

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Little Stukeley village hall on Monday 2nd December 2013 at 7.30.pm.

ATTENDANCE	Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, M.Monk, R. Hulstrom, P. Vincent P. Ryan, H. Raby & Mrs. S. Smith. County Councillors Sir Peter Brown and Peter Ashcroft & District Councillor K. Baker
OPEN MEETING	There were no members of the public in attendance.
APOLOGIES	There were apologies from Mr. P. Hobson due to a family illness.
138. MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the minutes of the meeting of the 4 th November 2013 following two small amendments were approved and signed by the chairman. Also the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting held on 26 th November 2013 were signed by the chairman after a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs Sly was also approved by the attendees.
139. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	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. Mrs. Sly declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 145b and said she would take no part. Mr. Hulstrom declared a similar interest but said he would contribute. Mr. Monk, as a dog owner declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 147b
140. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>Councillor Brown said that he was attending an ‘overview & scrutiny’ meeting of the CCC to decide the budget figures for the next fiscal year, he, upon questioning, said that no firm decision had been made on the ‘closure of the Cromwell museum’. He added that if CCC were to withdraw funding, he as a member of the administration team of the museum, would do all within his power to obtain outside funding to facilitate the continuation of the museum.</p> <p>As regard MTTs he said that it had been intimated in that forum that the Northbridge development may not go ahead, but this had not yet been confirmed. Mr. Monk advised that it was understood that the District Council could not grant planning permission for the site because of it’s issues with the delivery of the pedestrian bridge over the A.141, which was essential to the development.</p> <p>He also reported that the Fire Authority dispute had still not been settled, so further strike action could be anticipated.</p> <p>In answer to a question he said that no firm decision had been communicated on the possible ‘tolling’ of the proposed new section of the A.14 and also, the rumour that the viaduct was not now to be removed had as yet been unsubstantiated and that it was just that, a rumour.</p>
141. DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Baker said that the District, whilst it supported the A.14 upgrade, they were vehemently against the ‘tolling’ of this section, primarily because of the local ‘rat-running’ in would inevitably cause. It was also reported that the HDC had lost their appeal case against the Lidl supermarket development proposals in Stukeley Road, Huntingdon. Mr. Hulstrom ventured that this may force local authorities hands on the issue of upgrading of the ‘Iron Bridge’ junction, to accommodate the extra traffic generated.
142. ACCOUNTS	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 November supply £60.28. Easiprint for December Magazine £180.00. M. J. Newman, clerks November Salary of 31 hours @ £10.55. = £261.65. nett. Plus agreed office space allowances £28.00.

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	<p>The Clerk for office expenditure November £67.92.. T&S Gardening for grass maintenance £381.01. London House Signs for new playing field signage £88.80. CCC Archives department for storage £20.00. One.Com for parish magazine website £20.16. An extra expenditure item of £176.00 to be paid to HMRC for income tax due, was passed for payment</p> <p>RECEIPTS 1. SMYFC 35.00.</p>	
143. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY	<p>In response to correspondence from the District Council, the members agreed that the necessary documentation be filled in and signed, to intimate that Stukeleys Parish Council accepted the legal liability of accepting CIL payments, defining the projects to be financed and ensuring that the money was used within the specified period. This money was forecast to be in the region of 15% of the total CIL product of any development.</p>	
144. NEW CLERK	<p>Mrs. Sly had produced a template for the advert to fill the position. Mrs Smith said she could not agree with the condition of requirement for a full driving license, in this she was supported by Mr. Ryan. There followed an extensive discussion on the merits of the requirement, after which Mrs. Smith proposed, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the requirement should be deleted from the advertisement. In the vote that followed three members supported the motion, with three against and one abstention. In consequence the chairman's deciding vote was in favour of retaining the requirement.</p> <p>The 'Strap Line' Mr. Monk thought put too much emphasis on the Alconbury Weald aspect of the job and that he considered this a dangerous path to follow, after discussion he proposed that the advert should highlight only 'Are you looking for a challenging and exciting opportunity', this was supported by Mr. Ryan and approved by members with one abstention.</p> <p>It was agreed on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs Sly, with one member abstaining, that the CV's of all candidates, with name, sex and age deleted, should in the interests of fairness be distributed to all members to assess. In addition to this it was also agreed that on that continuing theme the applications should be addressed to the clerk, who was to have no interview input, to complete the necessary deletions prior to distribution, this second proposal was supported by five members, with one against and one abstention</p>	
145. PLANNING	<p>Application No 1301720FUL for a two storey extension with bathroom over, re-organise front conservatory to include first floor extension and re-build east wing to include single storey extension at 14. Green End, Gt. Stukeley.</p> <p>The planning group recommended approval of this application, so on a proposal by Mr. Monk, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom all eligible members supported the approval on the following grounds. The development was in-keeping and sympathetic to other properties in the vicinity. There was no adverse impact on either the street scene or neighbouring properties. The development would enhance the longevity of the property.</p>	
145a ALCONBURY WEALD	<p>Mr Monk reported that the outline application was now entering it final phase with a decision to be recommended by the District Authority at their Special Development Panel meeting to be followed by a full council meeting on Monday 9th December 2013, he also added that he, Mr. Ryan and the chairman had met District planning officers to thrash out SPC major requirements from any Section 106 agreements reached. He added that at the meeting SPC had indicated that they still broadly supported the development proposals as a whole but were adamant on their requirements for mitigation measures.</p>	

