

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday, 6th May 2014 at 6:30pm

1. Present

Chairman Mrs S Redman, Vice-Chairman Cllr J Ingram, J Bacon, Cllr A Smith,
Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, Cllr Mrs S Crofts, Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, Cllr M Roskell,
Cllr T O'Hanlon

County Councillor C Rickhards

Mrs D Mitchell, Studley Parish Lands Charities.

Mr Mark Roskell, Studley in Bloom

Mrs Joan Wallin, Studley Community Library

Mrs Barbara Beaman (resident)

Mr & Mrs M Johnson (residents)

Mr Brian Dixon (resident)

2. Apologies

Mrs H Wright & Mrs G Liebthal

3. Welcome from the Chairman to everyone.

4. Presentation of Accounts, Studley Parish Lands Charity given by Mrs D Mitchell.

The Trustees had to take on two new members due to the death of Mr Howard Vale and Mr Bill McCarthy moving away from the Village. Mr Arthur Daniels has joined the Parish Land on a permanent basis. Mrs Sandra Crofts has joined the Trustees in place of Mr Bill McCarthy. Mrs Crofts and Mrs M Woodrow are representatives for Studley Parish Council.

The following grants were given out in 2013.

- £500 was given to Studley Food Bank to help with set up costs. The Trust believes it is going well and helping families and individuals in need which is the main aim of the Parish Land Charities. This will be reviewed again this year.
- Grants made to Studley Parish Church and Mappleborough Green Parish Church were increased from £600 to £700.
- Studley Infant School and St Mary's RC school continue to receive educational grants.
- Four Acres Care Home received a grant of £50.00 and The Woodlands and Field View care facilities received baskets of fruit which were very well received.
- A number of small education grants were given. These were also increased from £10.00 to £20.00 for each child.
- Grants to disabled members of the community were increased to £10.00 for each individual.
- At Christmas, elderly residents & residents in care home received their usual monetary grant.
- Studley Parish Lands Charity continues to give out donations to those in need and although often on small scale, as the Charity is not very wealthy, they are always appreciated. The Charity is still trying to maximise their investments which is not

easy in the current climate, interest rates being what they are but the Charity look forward to the next 12 months.

5. Presentation of report, Studley Village Hall Management given by Mr Paul Beaman.

The Chairman's Report was read out by Mr Paul Beaman and a copy of the report circulated to all Councillors.

- Studley Village Hall Management Committee has restructured their Committee Meetings.
- The Board and Management Meetings take place in alternate months.
- The board meeting handled the financial and strategic direction of the hall.
- The management meeting focusing on the day to day running of the hall.
- Supporting the Management Committee is the users forum meeting which pulls together some of the management team, users and volunteers to try and increase the number of events held at the hall and also to assist the caretaker in his duties.

6. Presentation of report, Studley Improvement Partnership.

Cllr Mrs S Redman read out the report from Mrs H Wright.

- Walk about and village inspection – arrangement has been made for this to take place on the 20th May 2014. During the inspection Mr John Brown from Warwickshire County Council and Matt Austin from Stratford District Council will accompany volunteer residents to identify issues and concerns that relate to the street scene.
- Heritage Lottery Fund Application- following further guidance the lottery application was re written. The new document has been issued to the involved voluntary groups for discussion. It is intended to bring the various voluntary groups together for a meeting to finalise the application.

Cllr P Beaman congratulated Studley Improvement Partnership on how well presented the village looks.

7. Presentation of report, Studley in Bloom.

Cllr M Roskell read out the report from Mrs G Liebthal.

- SIB exceeded the achievements of the previous 2 years by not only winning a Gold Award but also the Best Town category of Heart of England in Bloom.
- In 2013 Studley in Bloom has acknowledged the contributions of individuals and businesses with blue plaques on a number of the prominent planters.
- Studley in Bloom took on an allotment in 2013. The produce from the allotment was distributed to members of the public at the 'Coffee Break' in return for a small donation.
- Members of Studley in Bloom assisted as traffic marshalls during the Remembrance Day Parade and throughout the year maintained the war memorial.
- In 2014 in addition to the floral displays Studley in Bloom will be working with the Children's Centre, Brownies for their involvement in litter picks.
- Studley in Bloom will help with the launch of a community project that will be organised by a resident in Eldorado Close.
- Studley in Bloom will be getting more involved with the Nature Reserve by way of planting that will encourage the wild habitat.

- Studley in Bloom managed to apply for a grant of a £1000 from Warwickshire County Council towards the purchase of new watering equipment.

Studley in Bloom would like to thank individuals and local businesses who have supported them in the past year.

8. Presentation of report, Studley Community Library given by Mrs Joan Wallin.

Studley Community Library has been running for 2 years. The latest footfall figures confirms that there is an increase of users of the library. The core of volunteers who originally came forward and took on the challenge is still mainly intact and their enthusiasm and commitment is to be congratulated.

The following are some of the activities that the Studley Community Library has implemented since its opening.

- A total of 6 'Author's Evenings' took place at the village hall which proved to be successful.
- New book shelves were made for the children's corner in the library from money donated by a local developer. These have made it more inviting for the children coming to the library.
- Efforts to engage the children are still ongoing via connections with local schools.
- A flyer went out to all homes in Studley in February, reminding people of the library and the many services on offer.
- Children from St Mary's Catholic Primary School dressed up as character from literature on World Book Day and visited the library. They had their picture taken by the local press.
- A Writer and reading group has been set up and has attracted a number of people.
- The Community Library hopes to continue with the Summer Reading Challenge for children and Book Start Bear Club for under-five's.
- The annual audit undertaken by the County library services took place on Friday 2nd May. They were happy with the running of the service. They also commented that the volunteers of the Community Library are fulfilling the parts of the agreement whereby community involvement is to be promoted by ways mentioned in this report.

County Councillor C Rickhards informed that at the Warwick County Council Portfolio Holder's meeting that there is no implication for Studley Community Library.

Cllr J Bacon informed that the A-Board promoting the library has been stolen FROM outside the Village Hall.

9. Past Chairman's report read out by Cllr Mrs S Redman.

Report circulated to all Councillors

Meeting ended 7:00pm

