

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 15th October 2013 at 7:30 pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

2. Present

Chairman Cllr Mrs S Redman, Vice Chairman Cllr J Ingram, Cllr P Beaman, Cllr J Bacon, Cllr E Holder, Cllr M Redman, Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, Cllr Ms M Tandy

In attendance

Clerk, Mrs L Gailey, Assistant Clerk, Mrs L Stanton & Councillor Mrs H Wright

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs M Woodrow (personal), Cllr Mrs A Wade (holiday), Cllr A Smith (personal), County Councillor C Rickhards (personal)

4. 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- item 14, payment to employer.

5. Public Forum

- I. Cllr Mrs H Wright raised her concerns regarding 'Borough of Redditch Local Plan No: 4 Proposed Submission document: Representation Period 30th September – 11th November 2013'. Cllr Mrs H Wright requested Councillors to consider the document carefully with a view to making representation.
- II. Cllr E Holder informed that the Studley Centre Advisory Group is now up and running. Cllr E Holder has been voted as Chairman of the Group.

6. To pass minutes of last meetings.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous that the minutes to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting.

7. Matters Arising (for information only)

None.

8. Items for Discussion

Min: 86 Restrictions on burial for non-residents- Cllr Bacon

Cllr J Bacon raised concerns due to the lack of burial space in Redditch cemetery and the impact this may have on Studley Cemetery.

Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr P Beaman, voting unanimous to be discuss at the next Burial Committee meeting.

Min: 51 Parish Plan-Analysis Questions/Answers and agree date of committee meetings. The completed questions/answers were divided among all Councillors for analysis. Meeting will be held Friday 8th November at 10 am in the Village Hall. Cllr Mrs H Wright has agreed to attend the meeting.

9. Planning Application for Consideration

13/02297/FUL: Mrs Martha James, 87 Crooks Lane, Studley, B80 7JL
Proposed flat roof two storey rear extension. Insertion of 1st floor side facing window.

No representation.

Proposed Cllr J Bacon, seconded Cllr M Redman, voting unanimous.

13/02437/FUL: Mr Nigel Rogers, 33 Augustine Avenue, Studley
Proposed single storey rear extension

No representation.

Proposed Cllr J Bacon, seconded Cllr Ms M Tandy, voting unanimous,

13/02603/FUL: Miss Aneka Smith, 39 Littlewood Green, Studley, B80 7QN
Proposed drop kerb

No Representation

Proposed Cllr J Bacon, seconded Cllr M Redman, voting unanimous

10. Planning Decisions Received

13/02130/HHPA: Mr HJ Browning & Mrs JF Browning, 13 Hamilton Drive, Studley, B80 7RP
The erection of a single rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 3.5m, for which the maximum height would be 2.9 m, and for which the height of eaves would be 2.1m
Prior Approval Not Required.

11. Notification of Planning Appeals & Planning Committee Meeting

None.

12. District & County Council Reports.

Cllr Mrs S Redman read out County Councillor C Rickhards report.

- The Cabinet decisions on Integrated Disability Service and also on Children's Centres were 'called in' by the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee and in both cases were referred back to Cabinet.
- In the case of the Disability Service the Portfolio holder agreed to a further consultation because the Matrix setting out the criteria for qualifying for various services had been changed since the original consultation.
- Cllr Rickhards would like the Parish Council to respond to the plea from Izzie Seccombe, the leader of the Council to indicate what their priorities are in the context of £92 million cuts over 4 years. For example does the PC feel that we need to give extra protection to Early Intervention work or perhaps lay the emphasis more on Highway safety in terms of road maintenance?

Clerk to write to Warwick County Council to ask what their strategic planning is to address the funding restraints for the next 4 years.

District Councillor Mrs H Wright reported the following;

- **Timescale of Elections-** The annual canvas this year was planned for 1st Oct 2013; there will be a delay because the government are requesting a more accurate register to be in place for the introduction of Individual Electoral Registration, in 2014, although the government has yet to make a final decision in November. This system means that there will be a move from household registration to individual registration.

- The register will be published on 17th February 2014.
- The analysis of District Wards under the Further Electoral Review will be published on 15th Oct, 2013 and the consultation period will run until 10th Jan 2014.
- **Credit Union-** The Council has resolved to engage with partners to encourage a credit union offering the best fit with the District needs. It is hoped to begin operating in the area as soon as possible and therefore a further report setting out the preferred approach will be submitted to the Cabinet at its 2nd December meeting.
- **SDC District Draft Core Strategy New Proposals Consultation-** A number of issues have arisen in relation to the new settlement programme at Gaydon/Lighthorne. The Parish Councils have combined representation and been very active in objecting to the new settlement. If the recommendations to the Cabinet are voted through this will create a further delay and compound the vulnerability of our District to developers and decisions making by the Department.
- Stratford District vulnerability is based on; i) the delay in the Core Draft Strategy. ii) the lack of a 5 year land supply.
- **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)-** The Stratford District Council of Community Involvement sets out how and when and where the Council would consult with local statutory stakeholders in the process of planning for the local authority area, both in producing development plans and in carrying out the development control function.
- Noting the changes in the Planning system since the publication in 2006 it was agreed that some amendments should be made. Once the document has been adopted the Council is legally obliged to comply with it. Studley Parish Council has an interest.
- **Appointment of the Monitoring Officer-** At Full Council on Monday 14th
- October 2013 the appointment of Mr Phil Grafton will be formally approved.

13. Delegates Reports

- Cllr E Holder attended the Wychavon Planning Committee meeting.
- Cllr E Holder informed that Bill McCarthy would like the bench presented by the Parish Council for the McCarthy's lifetime service to Studley Community to be placed somewhere in the High Street.
- Clerk to discuss with the owners of the Old Library for the possibility of the bench to be installed on the quadrant outside the Old Library.

14. Committee Reports

- 17th September & 1st October 2013 Studley Parish Council General Purposes Committee Meetings

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous that Committee Meetings minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

15. Correspondence

Min: 87 Thank you letter from Studley Flower Show- Community Grant

Min: 88 Thank you letter from Bill and Helen McCarthy.

For Circulation

Min: 89 CO Broadband Project- September 2013 (emailed)

Min: 90 Parish & Partners Briefing- Issue 7 September 2013 (emailed)

16. Approved Accounts for payment

15 th Oct 2013		Cancelled	341	cancelled
	Lyreco Uk Ltd	Stationary	342	£115.14
	Biffa Municipal	Bulky Waste	343	£426.00
	HMRC	Tax & NI	346	£720.23
	GS Adams	Street lighting maintenance	347	£806.05
	Excel Telecommunications	Phone charges	348	£35.15
	Npower	Electricity	DD	£4353.51
	Paul Hobbs Carpets	SSSC flooring	349	£1134.00
	Lighting & Illumination	Christmas lights	350	£324.00

Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr Ms M Tandy, voting 7 for, 1 abstention that schedule of cheques be approved and signed.

18) Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 5th November 2013

Meeting closed 8:30 pm