

THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2th February 2015 at 7:30pm at the Little Stukeley Village Hall

Present: Stuart Bell
Councillors: Karl Gasson
Philip Hobson
Barrie James
Michael Monk
Sue Parkin
Sally Smith
Paul Vincent

Clerk: Carole Pollock

County and District Councillors: County Councillor Peter Ashcroft

Members of the Public: 5 members of the public

184 To receive and approve Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Councillor Stef van den Haak
Apologies received from District Councillor Keith Baker and County Councillor Sir Peter Brown

185 Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

Cllrs Sue Parkin, Philip Hobson and Paul Vincent declared an interest in item 201di Allotments as allotment holders. Cllrs Michael Monk and Karl Gasson also declared an interest in item 201a as dog owners and Cllr Stuart Bell in item 193 as an HDC employee.

186 Public Participation Session

One resident was concerned about a pot hole outside number 13 Beech Avenue, Great Stukeley which has been repaired on several occasions. Another resident requested clarification on the number of houses to be built at Alconbury Weald as MP Vince Cable had stated 7,000 houses were to be built, as there would be great implications on infrastructure if the number of houses were increased. Cllr Stuart Bell confirmed that Urban & Civil only have outline planning consent for 5,000 houses at the moment. The Huntingdonshire Local Plan plans to build 21,000 homes by 2036, and there are other possible development sites elsewhere. Cllr Michael Monk stated that the Parish Council felt that Alconbury Weald would provide all the houses the Parish needed, but the Northbridge site was still a proposed site in the Local Plan. However, recent announcements of the closure of other air bases had not be taken into account in the Local Plan, as full details of the closures were not available.

Mr Brand of Abbey Group Cambridgeshire Ltd explained that the planning application 1402200FUL to be considered at this meeting was for extra solar panels. The original application left a small parcel of land to be developed at a later date, as there had been archeological interest in this area when the first application for the solar farm was submitted. The panels will be fixed in this area in a different way so not to break the ground. The group will pay an increased donation to the Parish Council as 1400 extras panels will be installed, Mr Brand will confirm the amount to be received to be spent on village projects.

187 County/District Councillors' Update

County Councillor Peter Ashcroft gave an update on the proposed new primary school at Alconbury Weald. Four Trusts have submitted proposals for the County Council to consider.

188 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th January 2015 were approved as a correct record.

189 Matters Arising from the previous meeting

The Minutes Action Plan from the previous meeting was reviewed

190 For Information Only

Cllr Barrie James reported that the report for the House of Commons Select Committee on Broadband was embargoed until tomorrow.

191 Heartbeat Trust Defibrillator Programme

The Chairman of the Heartbeat Trust gave a presentation on the Heartbeat Trust Defibrillator Programme. The organisation is a charity and not run for profit. He stated that defibrillators do save lives, there is a limited amount of time in which to save someone who has had a cardiac arrest, 10 minutes if CPR is used or otherwise just 5 minutes. A cardiac arrest can effect anyone, young, old, fit etc., and their chance of a recovery is increased from 12-17% to 50-80% if a defibrillator is used. To be effective a defibrillator needs to be available 24 hours a day, it can be stored in a vandal proof box with a key code lock. The code is logged with the ambulance service and if 999 is dialled the call handler will give out the code if appropriate. Defibrillators are very safe, the machine tells the operator exactly what to do and will only defibrillate if necessary. Training is available but the machine can be used without any training. Training sessions would be open to everyone who wished to attend. The machine should be located in a central place, accessible to the maximum number of people. A power supply is needed for the heating in the cabinet, the unit is battery powered. A defibrillator and stainless cabinet should last for 10 years. Electrodes replacement cost were £25 per set and need two sets (one for backup). The battery should last for about 4 years and the replacement cost is £200. The machine will need to be regularly checked and a record of inspections kept. There was no data available on the lives saved by the use of a defibrillator in rural areas. A support/maintenance contract was available for a cost from £126 to £300 (which includes all consumables, batteries, annual check etc). The East Anglian Ambulance Service have offered one free defibrillator, the representative from Heatbeat Trust to check whether it would possible to obtain two free defibrillators as two individual villages make up the Stukeley Parish.

3 residents left the meeting.

192 Alconbury Weald

Rebecca Briton (Urban & Civic) was unable to attend the meeting. It was noted that the next JPCLG meeting will be held on Thursday 5th February at 9:30pm.

193 Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 - Targeted Consultation

It was **RESOLVED** that a response to the consultation will be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting.