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	<p>The main issue concerning the villages was that measures should be adopted through 106 contributions to Traffic calm Ermine Street through the Stukeleys by revised junction arrangements and re-working the street scene in both villages to create a more village-focused environment rather than the main road appearance that exists at present. It is considered that the proposed landscaping woodland belt on the western edge of Little Stukeley is insufficient to ensure adequate separation for the village in order to preserve an acceptable rural setting for the approach to the village, it considers this matter requires re-visiting as part of the masterplanning for phase one of the development.</p> <p>The extra southern access onto Ermine Street just north of Little Stukeley is still strongly opposed as it is not considered a necessity to successfully complete the development of the site.</p> <p>Another requirement is that the setting of Prestley Wood would be a material planning consideration for the development of area three.</p> <p>It had been agreed that the subject of green open space to act as a buffer between the development and the villages needed much more discussion especially on defined boundaries and it's eventual delivery into community ownership, the management must be agreed impertuity all these conditions should be captured within the section 106 agreement, prior to development commencement and should be secured by planning condition.</p> <p>It was advised that an SPC representative would be allowed to speak to both the panel and the full council for three minutes to confirm the councils demands on these issues, Mr. Ryan was duly elected by members to represent SPC at both meetings on 9th December 2013.</p>	
<p>146. ENVIRONMENTL CAPACITY STUDY</p>	<p>Mr. Ryan advised that this was a study of land available for development in the region, including land identified by the owners. This included land already identified, Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street Business Park, Northbridge,(M) land to the north west of the villages and (A) north west of Huntingdon @ Grange Farm & Alconbury airfield, Land N/E of airfield, Huntingdon racecourse, Sapley Park Farm and additional land at Brookfield Farm.</p> <p>Area A contains, brownfield sites, green space & agricultural land, very complex site that is dependant on capacity limitations of A.141.</p> <p>Area M This area is critical in the preservation of the rural setting of both villages and to some extent capacity on the A.141 and SPC would consider the rural aspect of this valuable agricultural land must be preserved and that there must be more appropriate sites to consider.</p> <p>Stage three additional land at NE of Alconbury airfield, potentially suitable but in terms of sustainability is probably dependant on integration with area A, there is also the question of both the loss of productive arable land, green space & capacity on the A.141.</p> <p>Stage three additional land at Huntingdon racecourse, potentially suitable but on a very limited scale due to significant flood risk.</p> <p>Stage three additional land at Sapley Park Farm. This is a site of potential for sustainable mixed development being closer to Huntingdon for integration purposes than any of the previous sites, still will suffer segregation by the A.141 and also the capacity of that road, once again will mean the loss of productive agricultural land.</p> <p>Stage three additional land at Brookfield Farm is considered not suitable for potential development by virtue of separation by road network from Huntingdon, also again unnecessary loss of valuable arable land.</p>	
<p>147. PLAYING FIELD</p>	<p>A)Mr. Raby reported that there was still evidence of rabbits burrowing in the</p>	

