

Studley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Studley Village Hall on 18th August 2015 at 7:15 pm.

1. Chairman to declare the meeting open.

Present

Chairman Cllr P Beaman, Vice Chair Cllr J Bacon, Cllr Mrs S Redman, Cllr A Smith, Cllr Mrs M Rickhards, Cllr Mrs S Crofts, Cllr B Dixon, Cllr Mrs J Beard, Cllr Mrs K Somner- Brown & Cllr C Summers

In attendance

Parish Clerk Mrs L Gailey, Assistant Clerk Mrs L Stanton, Ms Beth Wright- (Reporter- Redditch Standard) & 2 members of the public.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mrs M Woodrow (holiday), Cllr E Holder (illness), County Cllr C Rickhards (representing Parish Council at planning meeting in SDC), Cllr N Moon (personal) & Cllr J Kerridge (personal)

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare personal interest 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.

None

4. To consider excluding press and public from the next item on the agenda and move into confidential session.

Proposed Cllr B Dixon, seconded Cllr K Somner-Brown, voting unanimous for meeting to continue with press and public in attendance.

5. **Min 56:** Freedom of Information Request – to agree and approve the information provided by Cllrs Mrs K Somner-Brown, Mrs IJ Beard, C Summers and B Dixon in order that Council can respond to the FOI submitted by Mr J Ingram with regard to the petition relating to the Burial Rules and Regulations. Cllr Dixon spoke about the petition but was stopped from continuing due to its lack of relevance to the agenda item.

Cllr Mrs K Somner-Brown informed the meeting that she had taken legal advice from the Monitoring Officer at Stratford on Avon District Council and had been informed that she was not legally obliged to provide the information for the FOI and that it was the job of the Clerk to do so.

It was agreed that Cllrs Mrs S Crofts and C Summers would collate the information required from the petition in order that a response to the FOI could be formulated.

Cllr C Summers felt that recent reports in the press were inaccurate and asked Council for dispensation to speak to the press in order to put his view. Chairman informed him that dispensation was not necessary but any view expressed must be a personal view and not expressed as coming from the Parish Council.

15. Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 26th August 2015.

Meeting closed: 7.40 pm