

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7:30 pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

### Present

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

### In attendance

Parish Clerk Mrs L Gailey, Assistant Clerk Mrs L Stanton, District Councillor Mrs H Wright & 4 members of public.

## 2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr E Holder & County Councillor C Rickhards

## 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 item 7, iv, v & Item 15 payment to employer

Cllr Mrs M Rickhards- item 8 – planning application 14/03228/OUT- non pecuniary

## 4. Public Forum

- I. Mr B Dixon extends Season Greetings to all Councillors. He would like Council to reconsider their decision to allow a non-resident member to be on the Committee of the Residents Against Graveyard Regulations.  
Cllr J Ingram agrees to going forward sensibly and no objection to anyone supporting the cause. The Committee need to be representative of the residents of Studley to gain a clear output that not challengeable by the Community we representation
- II. Mr Colin Summers extends Seasons Greetings to all Councillors. He would like his Group to meet with the Council to resolve the graveyard rules & regulations in the New Year.

## 5. To Pass minutes of the last meeting

- 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2014

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting unanimous that the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 & 2<sup>nd</sup> December to be signed by Chairman as true records of the meetings as published.**

## 6. Matters Arising (for information only)

Cllr P Beaman would like to thank Assistant Clerk & Clerk for organising the Switch On and also to formerly thanked the Studley Christmas Lights Committee for raising money for the lights.

## 7. Items for Discussion

**Min: 116** Rectification of Council representation at talks with the Group against Changes to Graveyard rules.

**Proposed Cllr J Ingram, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting unanimous that Cllr J Ingram, Cllr Mrs M Rickhards & Cllr Mrs S Redman will be the Committee Members for the Working Party for the Burial Committee.**

Clerk will arrange a pre meeting date with the group to set out the governance of the meeting.

**Min: 139** Station Road Allotments- Cllr A Smith.

Cllr A Smith requested funding for security fencing at Station Road Allotments.

Signage needs to be posted if barbed wire is installed on the fence.

**Proposed Cllr A Smith, seconded Cllr M Redman, voting unanimous for a sum up to £500.00 to be allocated for the fencing.**

**Min: 140** Reminder of Christmas Cards donations to Chairman's chosen charity.

Proceeds from collection in aid of SSAFA

**Min: 141** Replacement street light number 3, Gunners Lane, Studley.

Cllr P Beaman left the room during the debate and voting by the Council

**Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, voting 8 for and 1 abstention to replace the street lighting.**

**Min: 142** Replacement street light column 5, New Road.

Cllr P Beaman left the room during the debate and voting by the Council

**Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, voting for 8 and 1 abstention to replace the street lighting.**

## 8. Planning Application for consideration

14/02962/OUT: Mrs K Adams, 47 Station Road, B80 7JU

Proposed demolition of existing garage and construction of a dormer bungalow with off- road parking and shared access (outline application with off-road parking and shared access (outline application with some matters reserved)

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

- The proposed two-storey dwelling by virtue of its scale and rear garden context would be poorly integrated with the surrounding development and harmful to the established character of the area contrary to the provisions of local plan policies PR1 and DEV.1 along with paragraphs 56 & 64 of the BPPF.
- The development provided an inappropriate vehicular visibility splay and is therefore detrimental to the safety and proper functioning of the highway contrary to Paragraphs 32 and 35 of the Nppf and Policy Dev. 4 of the Local plan review.
- The development provides an access drive of insufficient width to enable appropriate two-way vehicle movements and would result in vehicular movement detrimental to the safety and proper functioning of the Highway contrary to Paragraph 32 & 35 of the NPPF and Policy Dev 4 of the Local Plan Review.

14/03228/OUT: Mr Steven Wiseman, 91- 95, Alcester Road, Studley, Warwickshire, B80 7NJ  
Proposed demolition of existing building (shop & office) and construction of three 2 storey homes complete with dedicated off- road parking and rear gardens (outline application with some matters reserved)

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman voting for 8 and 1 abstention to support based on the following;**

- **Support for change of use from business to residential**

## **9. Planning Decisions Received**

14/01375/FUL: Reddi- 2- Coat Ltd, Railway shed, Green Lane, Studley

Proposed demolition of all existing structures on the site and the construction of 4 nos four bedroom detached houses, all with detached double garages, accessed off a shared driveway.

**Permission with Conditions**

14/02880/COUIA: Mr Simon Biddle, 21 Alcester Road, Studley, B80 7AG

Notification of proposed change of use from shop (A1) to dwelling (C3) and associated building operations.

