written support being required, this could be addressed on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom asked for various issues relating to Green End to be placed on next months agenda. Similarly Mr. Ryan requested that an MTTTS report be on the same agenda. The requisition of replacement trees and the purchase of flowers for the ground surrounding the village signs was also an agenda item for November.</p> <p>The Cambs ACRE housing study was to be an agenda item for either December 2013 or January 2014.</p> <p>The clerk was requested to book all 2014 PC meetings in alternate village halls for the first Monday of each month excepting where that was a Bank Holiday.</p>	
<b>113. NEXT MEETINGS</b>	<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> <p>On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p> <p>On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 in the village hall at Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p>	