

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7:30 pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

### Present

Chairman Cllr P Beaman, Vice- Chair Cllr J Bacon, Cllr A Smith, Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, Cllr Mrs S Crofts, Cllr Mrs S Redman, Cllr E Holder, Cllr Mrs J Beard, Cllr B Dixon, Cllr C Summers, Cllr Mrs Karen Brown & Cllr Mrs M Woodrow

### In attendance

Assistant Clerk Mrs L Stanton, District Cllr Justin Kerridge & County Cllr C Rickhards  
Mr Ross Crawford –Paul, Redditch Standard & 1 member of public

## 2. Apologies for Absence.

Parish Clerk Mrs L. Gailey (Annual Leave)

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr S Crofts, voting unanimous to accept the apology.**

## 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.*

- Cllr P Beaman
  - Cllr Mrs S Redman
  - Cllr Mrs M Woodrow
- } Item 12- payment to Village Hall.

If any questions are raised about the payment schedule all those named would leave the room.

## 4. Public Forum

There were none.

## 5. Matters Arising (for information only)

There were none.

## 6. Items for Discussion

**Min: 52** Vision statement for Parish Plan.

Cllr P Beaman will email to all Councillors some sample vision statements to help Councillors to formulate a vision statement to be used throughout the Parish Plan.

Cllr J Bacon suggested that Councillors use Google search engine for sample vision statements used by other organisations.

Vision statement for the Parish Plan will be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

**Min: 53** Approvals of Horticultural Awards

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr B Dixon voting unanimous for the Awards to be awarded to the following;**

**Allotments**

- **Cup for Best Overall Plot- Mr Alan Cale**

- **Runners up Cups- Studley Community Allotment & Mr Gerald Goodman**
- **J O' Brien Cup ( New Bed) – Mr T Bradshaw**
- **Best Ladies Plot ( Rose Bowl)- Mrs Margaret Smith**
- **Certificates of Commendation- Mrs Ann Pill & Mr Ken Somner**

#### **Garden Frontages**

- **Best Overall Garden- Mr & Mrs A Watson**
- **Runners up Cup- Mr & Mrs A Roche**
- **Certificate of Commendation- Mr & Mrs B Harris**
- **Best Retail- Flair with Flowers**
- **Best Commercial- The Victoria Works Public House, Studley**

**Min: 54** Bottle Hamper for Auction at Awards Evening

Cllr P Beaman would like Councillors to donate a bottle towards the hamper which will be raffled at the Awards Evening. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to Parkinson's UK.

**Min: 55** Reminder for nomination for Silver Jubilee, Millennium Award & Youth Award for meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Assistant Clerk to email nomination form to all Councillors.

**Min: 56** Freedom of information request.

Cllr P Beaman read out letter from resident, Mr J Ingram requesting for freedom of information from Cllr Summers, Cllr Mrs J Beard, Cllr Mrs K Somner-Brown & Cllr B Dixon regarding the recent elections when a lot of claims were made about a petition signed by over 1,000 people protesting against the proposed changes to the rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of Studley Cemetery. The following information has been requested;

- What was the petition collecting signatures for or against, specifically the wording used to set out the reason for the petition?
- How many of the Studley residents who participated were listed on the Electoral Role and therefore eligible to sign the petition?
- How many signatures were valid, ie supported with a Studley address and contact details?
- How many signatures collected were invalid according to the rules of petitioning Council.
- Based on the latest electoral role, what percentage of the village supported the objectives of the petition?

Mr Ingram asked in his letter; " Additionally I would like to know when Council will make the audited details of this document public, this is clearly long overdue and I firmly believe is in the public interest?"