**Prior Approval Granted**

14/02629/LDP: Mr Lawrence Jones, 38 Node Hill, Studley, Warwickshire

Conversion of garage to personal TV/media room

Decision: Certificate of Lawful Proposed use or development

**Appeal Decision: Appeal Ref: APP/J3720/A/14/2222875**

8 Holt Road, Studley, Warwickshire, B80 7PD

**Decision: The Appeal is dismissed**

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

There were none

## **11. District, County Council & Delegate Reports.**

County Councillor C Rickhards report:

### **Fire Service**

- The Council approved the current possible options for collaboration between Warwickshire , Hereford & Worcestershire fire services.

### **Studley Centre**

- There is still no decision on the Centre

### **School Travel Safety**

- Cllr C Rickhards is still working with various groups to improve safety for school children on the High Street.

District Councillor Mrs H Wright reported the following;

### **Public Participation at SDC – Miss Holly Pittaway**

- In public questions to the Leader Miss Holly Pittaway asked “In regard to the Co-op land at Studley (currently for sale) what do the District Council intend to do about the issue.

- The Leaders response was “ The Principle of Residential Development on this site is acceptable although there are some constraints”
- Miss Pittaway presented her question well and was very mature in her approach, she deserves congratulations.
- The response was hard to accept, the same response Cllr Mrs H Wright has been getting for several years.
- Further local discussion is required.

### **Review of Polling District**

- It was agreed by Full Council that the polling stations would stay at the Village Hall and the policy of not using schools would continue, as had been proposed by a local Councillor.

### **Council Tax Reduction Scheme**

- This scheme replaces the Council Tax Benefit Scheme and it was agreed to continue with the scheme that is in place which takes into account the following;
  - a. Consultation of WCC and Police & Crime Commissioner
  - b. The full disregard of War Pensions and War Disabled
  - c. National Welfare benefit uprating

### **Core Strategy Requirement**

- A recommendation that a revised housing requirement figure of 11300 ( 565 dwellings per annum) for the Core Strategy period 2011 – 2031 has been endorsed. This should produce a more robust position based on demographic evidence and the predicted level of job growth.
- The impact is likely to be marginal on Studley, however the Gypsy and Traveller Plan has not been disclosed to the public, therefore it is not known if it will impact on Studley.

### **Shared Services**

The following has now been agreed in principle

- To work towards shared services with Cherwell District Council South Northamptonshire
- Agree a business case to use as a source of information for public, partner and stakeholder consultation and subject to the outcome of any consultation a change of view remains possible
- Agree in principle responses to all services with the potential to joint working.

### **General**

- Cllr Mrs H Wright has found out through reading the Rugby Borough Council website that Stratford on Avon District Council has paid towards a review of the Green Belt. This was not common knowledge to most Councillors. From Studley perspective it could be of concern and the progress should be closely monitored.
- There has been a trend in the Council not to be as transparent as it is possible and it was proposed in future that the existence of all sub- committees, working parties and bodies is made known to Councillors before the first meeting of any such group and that minutes of any such meetings are made publically available within a reasonable time period after any meeting of such a group. Cllr Mrs H Wright was the only Studley Councillor who voted in favour, Cllr P Beaman was unable to attend due a prior engagement. The proposal was not lost.

## 12. Committee Reports.

- 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr M Redman, voting unanimous that the notes of Grants Committee meeting & notes of the Working Party to be signed by Chairman as a true record of the meeting.**

## 13. Correspondence

**Min: 143** Email from Sheila Smith- Christmas lights  
Ms Smith was very happy with the new Christmas light.

**Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr J Ingram, voting unanimous a vote of thanks from the Studley Parish Council to the Studley Christmas Light Committee for a job well done.**

Circulation

**Min: 144** ICCM- Winter Issue- 2014

**Min: 145** The Voice of Local Council

## 14. Approved Accounts for payment.

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	Western Power	Connection charges to New Road	613	£898.40
	Excel Telecom	Telecom	614	£103.97
	GS Adams	Storage, Testing & erection of Christmas lights	615	£1524.00
	GS Adams	Breakdown New Road- fallen down Lamp damaged by Gas board	616	£300.00
	GS Adams	Street Lighting Maintenance Nov	616	£551.65
	Redditch Skip	Skip Hire	617	£188.40
	Lyreco	Stationary	618	£9.34
	Biffa Municipal	Bulky Waste	619	£507.60
	Staff salaries	Staff salaries	620/621 & SO	£2346.14
	SLCC	Renewal of membership	623	£235.00
	Petty Cash	Petty Cash	624	£50.00

**Proposed Cllr M Redman, seconded Cllr J Ingram, voting for 8, 1 abstention for the schedule of cheques be approved and signed.**

## 15. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Meeting closed 8:25 pm**