

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 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 Redman, Cllr E Holder, Cllr Mrs J Beard, Cllr B Dixon, Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, Cllr C Summers, Cllr Mrs Karen Brown

### **In attendance**

Parish Clerk Mrs L Gailey, District Cllr J Kerridge, Ross Crawford –Paul (Press Redditch Standard) & 4 members of the public

## 2. Apologies for Absence.

3. Cllr Mrs S Crofts (Holiday), Cllr C Rickhards, Cllr N Moon & Mrs L Stanton Asst Clerk (Holiday)

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous to accept the apologies.**

## 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.*

Cllrs B Dixon, C Summers, Mrs K Somner Brown & Mrs I J Beard – Item 6 (viii)  
Cllr P Beaman – Item 6 (v)

## 4. Public Forum

None

## 5. Matters Arising (for information only)

There were none.

## 6. Items for Discussion

**Min: 31** Proposed development on site at Alexandra Hospital, Redditch.

**Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Holder, voting unanimous to refer matter to SCA Group to use Sustainable Communities Act to register objection to proposed development.**

**Min: 32** Removal of fence on land bordering Studley Sports & Social Club (SSSC)

**Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Bacon , voting unanimous that Clerk to write to Chairman of SSSC Management Committee raising Council's concern over the matter and reminding Chairman of the right procedures to be followed.**

**Min: 33** Fairtrade Status for Studley

**Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Smith, voting unanimous to pass the following Resolution. "The Council aims to be recognised by the residents and business**

**Community of Studley as a Council actively supports and promotes the concept of Fairtrade, ensuring that producers from developing countries get a fair price for their goods and labour.**

**Min: 34** Review status of General Purposes Committee

**Proposed Cllr Bacon, seconded Cllr Smith, voting unanimous that the General Purpose Committee be deleted.**

**Min: 35** Recommendation from Finance Committee

**Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr Smith, voting 10 in favour and 1 abstention that the quote for reconfiguring data connections in Parish Office be awarded to Vale Fire & Security in the sum of £434.00 plus VAT.**

**Min: 36** Building at Clarkes Green

**Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Bacon, voting unanimous that Clerk approach the Planning Dept at Stratford District Council to ask for detailed information on what Permission has been granted for building works at Clarkes Green Farm and for copies of any plans they have received.**

**Min: 37** Judging of Garden frontages both residential, retail and commercial premises

All Councillors to view garden frontages around the part of Studley in which they reside.

Cllr Holder to view the retail and commercial properties. Recommendations for gardens to be considered to be sent to Clerk.

**Min: 20** Review of Burial Ground Rules

Agreement has been reached by the Burial Ground Working Party on the majority of the rules. Cllr Mrs K Somner-Brown reported that the exclusion of kerb stones in the newer part of the Cemetery was not an issue.

**Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Summers, voting unanimous that the matter now be put out for a full consultation with residents of Studley and that the Clerk would Contact the Electoral Officer at SDC for guidance on conducting the survey.**

**Consideration would also be given to how best the views of non-residents with a Plot in the cemetery could be taken into account.**

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

15/1789/FUL: Mr G Snaddon, 32 Holt Gardens, Studley

Proposed replacement of existing flat roof with a tiled pitched roof and lead square capped window.

**Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Smith, voting unanimous to support on the following grounds:- Improvement in street scene and in energy conservation.**

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

Proposed demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement and store

**Proposed Cllr Bacon, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman, voting unanimous to support on the following grounds:- Improvement in street scene.**

15/01435/FUL: Mr John Walters, The Bug in the Blanket, Castle Farm, Studley

Proposed conversion of single storey agricultural building to no.1 dwelling and Associated works to facilitate conversion

**Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Dixon, voting unanimous to support on the following grounds:- appropriate re use of redundant building**

15/01436/LBC: Mr John Walters, The Bug in the Blanket, Castle Farm, Studley  
Proposed conversion of single storey agricultural building to no.1 dwelling and  
Associated works to facilitate conversion

**Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Dixon, voting unanimous to support on the following grounds:- appropriate re use of redundant building.**

15/02015/FUL: Mr & Mrs D Lees, Manor Mews, Manor Road, Studley  
Proposed first floor side extension and single storey rear extension

**Proposed Cllr Holder, seconded Cllr Smith, voting unanimous to support on the following grounds:- appropriate development.**

15/01525/FUL: Mr James Baker of Orbit, 26 New Road, Studley  
Proposed installation external wall insulation on all elevations of property

**Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Bacon, voting unanimous to support on the following grounds:- appropriate development and improves thermal insulation of building.**

15/02281/TPO: Mr Andy Miles, Land to the rear of 34 & 36 Node Hill, Studley  
T1-T33: Apple: framework pollarding

**Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Holder, voting unanimous to Support on condition that the work is carried out by an Arboriculturist**

15/02018/FUL: Mr Mark McCann, Clarkes Green Farm, Hardwick Lane, Studley  
Proposed change of use of part of existing Dutch Barn to mixed use purposes for  
Agriculture and storage (use class B8) (retrospective)

**Proposed Cllr Beaman, seconded Cllr Holder, voting unanimous to object on the following grounds:- Council does not believe the barn has permission to be there in the first place.**

## **8. Planning Decisions Received**

15/01085/FUL: Mr B Bennett, Land off Green Lane, Studley  
Proposed provision of hardstanding to existing agricultural access track (retrospective)

**Permission with Conditions**

15/01539/LDP: Submitted by Mr James Baker – Orbit, 35 Toms Town lane Studley  
Installation of external wall insulation

**Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development**

15/01533/LDP: Submitted by Mr James Baker – Orbit, 41 Watts Road, Studley  
Installation of external wall insulation

**Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development**

15/01535/LDP: Submitted by Mr James Baker - Orbit, 51 Watts Road, Studley  
Installation of external wall insulation

**Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development**

15/01534/LDP: Submitted by Mr James Baker – Orbit, 45 Watts Road, Studley  
Installation of external wall insulation

**Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development**

15/01546/TPO: 1 Old Vicarage Gardens, Studley

**Consent for Arboricultural work**

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

There were none

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

County Cllr C Rickhards reported on the following;

- At the further hearings on Redditch Local Plan no.4. It was clear from the Inspector's questioning of the Councils that he had major problems with the new submissions on Sustainability and other matters
- The Sustainable Communities Group involving all the local parishes will no doubt consider some of the points raised when they meet on 30<sup>th</sup> July.
- At the meeting of Traffic Section at Warwickshire County Council it was clear the upgrading to total dual carriageway of the A46 would facilitate moves to downgrade the A435.
- Cllr Rickhards is distributing HGV monitoring forms to residents on A435 to allow them to accumulate their own evidence of speeding HGV's.
- The Police conducted 10 speed checks on Alcester Road over 12 weeks. The findings are puzzling as only 10 vehicles were found to be over the speed limit with a top speed of 36mph
- The release of Studley Centre for purchase is being considered at Cabinet meeting in September. The Church group are still poised to make a bid. Building is registered as a site of "Community Value"

Report from District Cllr J Kerridge

- **Alex hospital service developments** : Chris Saint, leader of Stratford District council will be at a meeting with other local council leaders and the clinical commissioning group chair, Dr Wells, this week. He is aware of the widely held local desire for University Hospitals Birmingham to enter into some dialogue with Worcestershire Acute hospitals Trust over the future of the Alex hospital. I will be deputising for Cllr Saint when he is unable to attend meetings and will be discussing issues with Dr Wells this week also to keep me up to speed. As you know, the present plans do not include Birmingham University hospital.
- **Alex hospital land development adjacent to Green Lane:** I attended an open evening by the developer who showed indicative plans for the development.

There is no vehicle access (except an emergency vehicle access) onto green lane from the site. All the existing trees, both old and young, that separate the proposed development from Green lane are proposed to remain in place with a pedestrian

walkway/nature walk along this stretch which will thus position houses even further away from Green lane. Studley parish council should be consulted by Redditch Borough council when any plans are submitted.

