

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 at 7:30 pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

### Present

Chairman Cllr J Ingram. Vice- Chair Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, Cllr E Holder, Cllr M Redman, Cllr P Beaman, Cllr Mrs S Redman, Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, Cllr Mrs S Crofts & Cllr A Smith,

### In attendance

Mrs L Gailey- Parish Clerk, Mrs L Stanton- Assistant Clerk, Ms Connie Osborne- Standard Reporter & 19 members of public

## 2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr T O'Hanlon & Cllr M Redman

## 3. Declarations of Interest

*Members are asked to declare personal interests in any item on the agenda. Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct which took effect from 7 August 2012 provides that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interest at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is prejudicial they should withdraw from the room and not seek improperly to influence a decision about that matter.*

There were none

## 4. Public Forum

- I. Mrs Karen Brown- Somner handed over the petition from the Studley Residents Against Graveyard Rules to the Chairman and requested the Parish Council to take a vote at tonight's Council Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014) to reverse the rules.
- II. Mr Brian Dixon questioned about the Parish Council having to remove the asbestos at Studley Cemetery and the ownership of the land at the cemetery. He referred to the agenda and feels the items for discussion on the agenda are in the wrong order. Cllr J Ingram informed Mr Dixon that it was his preference and he would like to stick to it. Mr Dixon would like to thank Cllr E Holder for supporting the village and the parish people for getting the item put on the agenda for discussion.
- III. Mr C Summers spoke regarding the proposal that he presented to the Parish Council 2 weeks ago and hope the Parish Council has considered his proposal to form a Working Party with the group to resolve the matter. He would like the Parish Council to confirm that the rules will not be enforced. During this season of good will relatives and friends of the deceased would like to bring items down to remember their love ones and he is sure that no dangerous items such as glass or spiky things would be placed on the graves.
- IV. Mr Ian Taylor-Hughes read out his statement to the Parish Council stating that he has been misquoted in the Parish Council Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> October when he spoke at the Public Forum. He has not yet received copies of the ground contractor's risk assessments. He handed his statement and letter to the Chairman.
- V. Mr Terry Preston informed the Parish Council he and a number of residents some years back have helped to put some drainage pipes in the cemetery. Cllr J Ingram thanked him for his contribution.
- VI. Mrs G Beard handed a letter in to Cllr J Ingram.

**5. Presentation by Ms Sheree Johansen- Empty Homes Officer for SDC.**

Ms Johansen explained her role as the Empty Homes Officer for SDC and how her department could assist in bring back the empty homes into use.

**6. Presentation by Mr Andrew Mann- AJM Associates- Proposed Housing Development, 91 - 95 Alcester Road, Studley, B80 7NJ**

Cllr E Holder queried on the appearance of the proposed development on the street scene. He would like the proposed development to match up with the existing buildings.

Cllr E Holder asked if local business have been consulted about the effect on the loss of business space due to the change of use.

**7. Matters Arising (for information only)**

Cost of removal of Asbestos at Studley Cemetery.- Clerk informed Council the removal cost of the asbestos at Studley Cemetery was £595.00 and £119.00 for vat.

**8. Items for Discussion**

**Min: 116 Studley Cemetery**

Cllr J Ingram read out letter from Mr C Summers dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 in response to Parish Council's letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

Cllr P Beaman agrees the way forward was to form a Working Party with the group to resolve the matter.

**Proposed Cllr J Ingram, seconded Cllr P Beaman, voting unanimous to the following;**

- **Form a Working Party with the Group**
- **To agree the governance for the Working Party**
- **All recommendation from the outcome of the Working Party will go to full Council for approval.**

**Min: 131 Parish Poll**

Cllr J Ingram informed Council in light of the last vote (Min: 116) the Parish Poll will be put on hold.

Cllr Mrs S Redman explained her reasons for proposing a Parish Poll in the first place, were linked to an earlier proposal by Cllr Jim Bacon. As agreement had been reached for discussions to take place, there are currently no plans for a parish poll.

**Min: 117 Studley Cemetery Rules & Regulations- Cllr E Holder**

Cllr E Holder informed Council that the items that he was going to discuss had already been discussed. He would like Council to rescind the rules forthwith as proposed by Mr C Summers in the last Parish Council meeting.

Cllr J Ingram had made it very clear that there would be no movement on enforcement of the rules and regulations until a debate take place and a clear pathway emerges for a resolution.

Cllr E Holder would like a date to be set as soon as possible for the Working Party.

