

ALCONBURY PARISH COUNCIL - PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE  
Minutes of a meeting held on Friday 24th February 2006 at 19 Chapel Street

Present:

Mr. Brown , Mr Senior, Mrs Watkin. Mrs Lancey (Clerk) No members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None received.

2. Councillors' Interests

None recorded.

3. Proposed Changes to Planning Guidelines

The Parish Council had been made aware of proposed changes to planning guidelines concerning airfields. As any response to these changes needed to be made by 27th February 2006, i.e. before the date of the next full Parish Council meeting, a meeting of the Planning Sub Committee had been called.

As a result of changes in Planning Policy Statement 3, airfields (with a building) would be classed as 'Brownfield' land sites and therefore could be considered for housing developments. The Council's main concern was that many such airfields (e.g. Brooklands Farm) were in rural areas which might be quite inappropriate to support any housing development. They were also concerned that the revision had been made by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister without giving adequate notification to those concerned.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Jonathan Djanogly MP expressing these concerns