

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 12th November 2012 at Alconbury Memorial Hall.**

Councillors present: Mrs. J. Baker (Chairman), Mr. M. Bryan, Mr. R. Coulson, Dr. C. McGregor, Mr. S. Lomas & Mr. L. York.

Also present: Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. H. Mobius.
2. Declaration of Interests: None received.
3. Public participation: There were no members of the public present.

4. To agree Parish Council's recommendation for planning application ref. 1201158OUT – Masterplan application for Alconbury Weald.

The Clerk had provided copies of a report written by Tim Slater, planning consultant to The Stukeleys Parish Council, to all councillors prior to the meeting. The Chairman and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the Parish Councils that surround the site on 7th November and the Clerk handed a summary of the issues discussed to each councillor.

Councillors agreed that the main area of concern was the lack of a suitable detailed phasing plan which they felt should be contained within the outline application and not at a later date under reserved matters. This was key to ensure that the development was sustainable at every stage of the lengthy construction period.

Other areas of concern included the fragmented design of one of the “villages” and its distance from the main hub, which will contain the main retail and other facilities. Councillors questioned the location of the further education facility, which will be some considerable distance from the residential areas. Councillors were also unclear whether this would include a secondary school, catering for 11-18 year olds or only a further education facility, catering for 16 year olds upwards. Of great concern, was the effect that the development would have on the road network, both in the immediate area and beyond and with no clear plan yet agreed, to deal with the problems on the A14. Following the discussions, Cllr. Baker proposed that Alconbury Weston Parish Council recommend refusal of the application as it stands. Seconded by Cllr. Lomas, unanimously agreed.

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