

THE STUKELEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th April 2016 at 7:30pm at the Little Stukeley Village Hall

Present: Stuart Bell.
Councillors: Karl Gasson
Philip Hobson
Barrie James (Vice Chairman)
Michael Monk
Sue Parkin (Chairman)
Stef van den Haak

Clerk: Carole Pollock

County and District Councillors: County Councillor Sir Peter Brown

Members of the Public: 4 members of the public

192 To receive and approve Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Councillor Sally Smith. Apologies were received from County Councillor Peter Ashcroft and District Councillor Keith Baker.

193 Councillors' Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

Cllr Stuart Bell declared an interest in item 205 as an employee of Huntingdon District Council.

194 Public Participation Session

No presentations made.

195 County/District Councillors' Update

County Councillor Sir Peter Brown stated Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) had now agreed the council tax for the current year and if there were any problems obtaining services from CCC to contact Sir Peter Brown. He updated the meeting on the current devolution proposals for Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. CCC had concerns over the scheme and the amount of funding available. CCC would continue to negotiate as the deadline for the scheme was not until June.

196 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th March 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed.

197 Matters Arising from the previous meeting

Matters arising from the previous meeting were reviewed.

198 For Information Only

199 Alconbury Weald

Cllr Barrie James had attended the A14 Parish & Community Forum in Swavesey and updated the meeting on the scheme. Work should commence on the A14 towards the end of 2016 or early 2017 provided the Secretary of State confirmed the project on the 11th May 2016. It was noted that the plan did not incorporate lengthening and /or widening the access roads at the Alconbury interchange or widening the bridge roadway to accommodate the expected increased volume of traffic. Concern was expressed about the impact on the traffic using Ermine Street. Urban & Civic would be required to widen the bridge at some time during the development but no scheme currently submitted had accepted due to safety issues. The Parish Council was frustrated at the lack of progress made. Issues concerning widening the bridge, the traffic calming scheme, the southern access and the Alconbury Weald School Opening Day to be discussed at the next JLPCG meeting.

200 Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parish Council Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 9th May starting at 7:30pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting starting at 8:00pm. Local village clubs and groups to be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

201 Co-option for Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council considered the applications received from two candidates Terry Pinner and Michael Womerley-Carter for co-option as a Parish Councillor to the Stukeleys Parish Council. It was felt that both candidates had a number of different qualities, skills and experience that they could bring to the Parish Council which would be of benefit to the community. A secret ballot was requested by Cllr Michael Monk. A ballot was held and Michael Womerley-Carter was duly co-opted as a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council thanked all the candidates for their interest.

One resident left the meeting.

County Councillor Sir Peter Brown left the meeting.

202 Village Maintenance, Highway Issues, Faults and Repairs

Cllr Stuart Bell to email Jo Challis (CCC Highways) with a list of current highway faults. Cllr Stuart Bell reported that the crack to the repair in the carriageway south of the A14 over-bridge had now been repaired to a high standard. A number of trees in Chestnut Grove had been cut down, Cllr Sue Parkin had consulted with Bridget Halford (HDC) who advised that it was best not to reset Chestnut trees, but could be replaced with Sweet Chestnuts instead. Village salt bins need emptying, it was **RESOLVED** to instruct T&S Gardening to empty the bins but a copy of his waste carrier licence and the disposal location must be provided. Cllr Karl Gasson to remove the obsolete litter bin on Church Road, between Park View and West View. Cllr Stef van den Haak to continue to monitor parked car safety issues in the villages. It was **RESOLVED** that J & P Plant Ltd to continue cut the grass verges covered by the grant received from CCC in May, August and early November. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Karl Gasson as a competent volunteer will strim the grass around the Ermine Street trees three times a year, a full risk assessment had been completed. It was also **RESOLVED** to purchase a strimmer and protective helmet at a cost of up to £150.00. The strimmer will be stored in Cllr Karl Gasson's locked brick garage. The Clerk to report to maintenance contractors that street light PC2 in Green End is constantly on.

203 To consider updates and reports received on current issues on the following:

- a Playing Fields
No report received.
- b Rights of Way
It was noted that Urban & Civic had made no progress with the footpath diversion near Washingly Farm. The lost footpaths off the end of Owl End and Green End to Abbots Ripton was discussed, the footpaths were to be resurrected and incorporated with the Urban & Civic development. Both issues to be discussed at the JLPCG Meeting.
- c Traffic Group
No further update.
- d Allotments
The Parish Clerk advised the Council that there would be two vacant plots by the end of the month.
- e Website
No further update.
- f Village Street Lighting
Cllr Stuart Bell reported all new new signage plates had been attached to all the Parish Council street lighting units but some foliage would need to be trimmed.
- g Parish Magazine
Cllr Philip Hobson to liaise with the editor of the parish magazine with regard to insurance cover for the editor. Cllr Barrie James thanked retiring distributors of the parish magazine for their long service to the community, four volunteers had been found as their replacements.

