

**A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30.pm.**

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, M.Monk, R. Hulstrom, P. Hobson, P. Ryan, H. Raby & Mrs. S. Smith. County Councillors Sir Peter Brown and Peter Ashcroft & Ms. Rebecca Britton of U&C.						
<b>OPEN MEETING</b>	There were no members of the public in attendance.						
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	There were apologies from Mr. K. Baker and Mr. P. Vincent due to work commitments.						
<b>114. MINUTES</b>	On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the minutes of the meeting of the 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 were approved and signed by the chairman.						
<b>115. 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>116. 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>117. DISTRICT ISSUES</b>	Mr. Baker was not present at the meeting.						
<b>118. ACCOUNTS</b>	<p>1.(a)The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Sly and approved by members after the relevant invoices and cheques had been examined and approved by the finance committee. EON Electric for October supply £60.28. Easiprint for November Magazine £180.00. M. J. Newman, clerks October Salary of 26.5 hours @ £10.55. = £223.78. nett. Plus agreed office space allowances £28.00. The Clerk for office expenditure September £35.30.. T&amp;S Gardening for grass maintenance £442.09.</p> <p><b>RECEIPTS</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>1. One allotment rental</td> <td>10.00.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. HDC Precept</td> <td>8500.00.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. SMYFC</td> <td>35.00.</td> </tr> </table>	1. One allotment rental	10.00.	2. HDC Precept	8500.00.	3. SMYFC	35.00.
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<b>119. NEW CLERK</b>	<p>The Elected interview committee, with Mr. Raby replacing Mrs. Sly who was unwell, reported the details of an interview held recently with Miss Jane Bowd. They reported that she appeared to be a very competent and qualified young lady, who was at present 'clerking' for two other councils and wished to add further to her port folio, she advised that she considered that she could cope with the workload that SPC had at present, when Mr. Hulstrom advised that he believed that workload could rise substantially over the coming years she had responded by saying that she would have to consider that possibility when and if she was offered the position. She intimated that she would require the NALC defined rate of £11.55 per hour together with 47p per mile travelling. When questioned she said that if appointed she would conduct the SPC business from her Holywell cum Needingworth office and the charge for this service by that council would be in the region of £190 per three month period. She intimated that she was single and had had a long career with Barclays Bank, rising to the position of manager, a career change saw her undertake the roll as St. Ives Town Centre Manager but when due to government cuts that position was concluded she did the NALC CiLCA course which she passed. She said her status meant that she had to work to keep herself and that was the reason for extending her port folio. The Committee strongly recommended that she be offered the job.</p> <p>Mr. Monk observed that he was concerned that she lived so far away and that she was the sole person interviewed, he did not doubt the young ladies ability</p>						

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	<p>but had these reservations as it had not been possible to assess her ability in relation to any other applicant. Mrs. Smith observed that she considered that the entire process had proven, for one reason or another, to be most unsatisfactory, she said she did not get paid ‘travelling’ expenses and questioned why these had been agreed, she concluded that she felt that the whole process should be started again. Mr. Hobson said he felt that he was not in possession of enough facts to make a judgement. Mr. Ryan then proposed, seconded by Mrs. Sly, that Jane Bowd be offered the position, in the ensuing vote, four members supported the motion with three abstaining. It was therefore agreed that the chairman should ring her in the morning to offer her the position.</p> <p>Mr. Hulstrom then proposed, seconded by Mrs. Smith that Mr. Newman be allowed to vacate his position after the December meeting whatever the outcome, as he had given notice in July and had only agreed to stay on until a suitable replacement was appointed, but that this state had now gone on for four months it was time the Council allowed him to retire, all members supported the proposition.</p>	
<b>120. PLANNING</b>	<p>A. the issue of the housing survey done by Cambs ACRE will be an agenda item at the January 2014 council meeting.</p> <p>B. Planning application No. 1301532FUL by Urban &amp; Civic for erection of a temporary gatehouse, security barriers and associated works at Alconbury Weald.</p> <p>There was some concern about the temporary change of the Boulevard from dual to single carriageway as it was considered that this vital through route should be of the highest dual carriageway standard to eliminate the likelihood of the alternative of ‘rat running’ on Ermine Street. After some assurances from U&amp;C it was decided on a proposition by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Raby that the development be approved as entirely appropriate, this motion was unanimously supported.</p>	
<b>121. A.14</b>	There was nothing further to report.	
<b>122. BUILDINGS OF CHARACTER</b>	Mr. Monk advised that he had nothing further to report.	
<b>123. RIGHTS OF WAY</b>	<p>The chairman declared this session of the meeting open to allow Ms Rebecca Britton to speak.</p> <p>She reported that for footpath 13 Urban &amp; Civic were to supply the ‘crush’ that would facilitate a 100mm path for the complete length of the route, this would be delivered to the site. Cambs County Council were to supply the contractor for the installation of the required bridge, she said as the path was now getting very muddy in places they were ready to commence as soon as Simeon Carroll has the necessary funding from the County in place, it was still the case that it was envisaged as a joint venture and that SPC may still be required to provide an element of the funding, this it was stated had been agreed at a previous meeting. With the junction of Owl End and Bridleway 10 she reported that a metal bollard was the favoured option and that key holders had to be agreed as soon as practicable, she advised that information notices as to the proposal would be sited in Owl End two weeks prior to the works so as to enable comments from interested parties. It was further added that progress on the diversion of footpath 11 at Grange Farm and it’s upgrade to bridleway status was very slow but that the U&amp;C engineering department was measuring up and costing the work this week. Ms Britton together with U&amp;C were warmly thanked for all her efforts on our behalf.</p>	
<b>124. ALLOTMENTS</b>	Still in open session, the matter of the damage caused to the parapet of the	

