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THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st September 2014 at 7:30pm at the Great Stukeley Village Hall

Present: Barrie James
Councillors: Karl Gasson
Michael Monk
Sue Parkin (Chairman)
Paul Vincent

Clerk: Carole Pollock

County and District Councillors: County Councillor Peter Ashcroft

Members of the Public: None present

- 78 To receive and approve Apologies for Absence**
Apologies received and approved from Councillors Stef van den haak, Stuart Bell, Sally Smith and Philip Hobson. Apologies were received from County Councillor Sir Peter Brown and District Councillor Keith Baker.
- 79 Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**
None declared
- 80 Public Participation Session**
No presentations made.
- 81 County/District Councillors' Update**
County Councillor Peter Ashcroft stated that there was nothing new to report.
- 82 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th August was approved as a correct record.
- 83 Matters Arising from the previous meeting**
- 84 For Information Only**
The Parish Clerk informed that meeting that the Abbey Group have agreed to make the donation to the Parish Council in two payments, the first will be for £21,250. These funds are to be used for community projects
- 85 Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) Flooding History Questionnaire**
The Parish Council considered how to respond to the questionnaire. It was felt that it was very difficult to complete the questionnaire with dates etc. with confidence. Cllr Barrie James felt there was a need for a drainage survey to be carried out in the villages. However, Cllr Michael Monk felt it would be better to concentrate on the drainage strategy for Alconbury Weald. It was **RESOLVED** to respond in the form of a letter detailing flooding problems identified in both villages over the previous years and to request that it would be helpful to have a point of contact where details of events could be reported and recorded as they occur.
- 86 St Neots Neighbourhood Plan Consultation**
A response to the consultation was considered and it was **RESOLVED** that no response was necessary.
- 87 Cambridgeshire County Council Household Recycling Service Consultation**
A response to the consultation was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to respond and state that the Parish Council felt that any reduction in service would increase fly tipping and it strongly opposed the closure of the Alconbury Recycling Centre.

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88 Cambridgeshire County Council - budget consultation

The Parish Council considered a response to the consultation. However, as it was a general survey to be completed by individuals, it was **RESOLVED** that no formal response was needed from the Parish Council

89 Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2015-16

Other possible bids were considered but were too expensive. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Sally Smith, Stuart Bell, Michael Monk and the Parish Clerk complete and submit a bid for funding from the Local Highways Improvement Scheme for a new bus shelter in Little Stukeley

90 Bus Shelter

Possible other funding streams to be reviewed after a bid has been considered under the Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2015-16.

91 Villages Maintenance and Repairs

Refurbishment and repair of the village street furniture was discussed. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Paul Vincent would carry out any necessary repairs and Michael Newman would be asked to sand and paint the eight village seats with 'Sadolin' preservative paint at a cost of £320 plus materials (approx. £30). It was **RESOLVED** to plant a flowering spreading rose bush under the Great Stukeley village sign instead of seasonal flowers. Cllr Paul Vincent to source and plant rose bush.

92 Highway Issues, Faults and Repairs

There were no issues to report.

93 To receive updates and reports on current issues on the following:

a Playing Fields

i Review of quarterly inspection reports.

RESOLVED to be reviewed at the next meeting.

ii Items for repair:

Three quotes have been obtained for fixing the pedestrian gates, replacement of the 3.0m gate with two 1.5m gates and repairs to the rabbit fencing in Great Stukeley Playing Fields from Trevor Marks, AK Fencing and Earith Timber Products. The wire fencing in Great Stukeley Playing Fields had been damaged. The Parish Clerk to contact Hunts Tree Fencing, who originally supplied the fencing, to arrange a visit to the site with Cllr Paul Vincent and Sue Parkin to discuss remedial repairs.

b Rights of Way

The Parish Clerk has been advised by Simeon Carroll that the landowner (Mr Smith) had stated that footpaths 11 and 24 were marked across his wheat fields and now the harvesting has been completed are now clear. He has reminded him of his responsibility regarding reinstating footpaths after ploughing. Simeon Carroll also advised that the landowners (AgReserves) will repair bridleway 4 after harvesting, in the autumn.

c Market Town Transport Strategy

Paul Ryan has informed the Parish Clerk that he is to attend a MTTTS meeting next Monday to review the consultation responses.

d Traffic Group

No report available, the next meeting is to be arranged

e Allotments

Cllr Paul Vincent advised the Council of another possible alternative for the central storage building for the Stukeley Allotments, a 9m x 5m wooden cabin, with 34mm walls, double glazing and with a tiled roof. Cllr Paul Vincent to obtain three quotations for the supply of a log cabin, base (porous plastic grid base or other alternative) and installation. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Paul Vincent for all his hard work on this project. The Parish Council would be responsible for buildings insurance but it was felt that the annual routine maintenance should be the responsibility of The Stukeley Allotment Association.

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94 Recycling of Electrical Goods

After discussion it was resolved that the next recycling of electrical goods event should be rescheduled for Tuesday 4th November.

