

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> November 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 T O'Hanlon & Cllr A Smith,

### In attendance

Mrs L Gailey- Parish Clerk, Mrs L Stanton- Assistant Clerk, District Councillor Mrs H Wright & 18 members of public

## 2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Mrs S Crofts

## 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.*

I. Cllr E Holder- item 12- Correspondence – Studley Allotment Association.

## 4. Public Forum

- I. Mrs Ann Wade informed the Parish Council that she has attended 3 funerals in her family in the past years and the cemeteries in other parts of the country have similar rules to Studley Cemetery.
- II. Mr C Summers would like to inspect the risk assessments on Health & Safety of the Grounds Contractor.
- III. Mr B Dixon requested Council to vote to overturn the decision on the rules & regulations of the cemetery. Mr Dixon would like the Chairman of Parish Council to write to the Chief Constable regarding the presence of a police officer at the last the Parish Council Meeting (21<sup>st</sup> October 2014). Cllr J Ingram informed Mr Dixon that the police officer was present at the meeting due to the verbal abuse that members of the Council and staff received from the group when they were leaving the Village Hall after the meeting. Cllr J Ingram informed Mr Dixon that he or the Parish Council will not be writing to the Chief Constable on his behalf. Mr Dixon will have to write to the Chief Constable himself if he feels so strongly about the presence of the police officer at the previous Council Meeting. Mr Dixon asked the Vice- Chair, Cllr Mrs M Rickhards how was the consultation being done regarding the rules & regulations of the cemetery. Cllr Mrs M Rickhards informed Mr Dixon that she does not have the figures in hand without referring to details from the Parish Council office. Cllr Mrs S Redman informed Mr Dixon that the consultation was a public consultation where by the rules were on display during the Parish Plan Exhibition. The regulations were also published on the Parish Council website and the various Parish Council Notice boards.
- IV. Mrs Karen Somner-Brown would like to know when she will be getting her response from the Parish Council on the correspondence that she had submitted to the Council on behalf of the group 'Studley Residents Against New Graveyard Rules'. Clerk informed that the Burial Committee had their meeting on Monday (3<sup>rd</sup> Nov) and the response will be in the post to her this week. Mrs Somner-Brown informed Council that the group have so far

collected 1200 signatures for the petition. She handed the documents over to the Chairman as proved; she will not be submitting the documents yet to the Council as the group have not been round to everyone in the Village.

- V. Mrs Beard requested Council to respond to her query in her previous correspondence on why the rules & regulations of the cemetery have to be changed since the old rules & regulations were acceptable to all residents. She read out the aims of Studley Parish Council Cemetery.
- VI. District Cllr Mrs H Wright would like to know if she has to register to speak in future Council Meetings. Cllr P Beaman informed her that there was no need for her to register to speak as she is the District Councillor for Studley. For all future agendas reports from District & County Councillors will be included in the 2 Council Meetings.

#### **5. Presentation by Miss Holly Pittaway regarding Village Green.**

Miss Pittaway in her presentation to the Parish Council gave her reasons why the vacant land at the Co-op site should be converted into a Village Green for Studley. District Cllr Mrs H Wright informed Miss Pittaway that the Commons Act 2006 state that there must be proof that the land or site have been used for recreation purposes for 20 years before it can be registered as a Village Green. Cllr Mrs H Wright would like to register Miss Pittaway to speak at the next Stratford District Council, Full Council Meeting to present her proposal. Cllr Mrs H Wright is willing to support Miss Pittaway at the next SDC Full Council meeting.

The Parish Council would like to record that a member of public disrupted Cllr P Beaman's response to the discussion of the Village Green by abruptly walking out of the Council Chamber.

#### **6. Dr Barrie Wade- War Memorial- Wording for plaque.**

Dr Barrie Wade updated the Parish Council on the various activities that the 4 schools were involved in to raise funds for the restoration of Studley War Memorial. He would like to thanked the Clerks for organising the display of the children's work in the Village Hall.