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	<p>field, even though the remedial work had been completed as required. A quotation had been received for some extra protection work and as it had been envisaged that some of this work would be done as a ‘good will gesture’ On a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom, supported by Mr. Ryan it was unanimously agreed that the clerk was asked to contact the contractor to see what his response was, until such time as a satisfactory response had been received the cheque in payment of the original contract was to be withheld.</p> <p>B) Mr. Monk said that the long term future of the field should be carefully thought about, it’s use, potential and the needs of our parishioners and the possibility of converting the area into a ‘pocket park’</p> <p>Many views were expressed including more facilities including seating and picnic tables, landscaping and potentially an area for all to use, including dog owners, although this last thought would for health and safety reasons need the children’s play area to be securely fenced off. As there were many conflicting ideas that required much more consideration it was agreed that the matter be deferred to the April meeting to give members more time to reflect on all pertinent issues, it had to be borne in mind that the purchase of the field was substantially grant aided by the District Council for use as a ‘Sports Field’.</p> <p>On a further issue that was not covered on the agenda, Mrs Parkin intimated that some 25 units planted from the woodland tree pack last autumn on the Jubilee Wood site had not survived and that many of the guards had been damaged, a volunteer group was required for replacement work, this was supported and the selected times would be notified. General maintenance of this area was discussed but it was thought inappropriate to ask the base volunteer group to undertake this task</p>	
148. RIGHTS OF WAY	<p>Through Mr. Ryan, Ms Britton reported that notices were to appear shortly in Owl End to inform of the intention to place a bollard in the road centre at the junction of this road and bridleway 10 to preserve the integrity of Prestley Wood and restrict, except to selected key holders for access’ use of this bridleway by motor vehicles. With regard to footpath 13, it would appear that CCC now have misgivings about a ‘bridge’ on a section of this path, providing SPC are prepared to continue, which they are, U&C will continue to press on this line.</p> <p>The Allotment access bridge parapet repair was agreed for repair by Trevor Marks with the account being forwarded to SPC for settlement.</p> <p>On another issue Ms Britton apologised to council for the large amount of traffic congestion caused by over running works on the highway in conjunction with the construction of the new entrance, a great deal of the delay was initiated by a service provider no being able to locate some important pipework, she added that the works were now complete, however Mr Ashcroft advised that there was some new road surfacing planned for the area adjacent to the A.14 flyover in the same area that was likely to cause hold ups in the early spring of 2014.</p>	
149. PARISH PRECEPT	<p>The clerk had presented a budget forecast for members and this was supplemented by a fully costed precept request projection by Mr. Ryan. The detail supplied by Mr. Ryan was found invaluable by all members and principally due to the higher administration costs that could be anticipated in employing and training a replacement clerk the precept figure for the fiscal period 2014/2015 was agreed at £25850 on a proposition by Mr. Hulstrom seconded by Mr. Ryan. Mr. Ryan was thanked for his considerable efforts in producing such an excellent spreadsheet to make the adoption of the precept</p>	

