

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 18th March at 7:30 pm.

1. Chairman declared the meeting open.

Present

Chairman Cllr Mrs S Redman, Cllr J Ingram, Cllr P Beaman, Cllr E Holder, Cllr A Smith, Cllr M Redman, Cllr Mrs M Woodrow, Cllr Mrs S Crofts, Cllr Mrs M Rickhards & Cllr J Bacon

In attendance

Parish Clerk, Mrs L Gailey, Assistant Clerk Mrs L Stanton, District Councillor Mrs Hazel Wright & 2 members of public.

2. Apologies for Absence.

County Councillor C Rickhards & Cllr T O'Hanlon

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.

- I. Cllr P Beaman- item 7, planning application no: 14/00229/FUL & item 14 payment to employer.

4. Public Forum

- I. Mr D Morris attended the meeting to inform the Parish Council that he would like to apply for permission to erect a Poly tunnel (size: length 40ft x14ft wide x height 7ft) The Poly tunnel is to be used all year round to grow plants for hanging baskets for the Abbeyfields Community Project. Mr Morris informed Council that the project will also be open to local community group in Studley. The Chairman informed Mr Morris that his application for the erection of the Poly tunnel would be discussed as an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting as no decision can be made during Public Forum.
- II. Mrs K Maddison spoke in support of her planning application 14/00229/FUL. Mrs Maddison informed Council that the Conservatory that she is applying for complies with planning as a residential conservatory. (Size: 2 meters x 2.2 meters) The conservatory is to be used as a staff room for their breaks.

5. To Pass minutes of the last meeting

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting 9 in favour, 1 abstention for the minutes of 18th February 2014 to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting as published.

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous that the minutes of the - 4th March 2014 to be signed by Chairman as true record of the meeting as published.

6. Matters Arising (for information only)

There were none.

7. Items for Discussion

Min: 147 Bus stop Toms Town Lane

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr M Redman, voting unanimous for Clerk to write to Warwickshire County Council, Strategic Director of Communities Group to remove bus stop signage from the streetlight which is the property of the Parish Council.

Min: 148 Request by resident, Mr N Harding street lighting in Church Street.

Proposed Cllr E Holder, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts voting 9 in favour, 1 abstention that there is sufficient street lighting in Church Street therefore there is no justification for installation of additional lighting.

Min: 145 Gypsy and Travellers Local Plan

Proposed Cllr Mrs S Redman, seconded Cllr J Bacon, voting unanimous for the following responses by the Parish Council to the 3 questions from SDC for the Gypsy and Travellers Local Plan;

- **Question 1:** Do you have any comments on what the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan should contain.
Answer: It is essential that the proposed plan contains sufficient evidence to justify the identified need, the size and location of any site proposed. It must identify the issues that face the Gypsy and Traveller community in finding suitable locations to live but also consider the impact that their lifestyle may have on any location chosen.
- **Question 2:** Do you think that new Gypsy and Traveller sites should normally be small (e.g. 3-4 pitches) or larger (e.g. up to 15 pitches in size)?
Answer: Sites should be size to suit the family group they are intended for. Gypsy's and Travellers tend to stick in family groups and it is important that this is considered when deciding on plot sizes.
- **Question 3:** Do you have any comments on the suggested criteria for assessing potential Gypsy & Travellers sites?
Answer: The overriding principle of deciding locations is that the sites selected have to meet the needs of those who will live there, respect the location in which they are sited and minimise the potential for confrontation between local residents and the traveller community. Any decision has to be made on evidence that will stand up to scrutiny by an inspector. Due recognition should be made in location where travellers generally seek employment.

Min: 108 War Memorial

Clerk reported that the Contractor has started the work on the restoration.

Min: 139 Village Greens

Clerk to investigate the tenure of protection from development for the Recreation Ground in Crooks Lane.

To apply for Village Green status for the following; land at the corner of Toms Town Lane and Littlewood Green.

To do a search at the Land Registry on the ownership for the following sites;

- The land opposite the Railway Public House on Station Road.
- Brickyard Lane Recreation Ground

8. Planning Applications for consideration

14/00229/FUL: Mrs Karen Maddison, 46 Node Hill, Studley, B80 7RG

Proposed conservatory extension to the rear of a nursery.

Cllr P Beaman informed Council that he will not be taking part in the debate.

Proposed Cllr J Bacon, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting 9 in favour, 1 abstention to support application based on the following reasons; facilities for the local community and employment.

14/00642/TPO: Mr Martin Vasey, 12 Old Vicarage Gardens, Studley, B80 7SG

Proposed T1 Pine: Fell

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr A Smith, voting unanimous to support application .

