

# Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7:30 pm.

## 1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

### Present

Chairman Cllr J Ingram, Cllr Mrs S Redman, Cllr Mrs S Crofts, Cllr A Smith, Cllr P Beaman, Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, Cllr J Bacon, Cllr T O'Hanlon & Cllr E Holder

### In attendance

Parish Clerk Mrs L Gailey, Assistant Clerk Mrs L Stanton, District Councillor Mrs H Wright, & 3 members of public.

## 2. Apologies for Absence.-

Cllr Mrs M Rickhards (holiday), Cllr M Redman (Personal) County Cllr C Rickhards (holiday)

## 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 14 – payment to Studley Village Hall

## 4. Public Forum

- I. Mr Dixon would like know if the Parish Council were satisfied that the general tidy up at the cemetery was carried out to a good standard.  
Mr Dixon informed that he was tail-gated on the A435 by a lorry and when he reported it to the non-emergency 101 number he was told that he has to go to Leamington Spa to report the matter. He was not happy with the person that he spoke to regarding his incident.
- II. Mrs Beard informed Council that she has not yet received a letter of response from the Parish Council regarding her query. Clerk informed that the letter had already been posted out to her.
- iii. Cllr Mrs H Wright reminded the Council that the regulatory meeting will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> March at Stratford District Council and requested that the Parish Council send a representative to to regarding the Co-opt site.
- iv) Mr Martin Barry from Studley First Responders informed that Studley First Responders may not have the funds to run the service from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. They do not have enough funds to pay the £2000 to insure the Studley First Responders Cars. Studley First Responders depend solely on donations from the public.

## 5. To Pass minutes of the last meeting

- 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting 8 for and 1 abstention for**

minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting as published.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting unanimous for the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 to be signed by Chairman as true records of the meeting as published.**

## **6. Matters Arising (for information only)**

There were none.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

**Min: 167** Meeting with WCC regarding the pavement / trees in Pool Road.

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts voting unanimous to remove trees and replant new trees within the boundaries of the Recreation Ground . To erect new fence. This work is required due to health & safety issues.**

**Min: 157** Parish Plan update

The plan has now been amended and the Plan is ready for submission to SDC for approval

**Min: 162** Reminder for a member of Parish Councillor to attend SDC Regulatory Committee meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Cllr Mrs S Redman & Cllr Mrs M Rickhards will attend the meeting. Cllr Mrs S Redman would speak regarding the Co-opt site on behalf of the Parish Council.

## **8. Planning Application for consideration**

15/00644/FUL: Mr C Summers, Washford Farm, Icknield Street Drive, Studley

Proposed change of use existing agricultural building for storage of ice-cream vans, equipment and materials (retrospective)

**Proposed Cllr A Smith, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting 7 for and 2 abstentions to object based on the following; inappropriate development on green belt.**

## **9. Planning Decisions Received**

14/03621/COUIA: Mr A Salam, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor , 9 Alcester Road, Studley, B80 7AN

Proposed change of use from A2 (financial and professional services) to 3 nos. (dwelling houses)

**Prior Approval Granted**

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

There were none

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

**County Cllr C Rickhards report;**

### **i. Boundary review**

- The Local Govt. Commissioners have issued their final maps for the new County, District and parish division. Despite many objections Great Alne, Little Alne and Aston Cantlow have been included in Studley by the commissioners.

### **ii. Studley Car Boot**

- The consultation on Sunday Parking restriction during the Studley Car Boot has now been concluded and a decision must now be made on the current proposals in light of any objection.

iii. **Studley Centre**

- The Centre is now available for sale. It is hoped that an agreement can be reached between WCC and Churches Together to purchase the site for the project.

iv. **Road & Parking Schemes**

- Details of the 'road & parking' schemes that can be funded will shortly be determined. There will be funding restriction but Cllr Rickhards has prioritised the Littlewood Green/ Jubilee crossroads and the parking problem at Alcester Road and the end of New Road.
- There will be separate proposals by the Task Force on safety zones around schools, funded by the recent budget.
- Cllr Rickhards would like to thank the Parish Council for supporting the request via the Community Forum for action on speeding along a section of the A435. Cllr C Rickhards will continue to press the case.

v. **Other Matters**

- Cllr C Rickhards has been engaged in meetings on flood alleviation in Coughton, the expansion of rural broadband and inspiring Children in Care Council which addresses the vital problem of mental health counselling.
- The County Council have entered into a process of considering the possibility of entering into a Combined Authority with Coventry. Will update Parish Council if there is further development.