Mr Summers informed that the group will need to have a meeting to choose 3 members from the group for the Working Party. Mr J Bacon asked the Chairman if a member of clergy would be invited to form part of this Working Party; Mr C Summers agreed stated that the group would accept a member of the clergy within the working party if this person took one of the Councils' seats. Cllr J Ingram will discuss the matter with the Working Party.

Clerk will write to Mr Summers via Mrs Karen Brown- Somner to a set date for Working Party.

**Min: 132 Reminder of Christmas Fayre and Christmas Light Switch On 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014**

Christmas Switch on is at 6:30 pm. The Standard will be sending their photographer to take

pictures of the Switch On and Santa's Grotto.

**Min: 133** 2015/2016 precepts

Clerk has requested Councillors to submit their list of items by the 14<sup>th</sup> December for any improvement in the village so that it can be budgeted in the next precept.

## **9. Planning Applications for consideration**

14/02833/FUL: Mr Rohit Mehta, 14 Marble Alley, Studley, B80 7LD

Proposed change of use from office to dentist surgery ( Use Class D1)

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman , seconded Cllr A Smith , voting unanimous to Support .**

14/03061/FUL: Mrs Harriet Bassett, 46 The Grove, Studley, B80 7QL

Proposed Front Lounge- Porch Extension

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous to have  
No representation.**

14/03105/FUL: Mr R Russell, 17 Alcester Road, B80 7AG

Proposed change of use from mixed shop and offices to shop with self-contained flat at first & second floor.

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous to have  
No Representation.**

## **10. Planning Decisions Received**

14/02139/FUL: Arden Construction Ltd, Unit 6 & 7 Poplar Industrial Estate, Redditch Rd, Studley, B80 7AY.

Proposed single storey monopitched linked extension to Unit 6 & 7 to provide 220 sq. meter of additional floor space in light industrial use.

**Decision : Permission with Conditions**

14/02615/FUL: Mr William Green, Holt Farm, Alcester Road, Studley, B80 7PD

Notification of change of use and conversion of an agricultural building to a single dwelling with associated curtilage (including associated operations)

**Decision: Prior Approval Refused**

14/02371/COUMB: Mr William Green, Hunters Yard, Castle Farm, Studley, B80 7AH

Proposed conversion of existing agricultural building to a single house.

**Decision: Prior Approval Refused**

14/02370/COUMB: Mr Richard Walters, (Shakespeare Farms Ltd). The Piggery, Castle Farm, Studley, B80 7AH

Proposed conversion of existing agricultural building to 1 detached house.

**Decision: Prior Approval Refused**

14/02368/COUMB: Mr Richard Walters, The Barn, Castle Farm, Studley, B80 7AH

Proposed conversion of existing agricultural building to one detached house.

**Decision: Prior Approval Refused**

## **11. Notification of Planning Appeals & Planning Committee Meeting**

There were none

## 12. County & District Council Report

Cllr E Holder reported that there will be an increase of 11,300 houses for the district from 10,800 in the Draft Core Strategy.

Cllr P Beaman informed Council that District Council is now consulting on the Draft Core Strategy. All Town & Parish Councils will be informed. Cllr P Beaman would like the view of the Parish Council to be submitted to the District Council.

## 13. Correspondence

**Min 135:** Mr Douglas Anderson- Studley Common  
Cllr A Smith has agreed to inspect the area.

### For Circulation

**Min: 136** WALC- Notes from the Community Infrastructure Levy – June 2014

**Min: 137** WALC- Invitation to meet your Warwickshire Association- Representative and fellow Clerks at the WALC Parish & Town Council Liaison Meeting For Those Parishes in the Stratford Area and LAMRA (Health & Safety) Event Training Explained.

**Min: 138** The Clerk & Council Magazine- November 2014- Vol: 45 – No 6

## 14. Approved Accounts for payment

2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2014				
	Newsquest	Leaflet printing & Distribution- Christmas Switch on	604	£185.16
	Bromsgrove & Redditch Trophies	Plaques for War Memorial	605	£216.00
	I Geddes	Website updates	606	£22.18
	J Vale	Ground Contractor	607	£378.00
	P A Janes	Litter pick (Millennium Park & Carpark to the side)	608	£380.00
	DR Lee	Computer Maintenance	609	£40.00
	SDC	SDC- Planning advice	610	£1000.00
	Kevin Ward	Master of ceremony for Christmas fayre	611	£60.00

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts voting unanimous for schedule of cheques be approved and signed.**

**12. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

**Meeting closed 9:05 pm**