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THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting held on Monday 15th August 2016 at 7:30pm at the Little Stukeley Village Hall

Present:

Councillors:

Stuart Bell
Karl Gasson
Philip Hobson
Sally Smith
Michael Womersley Carter
Sue Parkin

Clerk:

Carole Pollock

County and District Councillors:

County Councillor Peter Ashcroft

Members of the Public:

14 members of the public

57 To receive and approve Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from District Councillor Keith Baker. Late apologies were also received from Sir Peter Brown.

58 Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

Cllr Stuart Bell declared an interest in items 61 as an employee of the HDC Planning Department.

59 Public Participation Session

Residents expressed the following grave concerns regarding planning application 16/01101/HZC:

- Lack of information and details available.
- Lack of environment assessments available
- ISO Pentane was an unstable hazardous substance and the risk of explosion
- Change of type of industry on the Alconbury Weald site not just high tech industries
- Closeness of the ISO Pentane to residential housing and schools.
- Increase in traffic and risk due to transportation of this hazardous substance through the villages

Rebecca Brittan from Urban and Civic to be invited to attend our next Parish Council Meeting to answer some of the questions raised and the Chairman advised residents to also inform HDC Planning Department of their concerns directly.

Andy Fisher, Urban & Civic Planning Consultant advised the meeting there had been no change in Urban & Civic policy and that the Health and Safety Executive had been notified of this application. With regard to safety, the substance is non-toxic and process is highly regulated and controlled and would be regularly monitored by the Health and Safety Executive. He stated that the reported explosion in the USA could not happen at Alconbury Weald. The site was 1700 metres away from residential houses and would not be effected even if there was a fire.

4 residents left the meeting.

60 Financial Matters

a RESOLVED that the following accounts be approved and paid:

i	ICO	Chq 1963	Data Protection Reg. fees	£ 35.00
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61 Planning

a New Applications

i Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street – 16/01445/REM – Submission of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) in respect of the construction of a primary electrical substation, new landscaping, highways works and ancillary works.

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Following recommendation from the Planning Committee it was **RESOLVED** to support the application as it was part of the overall infrastructure improvements for Alconbury Weald.

- ii **Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street – 16/01329/REM** – Application for approval of appearance, access, landscaping, layout and scale in respect of the construction of 165 dwelling, pocket park, associated highways, landscaping and ancillary works.
Following recommendation from the Planning Committee it was **RESOLVED** to support the application and the quality of the design and detailing. There were no other concerns.
- iii **Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street – 16/01101/HZC** – Hazardous Substance Consent: Proposed storage of up to 49 tonnes of ISO Pentane (P5a Flammable Liquid – Category 1).
The Parish Council’s Planning Consultant advised that the license application was being made following the grant of REM for the erection of the IKO building earlier in the year. The application was not strictly a planning matter and was made to HDC for consent to store a hazardous substance within the site. The location was remote from new residential areas and was to be in a location where the manufacturing of IKO had been previously approved- presumably the B2 elements of this were known at the time – not sure hazardous substances were mentioned. For the limited information in the submission it was understood the ISO Pentane was a highly flammable liquid used in the manufacture of foam packaging. It was proposed to be stored in a bespoke designed location.
Suggested comments for the Parish Council to submit were; provided that the hazardous substance was stored in properly designed and managed environment then no objections to be raised.
The recommendation for the Planning Committee and the Parish Councils Planning Consultant comments were considered and discussed. The recommendation for the Planning Committee was not supported and after discussion it was **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal as the Parish Council was concerned about the storage, processing and handling of hazardous substances on Alconbury Weald and lack of information that had been provided to the Parish.
- iv **Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street – 16/01546/FUL** – Construction of a 13,287 sqm. Building comprising B1(A), B1(B), B1(C) and B8 uses, highways works, car parking, landscaping, lighting, minor ground remodelling and associated works.
Following recommendation from the Planning Committee it was **RESOLVED** to support the application and the quality of the design and purpose. There were no other concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:36pm
The meeting was recommenced at 20:41pm

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude members of the public from the meeting so Agenda Item 62 can be discussed in confidence.

All members of the public left the meeting.

62 Personnel – Appointment of Parish Clerk/RFO

The Parish Council considered the candidate recommended by the Personnel Committee for the post of Parish Clerk/RFO. Three candidates interviewed by the Personnel Committee were discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to offer the position of Clerk/RFO to Ramune Mimiene.

63 Matters for Future Consideration

- a Community Speedwatch
- b Traffic issues relating to the weight restriction through the village.
- c Traffic calming
- d U&C update

Meeting closed at 20:55 pm