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr M Redman, voting unanimous for the following wording suggested by the 4 schools to be used for the plaque;**

##### **Plaque 1                      Studley War Memorial Restoration**

- **Dr Barrie Wade with the support of Studley Parish Council invited Mappleborough Green Primary School, Studley Junior School, Studley Infant School, Coughton Primary School & St Mary Catholic Primary School to fund raise for the restoration of Studley War Memorial.**
- **During the project the pupils of the 5 schools manage to raise £2517.18 through various activities such as spellaton, readaton & non-uniform day. Workshops of poem writing were carried in the 5 schools by Dr Wade.**
- **Through this fund raising project the children of the schools got to know the importance of the commemoration of World War 1.**

##### **• Plaque 2- Studley Parish Council Chairman's Awards 2013/2014**

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr M Redman voting unanimous for the following amended wording to be;**

- **Special thanks are accorded to Studley British Legion and the residents of Studley for raising £1126.00 towards the restoration of Studley War Memorial completed on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

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

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr J Ingram, voting unanimous That, pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the remaining business of the meeting in view of the fact that the nature of the proceedings will be such that, if the public's were present, there would likely be disclosure to them of exempt information under Paragraph 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the said Act (as amended)**

**Closed session.**

**Following conclusion of this item of discussion the meeting returned to public session.**

**8. Items for Discussion**

**Min: 116** Street Naming & numbering of Bell Lane, Studley

**Proposed Cllr J Ingram, seconded Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, voting 8 in favour and 1 abstention to name the Street Vale Close. Clerk to write to Mrs C Vale to seek her approval for her late husband's name to be used. The name Thompson Close suggested by Cllr E Holder will be the second choice if Mrs C Vale does not wish the street to be name after her late husband.**

**Min: 117** Request for visibility mirror for Dunstall Allotments.

Clerk read out email from County Council- Traffic & Road Safety Group. The County Council does not supply or give agreement to the erection of mirrors on public highways for which is the highway authority. A mirror would be considered an unlawful obstruction on the highway. The following reasons were given;

- Mirrors can give a distorted view of the road and a misleading impression of the of approaching vehicles.
- Convex mirrors will not give a clear view of smaller vehicles, such as motorcycles and pedal cycles.
- Flat mirrors have a very limited field of view.
- Mirrors can also cause drivers to feel a sense of security when entering a main road, to such an extent that due care may not be taken when completing the manoeuvre.

Where mirrors may have been erected near private accesses they normally have been placed on private property, with the consent of the landowner.

**9. Planning Applications for consideration**

14/02880/COUIA: Proposed notification of proposed change of use from shop (A1) to dwelling (C3), and associated building operations

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

- **Impact on street scene**
- **Effect on shopping community.**

**10. Planning Decisions Received**

Dr M Crooks, The Woodland, 176 Alcester Road, Studley, B80 7PA

14/02407/FUL: Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new larger conservatory to rear of premises.

**Permission with Conditions**

14/02457/HHPA: Mr Greg Holloway, 148 St Judes Avenue, Studley

Increase projection of rear extension by 900mm to give total projection of 3.43m

**Decision: Prior Approval Not Required**

14/02634/FUL: Mr & Mrs John Downie, 27 Toms Town Lane, Studley, B80 7QG

Proposed two storey rear extension- single storey extension.

**Application withdrawn**

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

There were none

## **12. Correspondence**

**Min: 123** Resignation letter from Cllr J Bacon

Clerk to write to Cllr Bacon to thank him for sacrificing his position on the Parish Council in order to effect a resolution regarding the rules & regulations of Studley Cemetery. A vote of thanks from the Parish Council.

**Min: 124** Studley Remembrance Parade Programme.

All to meet at Pool Road car park at 9:30am on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**Min: 125** Studley Allotments Association- Dunstall Allotments

There are no plans in the precept to raise the annual rent for the allotments.

### **For Circulation**

**Min: 126** WALC- Notes from Financial Briefing Morning- 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014 & Website Checklist for Parish Council & Town Council

**Min: 127** WALC- Cil Payments & non domestic rates for public toilets-NALC's larger Council Clerk & Council Direct

## **13. Approved Accounts for payment**

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	A Davies	Table for Studley Community Library	580	£95.00
	J Vale	Ground Contractor	589	£1478.70
	P A Janes	Litter pick (Millennium Park & Car park to the side)	590	£370.00
	I Geddes	Website updates	591	£48.43
	N-Power	Street lighting	DD	£5582.94
	Siemens	Photocopier hire	DD	£413.40

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr A Smith voting unanimous for schedule of cheques be approved and signed.**

## **12. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Meeting closed 9:00 pm**