

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 17th September 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 A Smith, Cllr M Redman, Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, & Cllr Mrs A Wade.

In attendance

Clerk, Mrs L Gailey, Assistant Clerk, Mrs L Stanton, County Councillor Cllr C Rickhards & 3 members of public.

3. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ms M Tandy & District Councillor Mrs H Wright

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 and item 8 - iv, Quotation for Christmas lights from employer.

5. Public Forum

- I. Cllr P Beaman- The change of condition implemented at Pool Road Leisure Centre. Any Councillors with any feedback or complaints from the public to inform Cllr Beaman in order for him to pursue the matter through District Council.
- II. Cllr A Smith- Levy from Allotments- Tenants would like a breakdown of monies collected from the levy have been spent. Redditch Road allotment holders would like to know when the access drive would be done. Cllr Mrs S Redman & Clerk to formulate a response

6. Greenwood Planning Presentation

Mr L Greenwood & Mr D Ashmore discussed amended proposals for the redevelopment on 2, Redditch Road, Studley.

Proposed Cllr M Redman, seconded Cllr J Ingram, voting 8 for, 2 abstention in principle that the amended plans were acceptable subject to more detailed plans being submitted.

7. 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.

8. Matters Arising (for information only)

None.

9. Items for Discussion

Min: 61 Awards Evening- Cllr Mrs S Redman thanked all Councillors for their contribution for the bottle hamper.

Min: 70 Renewal of VAS sign- The rental of the sign for 6 months will be £200.00 in the same location. An additional £100.00 if the sign were to be moved to a different location or lamp post. Clerk to confirm if a charge will be applied.

Proposed Cllr J Bacon, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous for the renewal of sign and to position the sign at the end of cottages by the Railway Public House.

Min: 71 Trees in Pool Road- Community Police Officer has requested for the trees located near the CCTV camera in Millennium Green to be cut back for better visibility.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr J Bacon, voting unanimous for Clerk to discuss matter with CCTV personnel Yvette Widowfield if any of the trees surrounding the CCTV are interfering with the cameras.

Min: 72 Christmas lights.

Proposed Cllr J Bacon, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting 9 for, 1 abstention for Clerk to check cost of replacement of 2 decorative festive lights in white or similar to the present ones and to approve the increase in charges for the installation of the Christmas lights.

Min: 73 A Bench for St. Marys Catholic Church.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr J Bacon, voting unanimous for the installation of a bench in recognition of Bill & Helen McCarthy's contribution to the Studley Community. Cllr Mrs S Redman to ask Bill & Helen McCarthy during the Awards Evening where they would like the bench to be located.

Min: 74 Lack of information at Bus Stops during road closure - Cllr Mrs M Rickhards raised concerns about the inadequate information of notices at bus stops and the website regarding diverted bus routes during major road works in Studley. It was resolved that Clerk to write to Stage Coach & Diamond for a co-ordinated plan for future diversion. County Councillor C Rickhards requested Clerk to ask Highways what information they provide to bus operators during major road works in Studley.

10. Planning Application for Consideration

13/01901/FUL: Paul Chambers, Eight Acre Field, Bromsgrove Road, Studley
Proposed construction of 20 metre by 40 metre menage for private use and use of land for agricultural and equestrian purposes.

Proposed Cllr J Ingram, seconded Cllr Mrs S Redman that the application be opposed, voting 7 for, 3 abstention due to over intensification of the site and increase in traffic.

11. Planning Decisions Received

13/01677/FUL: Mrs Janet Rowe-St Marys RC Junior & Infant School, Pool Rd, Studley
Erection of hooped access ladder, guard rail and external alterations to existing tank room.

Permission with Conditions.

12. Notification of Planning Appeals & Planning Committee Meeting

None.