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150. BUS SHELTER	<p>figure a much easier process.</p> <p>Mrs Smith reported that investigations had revealed costing of between £1200 & £8000, she also reported that a private individual in the village may be prepared to make a donation towards the cost. Mrs. Smith revealed that her investigations had revealed the chance of a brand new demo unit being available, but we would have to dismantle this and then get it erected. She was advised to contact the divisional engineer of CCC to establish feasibility of the structure and to agree a site, she was also asked to continue with her investigations on the councils behalf.</p>	
151. AMERICAN LIASION	<p>Mrs. Parkin reported that she had confirmed arrangement with Ms. B. Morris for the work group to be in the villages on 15th December, with 3 to 4 groups of the older people litter picking along Ermine Street from ESBS to the northern boundary of Little Stukeley, the younger children would be detailed to tidy the recreation grounds in both Great & Little Stukeley in this case every three children would be supervised by an adult. Ms Morris informed the chairman that the group had requested to adopt the villages as their home patch and this would ensure that future generations of American personnel would link with our villages to maintain the twice annual 'tidy up' campaign.</p>	
152. GREEN END	<p>In her report Ms Britton had intimated that there was no new tenants at Grange Farm trading as 'Parcel Pete' or 'Live Wire'. Mr. Hulstrom said he found this difficult to accept as their vehicles were still speeding up and down Green End on a regular basis, he agreed to speak with Ms Britton on this issue</p>	
153. MTTS	<p>Mr. Ryan reported on the most recent meeting and what he termed very limited progress on a strategy plan for the period up to 2031. He said they had undertaken modelling surveys of both the Iron Bridge junction and the A.141 northern bypass, with the Iron bridge junction it was shown that the vast majority of traffic accessing St. Peters Hill were doing so from central town locations. With the A.141 it was envisaged that a possible road re-alignment of the access to RAF Wyton could allow for a new access across agricultural land to access the A.141 at a new position between the Hartford roundabout and the King Ripton roundabout. He reported that U&C were working hard to establish solutions to any problems created by their proposed southern access onto the A.141 in the region of the 'Tesco' roundabout. He implied that he was getting very frustrated with officialdoms lack of progress in finding viable solutions. He said that he and three other elected members of this group had now been charged with coming up with more feasible solutions to the perceived transport problems in the local Huntingdon Area, he said the only way for viable progress was to seek a solution that may qualify for financial Support from Central government. He said that all the proposed extra Development in the area was certain to bring extra traffic so there was an urgent need for solutions to keep this expected increase in volume out of the town centre, with possible solutions such as another ring road further out from the town, the possibility of another 'tunnel' under the railway beside the existing bridge, to funnel traffic accessing the industrial areas away from general traffic movement but that this type of infrastructure would be massively expensive and certainly require central government support, but he said he still felt that the appropriate infrastructure, including roads, was essential prior to any full scale development of the area.</p>	
154. LOCAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT GRANT	<p>It was agreed after some discussion, on a proposal by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Hulstrom that the council had little to lose by applying for some grant aid even though some issues were hopefully to be covered within section 106 provisions in relation to the Alconbury Weald outline application. A gateway</p>	

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	<p>feature at the southern entrance to Great Stukeley. Some extra signage at the new RAF Alconbury entrance north of Little Stukeley to indicate that no left turn for HGV's because of the 7.5 tonne limit zone. Possible funding of the proposed new bus shelter in Little Stukeley.</p> <p>The case that the speed warning sign on the eastern side of Ermine Street in Little Stukeley was being obscured by overhanging branches was to be reported to our street warden Mr. Reynolds.</p>	
155. WEST VIEW	<p>A response from HDC legal department clearly informed members that the total area of the green space in West View, including the gravel service track to the three dwellings in that area, was in the ownership of HDC.</p> <p>More importantly it was disclosed that only the District Council had jurisdiction over who had the rights to use the gravel track, it was abundantly clear that parishioners had the right to walk on the path should they wish too. It was agreed on a proposal by Mr. Monk , seconded by Mrs. Sly that a copy of this letter should be sent to each of the three home owners in the disputed area, along with an accompanying letter supplying the Councils thoughts on this issue.</p> <p>It was agreed also that village residents should be informed of recreation areas in both villages and that this should be an agenda item for the January meeting.</p>	
156. RECYCLING	<p>The clerk informed members that a kerbside collection of large electrical items would be conducted through the villages on 14th March 2014 and that this collection would be advertised in the next three issues of the Parish magazine, supported nearer the date by posters in relevant conspicuous points throughout both villages.</p>	
157. TRAFFIC ISSUES	<p>These issues had been dealt with in conjunction with other agenda items.</p>	
158. BUILDINGS OF CHARACTER	<p>Mr. Monk advised that he had nothing further to report.</p>	
159. A.14 IMPROVEMENTS	<p>Already dealt with.</p>	
160. POCKET PARK	<p>Nothing further to report.</p>	
161. EUROSTAR	<p>Nothing further to report.</p>	
163. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>Mr. Vincent asked for an agenda item for a request for financial support for protective hedging at the allotment area.</p> <p>Issues surrounding the new salt bins were raised by Mr. Ryan.</p>	
164. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 6th January 2014 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.00pm</p> <p>On Monday 3rd February 2014 in the village hall at Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 3rd March 2014 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 7th April 2014 in the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm</p> <p>On Monday 12th May 2014 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Monday 2nd 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>	

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