95 Financial Matters

a **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be approved and paid:

i	T & S Gardening	Chq 1745	Grass Cutting	£ 1,023.50
ii	E-on	Chq 1746	Electricity	£ 57.42
				plus VAT
iii	Clerk's salary	Chq 1747	C. Pollock (Aug)	£ 413.70
iv	Clerk's Expenses	Chq 1748	Office Expenses (Aug)	£ 26.00
v	Clerk's Expenses	Chq 1748	Other Expenses (Aug)	£ 11.18
				plus VAT
vi	HMRC	Chq 1749	PAYE Months 4-6	£ 178.00

b **RESOLVED** that the following receipts were noted

i	SMYFC	Field Rent (July)	£ 35.00
ii	HDC	Recycling credit	£ 66.45
iii	Cons Stock	Dividend received	£ 2.51
iv	Wiser Recycling	Recycling credit	£ 165.16

96 Planning

a **Outstanding Matters**

No status to report

b **Application determined by HDC**

i **Church Cottage, Church Way, Little Stukeley – 1400976FUL** – Erection of extension following demolition of existing conservatory and installation of 1st floor window to front.

SPC: Approval

HDC: Approved

c **Applications awaiting determination by HDC**

i **Land North of 13 Moorfield Way, Great Stukeley – 1400909FUL** – Proposed 3 bedroom detached dwelling with double garage.

SPC: Refusal

ii **Agricultural Building South of Former 70 Low Road, Little Stukeley – 1401193PACOU** - Prior approval of use of agricultural building as dwelling.

SPC: Refusal

d **New Applications**

i **Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street – 1401300FUL** – New road construction to support the delivery of Alconbury Enterprise Zone.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no observations for or against this application on the basis that it was consistent with the approach suggested in the illustrative masterplan submitted alongside the outline planning application for the site.

ii **Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street – 1401298DEMDT** – Demolition of various buildings **AND**

iii **Alconbury Airfield, Ermine Street – 1408175COND** – Condition information relating to (1102094FUL) conditions being addressed C2, C3, C9, C10, C12, C16.

The Parish Council considered the recommendations from the Planning Group and **RESOLVED** to express grave concerns about a number of points which are not clear from the documents attached to these proposals'

- that there is no indication of the length of time that it would take to complete the demolition process which makes it difficult to respond to likely impacts and of concerns from local residents

- the Parish Council had been led to believe by U&C that crushing would take place within an enclosed structure to limit the impact of noise and dust. The Parish Council was not convinced that dust can be adequately dealt with by the suggested mist-damping method, especially given the strong winds which prevail on this exposed site. The Parish Council investigated the machinery proposed - typified in the

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documents as being a Kleemann 110 or similar - and noted that it does not include any enclosure to contain sound and dust. It had also been understood that crushing would take place in a remote part of the site. Whilst the Parish Council accepts that it is more logical to crush at the point of demolition, better safeguards are needed than currently proposed. It needs to be borne in mind that the next stage of demolition to enable Phase 1 housing to proceed will be very close to dwellings in Little Stukeley and therefore the right methodology needs to be established now.

- iv To consider the response received from Huntingdonshire District Council to the Parish Council's recommendation for sites for affordable housing in the villages. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that the District Council's suggestion to focus initially on the site at Little Stukeley as a first phase should be supported. However this is contingent upon an understanding that the Parish Council still wishes to see a small group of affordable homes in each village and therefore the Great Stukeley site should remain under active consideration. This is especially relevant as it is not clear as to whether the Little Stukeley site can accommodate the total identified need. It is also important the Little Stukeley site includes an enhanced landscaping area on its northern boundary to assist the perception of separation from the proposed housing on Phase 1 of Alconbury Weald which will be very near.

97 Alconbury Weald Update

- a No update is available, a meeting with Cllr Michael Monk and Tim Slater with U&C has been arranged for next week.

98 Correspondence

Correspondence noted as received:

- a Emails: Rural Services Network- Weekly News Digests
b Email: Urban&Civil – Enterprise Zone Enabling works applications
c Email: HDC - St Neots Neighbourhood Plan
d Email: HDC Town and Parish Alert - July 2014
e Email: Cambridgeshire ACRE News Digest - August 2014
f Email: Cambridgeshire Future Transport: Area F - Revised preferred solutions
g Email: CCC - Cambridgeshire County Council Household Recycling Service Consultation
h Email: CCC - Cambridgeshire County Council - Budget Consultation notification
i Emails: M Wormersley-Carter – 22 Church Street, Gt Stukeley
j Email: Frank Mustrandrea (HDC) – Affordable Housing Little Stukeley.

99 Publications Received

- a Allotments

100 Matters for Future Consideration

- a Broadband review.
b Condition of phone box in Church Road Great Stukeley
c Condition of the Aeroplane outside the base.

Meeting closed at 10:00 pm

Next Meetings

Monday 6th October 2014 at 7:30pm - Little Stukeley Village Hall, Low Road, Little Stukeley
Monday 3rd November 2014 at 7:30pm – Great Stukeley Village Hall, Ermine Street, Great Stukeley