

A meeting of the Stukeley's Parish Council held at Great Stukeley village hall on Monday 6th January 2014 at 7.00pm.

ATTENDANCE	Mrs. S. Parkin, Mrs. N. Sly, M.Monk, R. Hulstrom, H. Raby & Mrs. S. Smith. County Councillors Sir Peter Brown and Peter Ashcroft & District Councillor K. Baker. Mr. Deas of Cambs ACRE & Paul Foice of HDC Housing.
OPEN MEETING, SOCIAL HOUSING NEEDS	<p>There were five members of the public in attendance.</p> <p>The chairman introduced M/s Deas(Cambs ACRE)and Foice(HDC)and invited them to address members and the public on matters that arose from the recent social housing need survey conducted in the villages by Cambs. ACRE. Mr. Deas said that some 450 houses and 1300 populous had been contacted in the survey , they had received 117 responses(26%), 53% supported in principle the provision of some element of social housing, 34% were opposed and 13% had no views on the matter. He reported that the survey revealed that the majority of properties were either semi-detached or detached with very few terraced properties at all, this would be broadly in line with other similar rural villages within Cambridgeshire. The average 'entry price' for properties was £160.000 and this confirmed that most young people within the villages were unable to raise that amount of finance without substantial assistance. Some of the key issues raised were, prohibitive prices for young people, any development must be small scale so as not to alter the rural status of the villages, infrastructure must be a prerequisite of any development in the area and issues arising from the development of Alconbury Weald.</p> <p>It was advised that the development of five/six new dwellings would not trigger any provision of extra facilities and services. He advised that the need established was for nine dwellings but policy would indicate that the development level would be restricted to 5/6 with the possible provision of 2 bungalows. It was stated that although Alconbury Weald was required to provide a percentage of social housing, 1200/2000, this more than likely would not be an area that people in these two villages would be looking to move to and also there would be no guarantee, unlike any village based proposals, that village applicants would get preferential status. The two sites already identified, one at the north end of Little Stukeley, owned by the District Council and possibly meeting most of the criteria needed and one in private ownership in Green End, Great Stukeley which met few of the criteria felt necessary, Mr. Monk said he felt that there may be other more suitable sites in Great Stukeley and it was agreed that the planning group should hold an informal meeting, to be held at the chairman's house at a date to be notified, to identify possible sites, this meeting would be open to all members to attend if they so wish.</p> <p>The Chairman then thanked the two gentlemen for attending and they left. Ms Saida of Mill Road, Little Stukeley informed members that she considered that there was a dog fouling problem in Low Road, Little Stukeley and that the problem could be addressed by the introduction of a new waste bin in Low Road, adjacent to the 30mph sign in that area.</p> <p>Ms Saida also reported that there were still problems with a great deal of HGV traffic still travelling through the villages, some realising there mistake and trying to turn round in Mill Road or using the roundabout outside RAF Alconbury to return through Little Stukeley to the A.14, it is thought that a large amount of this traffic is emanating from Alconbury Weald and that they should be erecting extra signage to indicate correct through routes, she advised that speeding was also still a major issue and that residents in Mill Road felt</p>

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	<p>that the Parish Council were not being seen to do enough to mitigate these issues. She said that there was a distinct lack of signage indicating the direction to Alconbury Weald, thus traffic was tending to use the RAF Alconbury signage as access point for the development area.</p> <p>Mr. Monk responded that the Parish Council were working hard with Urban & Civic, the District & County Councils to come up with new signage infrastructure in an effort to address the problem, he advised that it would however, inevitably take time.</p> <p>Mr. Butter asked why it was felt necessary to have a 'bridge' structure on footpath 13, he added he felt that the perception of a flood risk had been exaggerated and that a great deal of expenditure was being wasted. The clerk responded that the expense involved was due to County recommendations which had to be acknowledged as they were the responsible authority.</p> <p>Mrs. Gee intimated that she was in full support of Ms Saida's earlier observations, she enquired whether there was any possibility of securing a light weight speed gun as had been seen demonstrated on television news last week. It was decided that the clerk should write to the Police & Crime Commissioner to seek the provision of such a piece of equipment.</p>	
APOLOGIES	There were apologies from Mr. P. Hobson due to a family illness. Mr. P. Ryan family funeral and Mr. P. Vincent family issues	
165. MINUTES	On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Raby, the minutes of the meeting of the 2 nd December 2013 were signed by the chairman.	
166. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	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.	
167. COUNTY ISSUES	<p>Sir Peter informed members that a meeting with County Council Officers was to be held tomorrow to discuss the future of the Cromwell Museum, he added that there had been huge public support for its retention which included several offers of financial support. He advised that if the CCC were to cut their funding, the museum management were likely to register as a charity to raise external funding and pay a peppercorn rent for the site, he said the chair of the management group would have to be a County Councillor so he and Peter Downes had agreed to share that position as and when it became necessary.</p> <p>He reported that the fire authority strikes continued and that stalemate existed and that until the government and the union agreed to meet again, that situation was likely to continue.</p> <p>Mr. Ashcroft said he fully supported the retention of the museum.</p>	
168.DISTRICT ISSUES	Mr. Baker reported that although certain aspects of government funding had been reviewed there was still an inevitability that staff cuts would be implemented in the future just to balance the books and that this would surely lead to some service cuts.	
169. ACCOUNTS	<p>1.(a)The following monthly accounts were agreed for settlement on a proposal by Mrs Sly, seconded by Mr. Monk and approved by members after the relevant invoices and cheques had been examined and approved by the finance committee. EON Electric for December supply £58.35. Easiprint for January Magazine £180.00. M. J. Newman, clerks November Salary of 27.5hours @ £15.00. = £330.00. nett. Plus agreed office space allowances £28.00. The Clerk for office expenditure November £35.20. T&S Gardening for grass maintenance £269.74. Town Crier clerk vacancy advert £130.80. Archant/Hunts Post clerk vacancy advert £285.36.</p> <p>RECEIPTS</p>	