**District Cllr Mrs H Wright & District Cllr P Beaman joint report;**

I. **The Corporate Strategy**

- This was discussed at the previous Parish Council meeting and the inclusion of the Co-op site in the document

II. **Council Tax- 2015/16.**

- The SDC Council Tax was set for 2015/16; this included a freeze in District Council Tax and the band D figure remaining at £128.05
- Two Studley District Councillors Mrs H Wright & P Beaman supported a proposal that was defeated for an additional Neighbourhood Planning Officer for a one year period to assist with the implementation of Neighbourhood plans. There have been a significant numbers of areas designated as Neighbourhood Plan areas and following the adoption of the Core Strategy there will be pressure to process such plans. The proposal would have provided additional support for this concentrated period of activity. The concern for Studley is that if there is not sufficient resource to address the Parish Plan when and if it is converted to a Neighbourhood Plan it will cause delays that would create pressure on the village for development. Lack of resources contributed to delays in the Draft Core Strategy.

III. **Notice of Motion-Policy on Section 106 agreements South Warwickshire NHS Foundation.**

- It has now been agreed that in view of the increased house building in the District considerable strain is being placed on local medical facilities. It has been agreed that on significant applications that providing the application is CIL compliant £1000 per house will be paid to the Foundation for the provision of health services.

#### **IV. Notice of Motion- High Speed Broadband**

- On the 19<sup>th</sup> January the Cabinet records that 55% of premises in the district have no high speed broad band coverage. Further to this motion the District Council have agreed to support Warwickshire County Council by agreeing the terms of the second phase funding to commit financially to the second phase of the roll out of broad band.

#### **V. Gateway Development Stratford upon Avon**

- The Cabinet has agreed 'in principle' to use compulsory purchase to assemble the land required for a development in Stratford upon Avon. The significance of this for Studley is the establishment of the principle of compulsory purchase and the future of the Co-op site if the land cannot be secured by voluntary negotiation.

#### **VI. Sub Regional Green Belt Review**

- The green belt within Coventry and Warwickshire was part of the West Midlands is now being reviewed. Stratford upon Avon District will be reviewed in the second stage and will be undertaken towards the end of 2015.
- The review is to take place because a review of the housing needs in Birmingham found a shortfall in their land requirement.

#### **Studley Improvement Partnership report**

Chairman Mrs H Wright reported the following;

##### **Footpath Pool Road**

- A walk about took place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February with an Officer from SDC and WCC. The footpath on Pool Road going down the road to the car park on the left hand side was inspected. It was known the state of the footpath was the cause of two accidents. The problem was created by the roots of trees on the Recreation Ground growing into the pavement creating an uneven surface.
- On March 16<sup>th</sup> a meeting took place with SPC, SIP and WCC. Present were SIP Mrs Hazel Wright, SPC Mrs Lesley Gailey, Parish Councillor Mrs S Crofts, WCC Mr John Brown & Mr Paul Cowley. It was established that the trees were the responsibility of SPC. It was agreed if it was acceptable to SPC, WCC offered to remove the trees and remove the stumps free of charge. SPC will replace the fence and restore planting as they felt necessary. It was agreed this would be reported to the Parish Council to decide how they wish to proceed.

#### **12. Committee Reports.**

Approval of Notes of the Working Party Meeting held on the

- 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr J Bacon, voting 7 for and 2 abstentions that the notes of the Working Party Meeting to be signed by the Chairman as true record of the meeting.**

#### **13. Correspondence**

**Min: 168** WCC- Transport & Highway update (emailed)

**Min: 169** WALC- Minutes of Parish & Town Council Liaison Meeting- Stratford Area.

Other Correspondence

**Min: 170** Christine Dyer – Dog Fouling

- Circulation

**Min: 171** ICCM- Spring issue – 2015

**Min: 172** The Local Govt. Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Warwickshire Recommendations.

**Min: 173** Clerks & Councils Direct- March 2015 – Issue 98

**14. Approved Accounts for payment.**

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	Lyreco	Reimbursement stationery for Village Hall	669	376.64
	Clerk & Council Direct Subscription Renewal	Subscription Renewal	670	12.00
	Joan Wallin	Reimbursement for Studley Library printer	671	329.99
	Redditch Skip	Skip hire	672	188.40
	Biffa Municipal	Bulky waste	673	507.60
	G Gardner	Mole Maintenance	674	67.50
	WJ Robinson	Parish Matters	675	124.00
	Studley Village Hall	Grant	676	500.00
	Studley Village Hall	Rental for Studley Parish Council office and Library	677	1,750.00
	United Kingdom Debt. Management Office	Public works loan ( Skate park)	DD	2,594.25
	HMRC	HMRC	678	908.64
	Wages		679 &680 &SO	2494.14

**Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr J Bacon, voting for 8 for and 1 abstention that schedules of cheques to be approved and signed.**

**15. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Meeting closed: 8:35 pm**