- **A435.** Although not entirely my domain I am pleased that local County councillors have met with County highways about traffic, especially HGV's, on the A435 from Alcester to the M42. Suggestions that the A435 might be re-classified as a B road when the A46 from Warwick to Alcester is made dual carriageway are welcome. There are proposals to dual the A46 and I would like to see such ideas formally linked with the re classifying of the A435 and associated works to control speed and perhaps numbers of HGV's. Maybe even a budget.

- **Recent suggestions to build along A435** on the way in from Alcester.

The Examination Inspector has made it clear in his interim findings on Stratford District council's core strategy that it would be inappropriate in the current Core Strategy to remove land from the Green Belt in relation to Local Service Villages. This is because the District Council has not undertaken a Green Belt Review on which to base such a course of action. I am pretty sure the same principle is applicable to land adjacent to Main Rural Centres in the Green Belt such as Studley. I do not believe the District council is undertaking a green belt review, so no local or national planning policy is likely to be supportive of such a proposal unless the parish council wished for such a development based on local housing need evidence for the parish.

- I would be interested to hear if the parish council are planning to move forward with the issue of trees in Old Vicarage gardens raised by several residents there recently.
- No applications from Studley are yet tabled for **Planning Committee West** meetings.
- As a member of planning committee West my general approach as a ward member will be not to commit to any definite for or against position. This will allow me to vote on applications from Studley. I believe this is a good thing, having the local member with local knowledge contributing to debate and decision making. This is a change in policy for Stratford District council, bringing us in line with national guidelines. This does however mean that the parish council will be more responsible for representing planning reasons for or against an application to the committee. With an ex- planning committee member as parish council chair this should not be a problem. I am certainly willing to discuss alternative approaches to planning matters in general or specific cases with residents or councillors.

Cllr Moon reported that he and Cllr Kerridge are working together re Studley and will file a joint report. He added to the above report that he had spoken to the Enforcement Officer at

SDC regarding the site where Roy's Bikes was previously located. The Enforcement Officer would contact the owner of the site to discuss its current unappealing presentation.

## 11. Correspondence

**Min: 38** Acknowledgement received from Dept for Communities & Local Govt (SC) that the Parish Council's challenge had been accepted and could be found on Barrier Busting website

**Min: 39** Letter from Mr R Hunt re Studley Parish Cemetery.

**Min: 40** Email from Arden Community Forum regarding Alcester North Police Priorities  
(For Circulation)

**Min: 41** The magazine of the National Assoc of Local Councils (Summer 2015)

## 12. Approved Accounts for payment.

Date 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	Name	Chq no	Amount £
	Cancelled	732	-
	Cancelled	733	-
	Cancelled	741	-
	Warwickshire Pension Fund	742	833.71
	HMRC Tax & N/I	743	825.96
	Studley Community Library	744	415.01
	Aries Entertainment- Deposit for Entertainer for Awards Evening 2015	745	75.00
	SDC- Charges for uncontested election on 7 <sup>th</sup> May 15	746	100.00
	P A Janes- Litter pick for Recreational Ground	747	370.00
	Studley Village Hall- Purchase of Beverage for Awards Evening 2015	748	90.04
	Ian Geddes- Website updates	749	63.83
	Warwickshire Training Partnership- Induction Day for new Councillor	750	45.00
	Ocean Blue Graphics- Name for Notice Board- Chairman 2015	751	6.00
	AquAid (Midland & South Wales)- Annual Water Cooler Rental	752	80.88
	DR Lee- Computer Care- IT Support Services	753	40.00
	G. Gardner- Mole Control	754	75.00
	Lyreco- Stationery	755	84.08
	GS Adams (Monthly Street light maintenance May & June 15)	756	1103.30
	J Vale – Grounds maintenance various areas	757	2089.80
	AquAid - Water	758	29.99

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, voting unanimous for the schedule of cheques be approved and signed.**

**13) Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

**Meeting closed 9:10pm**