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	<p>1. SMYFC Ageas Insurance</p> <p>35.00. 270.00. for allotment wall damage.</p> <p>3. ACCOUNTS On a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mr. Raby the clerks bank reconcilliation and Budget Update figures for the period ending 31st December 2013 were approved for adoption as a true and correct record of the Councils financial position.</p>	
170. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY	The clerk reported that he had informed the District Council that the Stukeleys Parish Council wished to receive their allocation of CIL and that they took full responsibility for its Parish use. No further information received	
171. NEW CLERK.	The clerk reported that he had so far received eight applications to succeed him in the post of clerk, he added that there was a great variation in individuals and also in qualifications.	
172. PLANNING	<p>A. The results of the social housing needs survey are reported within the Open Meeting session and all it remained for Council members to do was to hold the meeting intimated in an effort to identify likely sites for any such development within the two parishes.</p> <p>B. Application No 1301385FUL by Always Garages for Building 3030 on Alconbury Weald for change of use to B2 for car servicing, was approved on a proposal by Mr. Hulstrom, seconded by Mrs. Smith.</p>	
173. ALCONBURY WEALD	With Ms Britton not in attendance there were no issues to report or discuss.	
174. PLAYING FIELD	Mr. Raby said that he had inspected the Great Stukeley site and that there was no further significant rabbit damage, he did however remark that there were some areas that required filling and seeding and there was a heap of earth that required moving and levelling out, also some hedge branches left after the recent fencing works that required removal from the site, he was authorised to get Mr. Pond to quote for the completion of these works.	
175. RIGHTS OF WAY	No report from Rebecca Britton or Paul Ryan. The clerk advised that the County Council had preferred contractors to carry the work out on footpath 13 and that they had already received quotations from two, these amounted to approx; £5000 in each case, although our contractor had quoted £2500 for the works, the figure upon which the clerk had based his grant application to CCC. Several councillors were not happy with this position so the clerk was asked to contact Simeon Carroll of CCC to advise of the council's feelings.	
176. BUS SHELTER	Mrs. Smith reported no progress on this issue as she had found most companies and staff appeared to have extended Christmas breaks.	
177. MAINTENANCE	The clerk reported that T&S Gardening had already provided ac quotation for the period 2014/16 which was similar in nature to their existing contract with the council, it was felt that although these figures were very attractive, that the council should enter the formal procedure of obtaining three quotations for the contract, although members were not required to accept the cheapest deal. The clerk continued that he had already contacted two other interested parties for their quotations for the contract.	
178. AMERICAN LIASION.	Mrs Parkin reported that the litter pick carried out by American personnel had been very successful on the whole, she did however indicate that there was three plastic bags of rubbish picked up in the recreation area at Great Stukeley and that whilst the work was being completed some of the children received verbal abuse from persons involved with the football match that was in progress at the time, Mrs. Parkin intimated that she was waiting to speak to	

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	<p>the SMYFC secretary/chairman to hear ‘their side of the story’ she said she would keep members informed. She added that the group indicated that they would still like to ‘adopt the villages’ and continue their voluntary maintenance work over the coming years. Mrs. Parkin was instructed to inform the group leader that the Council would be delighted to have this association with the American personnel.</p>	
179. GREEN END	<p>Mr. Hulstrom reported that matters had marginally improved but that some of the verges were now completely obliterated, the clerk was to ask a County official to inspect and report.</p>	
180. WEST VIEW.	<p>It was felt that this issue had been concluded satisfactorily.</p>	
181. RECYCLING	<p>The clerk reported that the collection date had been set as Wednesday 12th March 2014 and had been duly advertised in the January magazine and would be repeated in the February and March issues, closer to the date bill posters would be used as a reminder.</p>	
182. TRAFFIC ISSUES	<p>Mr. Monk surmised that this matter had been well discussed under other agenda headings earlier in the meeting.</p>	
183. AGENDA ISSUES	<p>Mrs. Parkin reported that other commitments would mean that she would reluctantly have to miss the April and May council meetings unless the dates were changed, after discussion members agreed that a change of dates was not advisable and that the vice chairman should chair these two meetings in Mrs. Parkin’s absence.</p>	
185. ITEMS TO REPORT	<p>No members had any items to report or agenda requests for February.</p>	
186. NEXT MEETINGS	<p>On Monday 3rd February 2014 in the village hall at Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 3rd March 2014 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm. On Monday 7th April 2014 in the village hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm On Monday 12th May 2014 in the village hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley commencing at 7.30pm. 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>	