Parish Council proposed that this should be considered as part of a scheme to look at all trees in that area with view to felling all.

9. Planning Decisions Received

13/03141/OUT: Mrs Katharine Walters, Land off Brickyard Lane, Studley.

Proposed erection of 4 dwellings and associated works including new access, access drive and car parking (All Matters reserved)

Refusal

10. Notification of Planning Appeals & Planning Committee Meeting

There were none.

11. District, County Council & Delegate Reports

The following report from County Councillor C Rickhards were circulated to all Councillors by email.

Road Permit Scheme

- The County Council are introducing a permit scheme for road works. Applicants will have to outline dates for completion of the work and any deviations from that will be financially penalised.
- It hoped that this will reduce the inconvenience of lengthy road closure.

Studley Car Boot Sale- Restrictions

- The revised and reduced scheme for June was passed for consultation this year.
- There is to be a site visit to determine the exact limits of the 8 to 12 Sundays only restrictions
- Unfortunately, due to priorities determined by economies the scheme would not be implemented until 2015. (Subject to approval by local residents)

Electoral Arrangements

- The number of County Councillors is being reduced from 62 to 57.
- One seat will disappear in Stratford District.
- It is likely that Studley will remain but be expanded to take in some surrounding areas.

Unitary Status

- The Council has voted to explore unitary status.
- This could be formed from the whole County or perhaps the County would be divided in two

- If this goes ahead the District Councils would be abolished. However, some form of area committees or boards might still be a possibility.

Budget Reminder

- Original proposals to close 9 libraries and do away with school crossing patrols were defeated.
- However, all parties were still proposing £92 million of cuts in 4 years.

A joint report District Councillor Mrs H Wright & District Councillor P Beaman reported the following;

Draft Core Strategy Update

- 3000 responses have been received.
- Three further sites by developers have been put forward for consideration. This could cause a further delay.
- £400,000 has been earmarked for planning appeal costs. Without a Core Strategy and a 5 year land supply appeals are very likely.

Bromsgrove and Redditch Borough Council

- The Bromsgrove and RBC Local Plan have been submitted to the inspector for examination in public.

Council Tax Stratford upon Avon District Council

- The Council tax for the years 2014/2015, year 1 and 2015/2016 year 2 has been frozen.
- However after the election of 2015 there is a planned increase of 2% for year 3, year 4 and year 5.
- Currently out of the New Home Bonus £110,000 has been allocated for bids to be made by the community.
- The rest of the possible £1.9 million pounds will be spent supporting core services.
- This may mean Parish Councils may not receive any money from the New Homes Bonus.
- This budget raises many questions. The Council agenda suggested that this budget is considered by the ruling group as challenging but deliverable.

The Police Authority

- The Police have a reserve of £32 million. They are planning to use £5½ million per year thus reducing the reserves to £6 million over 4 years.
- The question of concern is what happens in 4 years' time. Will there be cutbacks or will the tax go up.

12. Committee Reports.

- Notes from meeting of Grants Committee- 4th March 2014
- Notes from General Purposes Committee- 4th March 2014

Proposed Cllr P Beaman, seconded Cllr E Holder, voting unanimous that meeting notes Grant Committee & General Purposes Committee meeting to be signed by Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

13. Correspondence

Min: 135 Warwickshire Police- Response time for incident in Studley on 12th February
The response given by Warwickshire Police for the incident is not acceptable to the Parish Council. Clerk to write to Crime Commissioner, Ron Ball for further clarification.

For Circulation

Min: 149 Alcester North Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Newsletter- March 2014

Min: 150 ICCM Spring 2014

Min: 151 Clerk & Council Direct- March 2014 Issue 92

14. Approved Accounts for payment.

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	Hedleys Solicitors	Legal Fee	428	£200.00
	Biffa Municipa	Bulky Waste	429	£426.00
	Excel	Telephone charges	430	£96.97
	G Gardner	Mole treatment	431	£67.50
	GS Adams	Emergency lighting repair	432	£2373.60
	GS Adams	Street lighting	433	£551..65
	Cancelled	Cancelled cheque	435	-
	HMRC	HMRC	436	£750.12
	Data Protection registration	Data Protection registration	DD	£35.00
	Clarity Copiers	Photocopying	DD	£143.58

Proposed Cllr J Ingram, seconded Cllr Mrs S Crofts, voting 9 in favour , 1 abstention that schedule of cheques be approved and signed.

16) Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 1st April 2014

Meeting closed 9:15 pm