194 HDC- Godmanchester Town Council application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area

It was **RESOLVED** that no response was necessary.

195 Implications of the closure of the American Base at RAF Alconbury

Cllr Michael Monk felt that the closure of the base within 5 to 7 years had implications for the Parish, Huntingdonshire Local Plan and the master plan for Alconbury Weald. He would ask HDC for their views on the issue at the JPCLG meeting. Cllr Stuart Bell felt the Parish and other interested parties would need to have a closure programme from RAF Alconbury, before implications could be fully considered.

196 Balfour Beatty/CCC – Street Lighting Replacement Project

A public meeting will be held on Monday 9th February at 7:30pm at Little Stukeley Village Hall, attended by Keeley Russell of Balfour Beatty to discuss current issues with the project, with the residents of the Stukeleys.

197 Website

Cllr Karl Gasson stated he had received very useful feedback from fellow Councillors and had amended the website accordingly. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should adopt the new website. A regular review of the website will be included on the monthly Agenda.

198 Village Projects

To consider the provision of

- a Defibrillators in the villages

Following the Heartbeat Trust presentation Cllr Barrie James proposed that the provision of a defibrillator for each village be considered as a community project, which would offer something for the community in regards of health and safety. Cllr Sue Parkin will investigate the possibility of a

First Responders Group being started in the villages. Cllr Michael Monk stated that the possibility of the provision of two free defibrillators for the Parish should be pursued. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council in principle supported the project and Cllr Barrie James to investigate the options further, with consultation with both Village Hall Committees/Chairmen.

b Broadband connection to the Stukeleys' Village Halls

It was felt that both village halls should be encouraged to have broadband connection and the Parish Council would support the project. It was **RESOLVED** to contact both Village Hall Committees to ascertain whether they would be interested in a broadband connection funded by the Parish Council and whether the hall currently had a working telephone line. as it was felt this would be of benefit to the community and future users. The cost of provision to be estimated.

c Real time bus arrival information for village bus stops

Cllr Stuart Bell to provide the Parish Clerk with a contact at CCC, so costs and possible provision can be investigated.

199 Village Maintenance and Repairs

The village Notice Boards need replacement, Cllrs Sally Smith and Sue Parkin, to provide details and photographs of existing Notice Boards to the Parish Clerk so replacement costs can be investigated.

200 Highway Issues, Faults and Repairs

a The Parish Clerk to report the pot hole outside number 13 Beech Avenue, Great Stukeley to CCC Highways.

b The Parish Council's application to the LHI 2015/16 scheme was unsuccessful. Cllr Stuart Bell advised that the Parish Council would not be eligible for funding from Adshel for the bus shelter.

201 To consider updates and reports on current issues on the following:

a Playing Fields

i Review of quarterly inspection reports

The quarterly report for the Little Stukeley Playing Fields was reviewed, no action necessary. Cllr Paul Vincent to provide a quarterly report for Great Stukeleys Playing Fields.

ii Current Update

Cllr Michael Monk stated that the possible provision on a dog run in Great Stukeley Playing Fields had not been a Parish Council initiative, but had arisen from parishioner's requests. He also advised the meeting that there would be no room in the Playing Fields for a dog run when the Football Association's recommendation for the size of a football pitch and run off was considered.

b Rights of Way

Cllr Philip Hobson to report to CCC Rights of Way team that the footpath that runs past the allotments has a number of potholes (Bridleway 10-11 leading to Priestly Wood). Flytipping of rubbish at Owl End near the allotment bollards is to be reported to HDC

c Traffic Group

Cllr Michael Monk has asked Rebecca Briton (Urban & Civic) to organise a meeting of the Traffic group to be held in early February to discuss Section 106 implications and planning.

d Allotments

i The Parish Council discussed the provision of a central storage unit and other possible options. Cllrs Sue Parkin, Paul Vincent and Philip Hobson had declared an interest in this item and did not take part in any of the discussion or votes. It was stated that original planning application did include a provision for a possible central storage, however, the high cost for the building was questioned as to whether it would be of benefit to the community as a whole. Another Councillor felt that a central storage unit was how the original allotment was planned and would be a community asset. Ongoing costs and possible vandalism due the remoteness of the site needed to be considered. Individual sheds were discussed and whether they would make the allotments look untidy and disjointed.

Cllr Barrie James left the meeting.

One Councillor felt that a central storage unit would be less imposing on the view from the countryside, but individual sheds of the same size in the central area would also not be a problem. Allotment holders could purchase their own sheds to a detailed specification and there would not be an issue with security and locking of a central storage unit. They would be lower than a large central building. However, the central storage unit was originally intended to be a central community hub.