13. District & County Council Reports.

Cllr P Beaman reported the following;

- Planning permission has been granted for the extension to Pool Road Pharmacy – no plans were submitted to Parish Council for comments.
- There will be an additional 380 homes in Alcester opposite the Grammar School. Planning have objected to the site due to traffic noise and other reasons. There will be an implication for Studley. Lack of updated parish plan and neighbourhood plan limit grounds for refusal.
- It is therefore paramount for Studley to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan as soon as possible.

Cllr E Holder informed Council that he will be objecting to the application for sale of liquor licence at Bradbury Close. Anyone with further comments on the licence to emailed Cllr Holder.

County Councillor C Rickhards reported the following;

- Children's Centre- the Cabinet have largely accepted the recommendations of the Select Committee on no closure of any of the centres.
- Proposal of a 31% reduction in funding. The Select Committee had recommended ring fencing against further reductions in the upcoming round of cuts. The Cabinet did not accept this as they argued it would interfere with the proper planning of further expenditure reductions.
- Studley will remain open as part of a group covering Alcester, Henley and Stratford but there will inevitably be some diminution in the services offered. The Select Committee will clearly need to argue for the relative deprivation of Studley within the district to be recognised and for the maximum integration of services.
- Road Resurfacing- Unfortunately the much needed resurfacing of the Alcester and Birmingham Road resulted in a confusing situation in relation to bus routes. Information on websites, notices on bus stops (where this was done) and from individual bus drivers all told a different story. This was particular so for the Number 26 bus since the website indicated that buses should go straight up the Bromsgrove's Road. After a day or two drivers began to ignore the diversion and reverted back to the normal route. It would be useful if the Parish Council would protest to the bus companies and Warwickshire Highways so that there will not be a future repetition of this chaos.
- The Budget- Cllr C Rickhards will update Council on details as they emerge but reminded Councillors of the projected £92 million plus cuts in the next four years and the impact of that on top of the savings already made. Many Councillors of all parties think local government has been hit unfairly and disproportionately.

14. Delegates Reports - None

15. Committee Reports

- **3rd September 2013 Studley Parish Council General Purposes Committee Meeting**
Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr J Bacon, voting unanimous that Committee Meeting minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

16. Correspondence

Min: 75 Small Business Saturday 7th December 2013 (Emailed)- Cllr P Beaman urged Cllrs to support the event. Clerk will diarise the date for the possibility of hosting an event next year.

Min: 75 WALC-Invitations to Annual General Meeting- 13th November 2013. 7:30pm, Shire Hall Warwick.

For Circulation

Min: 76 Alcester North Safer Neighbourhood Team Community newsletter- Aug 2013

Min: 77 WALC- Annual report- 1st April- 31st March 2013

Min: 78 The Clerk Magazine- September 2013 – Volume 44

Min: 79 Clerk & Council Direct- September 2013- Issue 89

Min: 80 Society of Local Council Clerks- Notice of General Meeting Booklet. 18th Oct 13, 2pm at Hinckley Island Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.

Min: 81 ELCR-Autumn 2013- The Voice of Local Council

17. Approved Accounts for payment

17 th Sept 2013				
	JD Upholstrey	Studley Sports & Social Club	317	£3813.00
	G Gardner	Mole control	318	£67.50
	Delivery of newsletter	Delivery of newsletter	321	£339.60
	Aldermore Invoice Finance	Printing of newsletter	322	£960.00
	Rialtas	Software Maintenance	323	£128.40
	GS Adams	Street light maintenance	324	£551.65
	GS Adams	Street lighting repair	325	£321.81
	Lyreco	Stationeries	326	£219.12
	Linda Stanton	Table decoration for Awards evening	327	£34.91
	Clarity Copier	photocopies	DD	£244.44
	R M Fletcher	Accountant	329	£355.00
	Came & Co	Insurance	330	£4879.60

Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr Mrs A Wade, voting 9 for, 1 abstention that schedule of cheques be approved and signed.

18) Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 1st October 2013

Meeting closed 9:10 pm