Cllr Dixon informed Council that he supports Mr Ingram's Freedom of information request and Cllrs. Dixon, Bear, Summers and Somner-Brown agreed to provide the information requested

## **7. Planning Applications for consideration**

15/02496/FUL: Mr Mark McCann, Clarke Farm, Hardwick Lane, Clarke Green, Studley  
Proposed extension of domestic garden (retrospective)

**Proposed Cllr A Smith, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous to object based on the following:**

- **The plan provided is inaccurate and does not represent the built form that is presently on site.**

- The development proposes legitimising a blatant breach in planning regulations by building in open countryside, in the Green Belt.
- The development has detrimental impact on the openness of the Green Belt when viewed from the public footpaths and the public road that runs along the front of the site.
- The development contributes to a serious overdevelopment of a site that seriously impacts on the visual amenity that open countryside affords to everyone.

15/02371/VARY: Mrs P Smith, Land off or Birmingham Road, Studley.

Proposed variation to condition 21 of planning permission 12/02528/OUT for the 'erection of local market housing (a maximum of six dwellings' to allow for garages to be erected forward plot 1.

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous to object based on the following;**

- Does not conform to SDC Planning guidelines.
- It is accepted policy in SDC to refuse garages located forward of the building line.
- Impact on streetscene

15/02468/FUL: Mr Robert Rickard, 28 Badbury Close, Studley, Warwickshire, B80 7RS

Proposed first floor side extension over existing garage.

**Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting unanimous to make No Representation.**

15/02484/FUL: Mr & Mrs P Sharp, 52 St Judes Avenue, Studley, Warwickshire, B80 7HY

Proposed extension of front porch to accommodate a WC.

**Proposed Cllr J Bacon, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous to make No Representation.**

## 8. Planning Decisions Received

15/01871/FUL: Mr & Mrs Roger Morris, 10 Holt Road, Studley, B80 7NX

Demolition of garage and erection of replacement with store

**Permission with Conditions.**

15/01870/FUL: Mr Sam Green, 8 Holt Garden, Studley, Warwickshire, B80 7NX

Erection of two storey side extension

**Permission with Conditions.**

15/01448/COUIQ: Mr Richard Walters, The Barn, Castle Farm, Hardwick Lane, Studley.

Conversion of existing agricultural building to one detached house

**Prior Approval not required.**

15/01789/FUL: Mr G Snaddon, 32 Holt Gardens, Studley, Warwickshire, B80 7NU

Replacement of existing flat roof with a tiled pitched roof and Lead Square Caped Window.

**Permission with Conditions**

## 9. Notification of Planning Appeals & Planning Committee Meeting

There were none

## 10. District, County Council & Delegate Reports.

District Cllr J Kerridge reported the following;

- SDC have just launched the 'shop grant' today – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Shop owners will be able to apply for a grant of £500.00 to help towards repainting their shop fronts. The grant cannot be used for replacement of signage. Cllr Kerridge will be approaching shops owners in Studley regarding the grant.
- SDC have finally swept the footpath in Bell Mead.

County Cllr C Rickhards informed Council that Mappleborough Green has given their full support for using the Sustainable Community Act proposal for Redditch Borough Plan 4 and the proposed development at the Alexander Hospital in Redditch.

## 11. Correspondence

**Min: 57** SDC- Core Strategy Representations. 13<sup>th</sup> August – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015(Emailed)

**Min: 58** WCC- Tourism Funding available to support festival and event in Warwickshire.

## 12. Approved Accounts for payment.

4 <sup>th</sup> August 2015	Name			
	Studley Village Hall	¼ Rent- Council Chamber for April 15 to June 15 & 15 <sup>th</sup> July – 15 <sup>th</sup> September	769	2x500= 1000.00
	Studley Village Hall	¼ Grant for Library April to June & July to September	769	2x1250= 2500.00
	J Vale	Ground maintenance	770	1997.70
	P A Janes	Litter Pick- Recreation Ground	771	370.00
	P A Janes	Clean Bus Shelter opposite Tesco	771	40.00
	Julie Newton	CAB Printer	772	79.99
	Lyreco	Stationery	773	234.73
	Biffa Municipal	Bulky Waste	774	720.00

**Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting 9 for and 3 abstentions for the schedule of cheques be approved and signed.**

**13) Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**Meeting closed 8:15pm**