As Cllr Sue Parkin was unable to take part or vote during this item Cllr Karl Gasson proposed Cllr Stuart Bell take the Chair for item 201d(i), Cllr Michael Monk seconded the proposal and the motion was carried.

Cllr Karl Gasson proposed that the Parish Council provided a central storage unit for the allotments, the motion was not seconded and therefore the motion was not carried.

Cllr Michael Monk proposed that the Parish Council permit individual plot holders to elect a shed to a specific specification for their own purposes within the central area, the motion was not seconded and therefore the motion was not carried.

Cllr Stuart Bell proposed that the issue be deferred to the next meeting, Cllr Karl Gasson seconded the proposal and the motion was carried.

ii Other issues

There were no other issues to discuss.

e Training

The Parish Clerk to attend a seminar on Risk Assessment/Annual Return.

202 Financial Matters

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

i	Clerk's salary	Chq 1790	C. Pollock (Jan)	£	440.67
ii	Clerk's Expenses	Chq 1791	Office Exps/Allowance (Jan)	£	26.00
iii	Staples	Chq 1792	Stationery and postage	£	29.29 plus VAT
iv	E-on	Chq 1793	Street Lighting Energy costs	£	57.42 plus VAT
v	Easiprint	Chq 1794	Printing Chgs Jan & Feb	£	360.00
vi	SLCC	Chq 1795	Annual Membership	£	87.46
vii	Little Paxton	Chq 1796	Training 29/1/14 (x 2)	£	70.00
viii	CAPALC	Chq 1797	Training (4,12, 26/11/14)	£	105.00

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

i	Allotment Holders	Rental Income	£	90.00
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203 Planning

a **Outstanding Matters**

To receive a report on the status and progress

b **Application determined by HDC**

To note the outcome

c **Applications awaiting determination by HDC**

To note the outcome

d **New Applications**

To consider new applications

- i **1401851FUL – The Old Rectory, Church Way, Little Stukeley** – Erection of stable building on existing grazing field adjacent to applicants dwelling. Following discussion and recommendation from the Planning Group it was **RESOLVED** to make no observations for or against, as there would be limited impact on the surrounding properties, St Martin's Church and the Conservation Area.
- ii **H/5001/15/CW – Building 4002, Alconbury Weald** – Temporary change of use of building 4002 to an advanced biofuel demonstration centre. Following discussion and recommendation from the Planning Group it was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval as the application is entirely consistent with the aims of the Enterprise Zone and has no adverse impacts.

- iii **H/5000/15/CC – Alconbury Weald** – Erection of a primary school and nursery, ranging in height from one to two storeys; soft and hard play areas; sports pitches; car and cycle parking; landscaping and associated works.
Following discussion and recommendation from the Planning Group it was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval as it was considered that the design was of high quality and an essential facility for the proposed adjacent housing development, but also to refer to importance of the school being available to children from both The Stukeleys villages and to express reservations about car parking and drop-off.
- iv **1402200FUL – Land West of Railway Line and South of Brooklands Farm, Rectory Lane, Abbots Ripton** – Solar farm to include solar panels.
Cllr Karl Gasson was concerned that the solar farm’s performance target may not have been met, but no data was available. Cllr Michael Monk felt that this planning application would have no adverse impact on the village. Following further discussion and recommendation from the Planning Group it was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval

204 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted as received:

- a Emails: Rural Services Network- Weekly News Digests
- b Email: HDC Town and Parish Alert - December 2014
- c Email: Hunts Forum of Voluntary Organisations Sessions
- d Email: U&C – Planned Work Leaflet
- e Email: Hunts Forum of Voluntary Organisations January News
- f Email: Cambridge ACRE – Petition Request
- g Email: CCC -LHI Panel Results
- h Email: CCC - The Home Front: Cambridgeshire Commemorates the End of WW2
- I Email: P Ryan – Allotment Central Storage Unit.

205 Publications Received

206 Matters for Future Consideration

- Broadband
- Defibrillator provision
- Parish Magazine
- Allotment Storage Unit
- CCC Street Lights
- Parish Council Owned Street Lights
- Website Update

Meeting closed at 10:12 pm

Next Meetings:

Monday 2nd March 2015 at 7:30pm – Great Stukeley Village Hall, Great Stukeley
Monday 13th April 2015 at 7:30pm – Little Stukeley Village Hall, Little Stukeley