204 Financial Matters

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

i	Clerk's salary	Chq 1925	C. Pollock(March)	£	427.82
ii	Clerk's Expenses	Chq 1918	Offie & Gen Exps (Mar)	£	35.44
iii	Anglian Water	Chq 1919	Allotment Water Chgs to 15/3/16	£	28.51
iv	E-on	Chq 1920	Street lighting energy costs	£	72.40 plus VAT
v	Easiprint	Chq 1921	Printing Chgs April 16	£	195.00
vi	LCPAS	Chq 1922	Training Seminar	£	12.50
vii	Staples UK Ltd	Chq 1923	Stationery/Posage	£	80.20plus VAT

	viii	Day Today Maint.	Chq 1924	Allotment Cabin Base	£	646.76
b	The following receipts were noted					
	i	HSBC	Interest (Feb)		£	1.38

205 Planning

a Outstanding Matters

No report.

b Application determined by HDC

15/01704/FUL - Land South of 10 & 12 West View, Great Stukeley – Status: Permission

15/02254REM – Alconbury Weald, Little Stukeley – Status: Approved

16/00124/HHFUL - 24 Low Road, Little Stukeley - Status: Permission

16/00125/HHFUL - 24 Low Road, Little Stukeley - Status: Refused

c Applications awaiting determination by HDC

No report.

d New Applications

i Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street, Little Stukeley – 16/00454/FUL –

Temporary change of use of land and buildings to mechanical plant training facility, including: erection of scaffold tower; erection of ‘Haki-shelter’ building; siting of storage containers; and siting of wheel washing unit.

The Planning Group’s report was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend approval as there was no adverse implications for the area and it was consistent with the extant planning permission for temporary uses. Urban&Civic and Huntingdonshire District Council to be asked to find an alternative and more appropriate form of address for Alconbury Weald.

e Change to Guidance Note/Conditions

i Land East of Whiteleather Lodge, Wooley Hill, Ellington – 1001741/FUL – Erection of 4

three bladed wind turbines, up to a height of 130.5 metres, and associated electricity transformers, underground cabling, two new accesses to the site and new bridge, tracks, hardstanding, control building, substations compound, met an communications.

The Planning Group’s report was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to make no observations for or against.

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

It was proposed that the next meeting with HDC should be on Monday 23rd May at Pathfinder House starting at 7:30pm, or Tuesday 24th May if Monday 23rd was not available.

g Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Karl Gasson had attended two seminars on Neighbourhood Planning. It was noted that grants were available to assist with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan, for example to employ an experienced planning consultant. It was felt working on a Neighbourhood Plan would be informative, inclusive and beneficial to the community. There was a need to project open spaces in the Parish. It was **RESOLVED** to write and inform HDC that the Parish Council wished to embark on developing a Neighbourhood plan which would cover the entire parish. Cllr Michael Monk to draft the letter to HDC.

206 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted as received:

- a** Emails: Rural Services Network- Weekly News Digests
- b** Email: Very Cool Events - Tour of Cambridgeshire Road Closures
- c** Email: Highways Englands – A14 PDFs
- d** Email: HDC - Textile Recycling Banks in The Stukeleys
- e** Email: HDC Planning - Wooley Hill Wind Farm
- f** Email: Network Rail - Improvement works - railway bridge at Ermine Street/ Stukeley Road
- g** Email: Highways England - A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Parish & Community forums
- h** Email: Hunts Forum Newsletters
- i** Email: J Djanogly - Save Hinchbrook Hospital
- j** Email: Local Joint Forum for Rural Parishes Minutes
- k** Email: Huntingdonshire Local Highway Officer Changes
- l** Email: Joint Parish Council Meeting Papers
- m** Email: HDC - Weed Treatment of adopted Highways

207 Publications Received

None received.

208 Matters for Future Consideration

a Parish Magazine ownership.

Meeting closed at 09:44pm

Next Meeting:

Monday 11th May 2016– Little Stukeley Village Hall, Little Stukeley
7:30pm Annual Parish Meeting
Followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8:30pm