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	<p>access bridge to the allotments by a car last week was raised, in discussion Ms Britton said that as the SPC leased the site from U&amp;C the responsibility for ensuring it's repair was with the council, she stated that her assessors estimated the rebuilding costs at approximately £250. Mr. Ryan, who had pictorial evidence of the offending vehicle in the ditch beside the bridge said he would approach the police in an effort to obtain the identity of the offending owner and also to acquire a police crime number. It was reported that there were no plots available at present and on a question by Mrs. Sly it was stated that a waiting list could be established by the allotment committee and that if a stage where that list exceeded a nominal six persons an extension to the existing facility could be investigated. The provision of hedging plants for allotment holders could be sourced through our tree officer Mrs. Parkin who intimated that she could source native hedging plants through an HDC scheme.</p>	
<p><b>125. TRAFFIC ISSUES</b></p>	<p>At this point the council returned to committee. Mr. Monk had circulated the minutes of the groups latest meeting. He thanked Mr. Ryan for attending the Development Control Panel meeting and addressing that gathering on the councils behalf on traffic issues surrounding U&amp;C's outline planning application, he said he had addressed forcefully all the councils main traffic concerns and had eluded to the Parish Councils ideas to mitigate any effects that may be experienced by Stukeley residents. Mr. Monk said at the Traffic group meeting he had raised the issue of the disbursement of section 106 revenue from the Alconbury Weald proposals, particularly the traffic calming along Ermine Street in phase 1 as this was a key issue and the SPC wish to be allowed to be represented at any such meetings held to discuss these matters, he said that the negative response from Paul Mumford at the District would mean that SPC would only be informed of the results of these discussions and then it would be too late to have any influence on the final decision, he said that he was very disappointed at this response. At this point the meeting was declared open to allow Ms Britton to speak, she said her project director and herself were in discussion with HDC planning department in an effort to negotiate the participation of SPC in these discussions on section 106 matters. Mr. Monk emphasised that the Parish Councils concerns were likely to be any cap on the contributions to traffic management and the level of the trigger for it's implementation. Ms Britton advised that she would keep members fully up to date with developments of their discussions and would report as soon as possible but at the latest at the JPC meeting in early December. She also pointed out that developments of links with A.14 and A.141 and also the upgrading of those through routes were critical to the development of Alconbury Weald so it was in U&amp;C's interests to seek solutions quickly. The meeting then returned into committee.</p>	
<p><b>126. PLAYING FIELD</b></p>	<p>In the absence of Mr. Vincent, Mr. Hobson, Mrs Parkin and the clerk reported on this agenda item. As it had generally been agreed that the fencing around the playing field may not be fit for purpose, the three named together with Mr. Vincent met the manager of Huntree Fencing on site two weeks ago. Some highlighted areas were agreed for extra work needed within the contract terms, mainly issues surrounding the access gates. As it was considered that the fencing may not completely keep the rabbits out because it was only dug in 100mm it was provisionally agreed that a section of wire 15" wide should be attached to the existing, laid on the ground and covered with a layer of soil. The discussion that followed revealed that not all agreed with that process, Mr. Ryan, supported by Mr. Raby thought perhaps that the lateral wire should</p>	

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	<p>be ‘pegged’ down rather than covered with soil. Mrs Smith felt that as the works were not carried out correctly in the first instance that the contractor should be required to complete all the extra work FOC, even remove the wire, start again digging the wire in 300mm, the clerk responded he considered that would be difficult to enforce as the contractor had done exactly what he had suggested on his quotation and this had been excepted by members at a council meeting in early summer when the contract was awarded. After more discussion and the clerks refusal to be further involved, Mrs. Parkin agreed to contact Huntree fencing and to ask them to quote for the wire attached to existing and covered in soil and also for pegging down, she advised she would do this the following day.</p> <p>Further problems with dog owners exercising their pets in the field were discussed, the clerk said he was still awaiting the signage decided upon earlier in the year, it was also agreed to highlight this issue in the parish magazine.</p>	
<b>127. AMERICAN LIAISON</b>	<p>Mrs. Parkin advised that she had spoken with Jackie Ireland on the base and it had been established that a working party comprised of young service personnel and the scout group would be available in numbers to be agreed, with the stipulation that they would be required to be supervised by a member of the council at all times. It was agreed that the timing, possibly, one group in Spring and another in early Autumn was advisable with the nature of the work schedule to be agreed prior to the tasks being commenced.</p>	
<b>128. GREEN END</b>	<p>Both Mr. Hulstrom and Mrs. Sly reported that once again there were a large number of ‘white vans’ travelling at regular intervals, generally at high speed and a number with what appeared to be foreign number plates, quite plainly accessing Grange Farm. After some discussion Rebecca Britton agreed to investigate the businesses in that vicinity and Mr. Ryan agreed to assist with another traffic survey to assess the numbers and origin. He reported also that he and Mrs. Parkin had conducted a traffic ‘census’ of vehicles travelling along Ermine Street between 8am and 10am, this revealed a large number of cars also a number of 38tonne lorries, he said they excepted that a number of these were accessing local businesses, confirmed by the clerk who intimated up to twenty lorries per day were bringing potatoes to Nook Farm, he said it would be necessary to carry out further surveys and that the chairman’s husband had agreed to assist with these and that any other members assistance would be most welcome.</p>	
<b>129. BUS SHELTER</b>	<p>Members discussed Mrs. Gee’s request for the provision of a new bus shelter on the west side of Ermine Street in Little Stukeley. It was generally agreed that subject to finance provision the Council should look sympathetically on this matter even given the fact that there is not substantial use of the bus service in a northerly direction. Mr. Monk said it was a matter for consideration when formulating next years precept figure and even though a suggestion that CIL or section 106 revenue could be used, he said we should not rely on it. Mrs. Smith volunteered to investigate external funding opportunities in order to subsidise the project as well as the cost of such a facility.</p>	
<b>130. M.T.T.S</b>	<p>Mr. Ryan reported that he was very disappointed in the manner in which this group had handled issues such as the A.141, Ermine Street and the A.14 in relation to the prosperity of the area around Huntingdon. He said that one of his greatest concerns was the future of the ‘Iron Bridge’ junction for in his opinion this issue had not been given the credence that it surely deserved with no viable solutions of how the junction may be able to cope with the expected traffic increase, he said he would continue to report on a monthly basis.</p>	

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<b>131. WEST VIEW</b>	Mr. Monk reported that several parishioners had been challenged vigorously on trying to use the hard surfaced drive serving properties No's 9, 10, 11 in the vicinity. After discussion it was agreed that the clerk should write to the HDC legal department in an effort to discover who actually owned West View open space, its boundaries, the exact extent of the right of way for those properties and whether this extended to parking of vehicles and whether there was any legal reasoning for parishioners not to be allowed to use the gravel road.	
<b>132. CORRESPONDENCE</b>	This had been sent to members electronically and there were no issues rising.	
<b>133. POCKET PARK</b>	No further information.	
<b>134. EUROSTAR</b>	Mr. Hobson was to continue with his observations on this matter	
<b>135. KERBSIDE RECYCLING</b>	The offer of kerbside re-cycling collection by a St. Ives based company was to be accepted following favourable observations received from other Parish Councils using the service, the clerk was to contact WEEE recycling to arrange a collection time and also the advertising to the residents of the provision of this service within the parish magazine on at least two occasions prior to the appointment day.	
<b>136. ITEMS TO REPORT</b>	<p>It was agreed that the Parish Council utterly condemned the recent vandalism that had taken place recently in Great Stukeley.</p> <p>It was agreed that a more forceful notice should be exhibited in the playing field, banning, with the exception of guide dogs, all dogs from anywhere in the playing field.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the council had to seriously consider the long term future of the playing field.</p> <p>It was agreed that more traffic censuses were essential to our cause of preventing through traffic on Ermine Street, specifically Heavy lorries.</p>	
<b>137. NEXT MEETINGS</b>	<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 7.00pm</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> <p>On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p> <p>On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 in the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing with the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT 7.00pm to be followed by THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30pm</p>	